

Meet Indiana's Candidate for National Commander

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INDIANA SAL HAS A CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL COMMANDER!

The Sons of The American Legion in Indiana is so proud to announce that we have the Second Leading Candidate for Sons of The American Legion National Commander. That would be our own Christopher Carlton! Chris is a proud 14 year member of Leo F Welch, Jr Squadron 495 with eligibility from his Grandfather Edna Carlton a WWII US Army veteran. Chris has been married to his loving wife Veronica Carlton, a register nurse for the Richard L. Roudebush V.A. Medical Center, for 12 years. Christopher has worked for Altec Corp. for 10 years. Starting as a welder he has worked his way to Team Lead. He has also become a certified welding inspector through the American Welding Society.

Chris was the Detachment Commander of Indiana in 2015-2016 and has held chairmanships on the National level. Chris will be the fourth SAL National Commander from Indiana, joining David Stephens, Robert Worrell and Raymond Giehll, Jr. We are all excited to be part of Chris's team as members of the Detachment of Indiana!

When asked what he has done since becoming a member, his reply was this. "I joined the Sons of The American Legion to honor my Grandfather and my Father. I joined to stand with our Veterans to make sure they receive what they deserve, better health care, furthering their education , being able to provide for their families as I do, to name a few. I have done this by being part of different committees and commissions and holding many offices from Squadron to Detachment level. I can't say that I have ever done anything single handed, sure I have had ideas that have succeeded, only because of the people around me that believed in those ideas and worked with me and made them happen. The one thing I hope I have done is encouraged and motivate my fellow members, trying to pass along the same enthusiasm and passion I have for our Veterans."

Chris was asked if elected as National Commander what do you plan to do? "I plan to do what I always do, continue working for our Veterans, by encouraging and motivating our members. Sharing the passion and enthusiasm for our organization. With a focus on our membership we can gain strength to help the American Legion with their work for the Veterans and all of their worthwhile programs. I feel it is our duty to help give back and provide to our Veterans for what they were so willing to sacrifice!"

WE NEED YOU, the American Legion Family to help Chris on his journey to SAL National Commander. We need your open and vigorous support of Chris. But it also is a costly road to reach the goal ahead for Chris. We will be planning many fundraisers over the next year to help Chris's campaign. If we have a fundraiser in your area, we ask for your support. We would ask that if possible, you consider a fundraiser at your Post, Unit, Squadron or Chapter to help Chris on his way. It will take the whole of the American Legion Family in Indiana to accomplish this goal.

If you would like to have a fundraiser for Chris or even to make a donation to the campaign, address your questions to Damon Bradtmueller at djbradtmeuller@att.net. Damon is Chris's Campaign Finance Chairman on this journey.

We want to thank all those who have helped Chris along the way and to thank those who will continue to support our own Christopher Carlton all the way to National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. See you in Phoenix in 2021!

One more point of interest. Indiana will really have the National spotlight in 2021-2022 as the Indiana Auxiliary's own Vickie Koutz will serve as Auxiliary National President the same time as Chris serves as SAL National Commander. What a GREAT DAY for Indiana!