



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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RE: Official Communication from the Detachment Adjutant

## Adjutant's Summary of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Detachment Convention July 19-22, 2017 Syracuse, NY

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Detachment Convention is now concluded with just over 100 delegates in attendance. Detachment Commander J. Bruce Ruthven presided, and was presented a Special Award of Appreciation for his success and dedication representing the nearly 30,000 members of the Sons of The American Legion here in New York this past year. Congratulations to all Officers, Committee and Commission members and especially to all of our blue cap members on a successful year!

The following Detachment Officers were elected to serve in the 2017-2018 Administrative Year:

Commander	William M. Clancy, III	Bronx Co.
Vice Commander (1/9)	Joseph Guidice	Rockland Co.
Vice Commander (2/10)	Peter DeAngelis, Jr.	Kings Co.
Vice Commander (3/4)	Robert Myrtle	Albany Co.
Vice Commander (5/6)	Wayne Ainslee	Otsego Co.
Vice Commander (7/8)	Timothy Van Patten, II	Erie Co.
Chaplain	James Parks	Wayne Co.

Commander Ruthven received a total of \$15,494 in donations for NEF during the past year which was presented to Department Commander John Sampson at the Legion Convention. As for the VA Walk-a-Thon, a total of \$16,888 was raised, one half of which was presented to our co-fundraiser The American Legion Auxiliary at their Convention.

Accomplishments, donations and hourly totals for our programs were reported by Detachment Officers, District Commanders, and Commission / Committee Chairmen. Convention Awards to the first, second and third place Squadrons in Americanism, VA & R, Children & Youth, and Membership were presented.

Other items of interest:

- Guests included the Leading Candidate for National Commander Danny Smith from Nebraska, and honored guest National Commander Jeff Frain from the Detachment of Arizona. Both of our guests addressed not only our Convention, but the Auxiliary and Legion Conventions as well. The Convention gave their full support to Danny Smith for National Commander and also to Ken Warner from the Detachment of Pennsylvania for National Vice Commander. Both of these gentlemen hope to be elected at next month's National Convention in Reno, NV.
- The Annual Convention CWF Golf Tournament and associated raffles raised nearly \$1,500. Convention Chairman Dean Williamson and all of his Committeemen are congratulated on a job well done organizing this Convention!

- David Perry was presented a Special Award of Appreciation from Detachment Legislative Chairman Greg “Doc” Gibbs for his years of involvement including the Annual Washington Conference. He also received a Congressional Proclamation from U.S. Representative Tom Reed.
- Our Webmaster and P.R. Chairman Gabe Cinquegrana received the Department Adjutant’s Legion Family Award which was being given for the second year. The first ever recipient of the Detachment Adjutant’s Legion Family Award was George Mann.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Leading Candidate for National Commander Greg “Doc” Gibbs from New York received nearly \$3,500 in campaign donations from individuals, squadrons, counties and districts. He also received sizeable contributions from both the Department Auxiliary and Department Legion. “Doc” and the campaign committee thank all for their support!
- The Fall Meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee will take place at Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post #156 on City Island in the Bronx, NY on Friday November 10, 2017. The next day will be the Annual Veterans Day Parade down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan and all members are encouraged to march. Details will be made available when finalized.
- Commander Clancy’s Project for this year is the National Emergency Fund, with donations to The American Legion Child Welfare Fund being encouraged as well . Just as a reminder, donation checks can be presented directly to the Commander at your County Visitation Dinner. Squadrons may also mail their donations directly to Detachment HQ in Albany.
- Commander Clancy indicated that at least one and likely two conference calls will be held between now and the Fall Meeting. The first will occur in September following the National Convention.
- Rena Nessler was elected as Department Commander. She is the first female to hold this position. Pat Hennessy was elected as Department President.
- The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Detachment Convention will take place next July in Rochester. More details will be made available.
- The 2017-2018 Directory will be available as soon as possible, as well as the Official Call to the Fall meeting.
- Unfortunately, there were no candidates for the office of Detachment Historian so the position remains open. Therefore, the Detachment Executive Committee will appoint a Historian in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws at the upcoming Fall meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Any interested members should send a resume directly to the Commander or Adjutant via email.

Have a great summer!

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