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National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion 2018-2019

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To: Detachment Officers

Subject: The Election of Greg "Doc" Gibbs as National Commander for The Sons of The American Legion

Greetings,

In just under two short years, the Detachment of New York will have the honor of nominating an outstanding Sons member to the high office of National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion. Greg "Doc" Gibbs is a man of high integrity and character, who is devoted to fight for our Veterans and has committed his time to this goal through his efforts in Legislation

When "Doc" takes the oath of office as our National Commander at the Minneapolis convention on August 26, 2018 it will mark the first time in over thirty years that a New Yorker has had this honor. It will also mark the culmination of a two year campaign to raise funds and items necessary to achieve a first class campaign and election. Over \$80,000.00 will be needed to bring this dream to a reality. While this sounds like a large task, states as small as Alaska and Kansas have met the challenge with flying colors. We can do the same if the entire New York American Legion Family works together. How can you be a part of this history making effort? Allow me to make a few suggestions;

- Organize The American Legion Family in your Post, County and District into working groups. Select a leader for that group and notify me who that person will be.
- Talk to business leaders in your community and get them involved.
- Organize one or more fund raisers in your area. Keep in mind that most of the funds needed for this campaign will be needed within the first year. (If you would like Greg in attendance please let me know and we will make all efforts to have him there if scheduling permits)
- Consider a personal donation as well from your Post, Unit, or Squadron.

Time will be set aside on Saturday morning January 21, 2017, at the Mid-Winter Conference in Albany, NY for any donations. Otherwise donations can be mailed to me at 503 N. Page Ave Endicott NY 13760. Please make checks payable to Committee to Elect Greg K, Gibbs. Please make copies of each of this letter and pass it on to others in your American Legion Family.

Thank you for considering our request to get involved. Your support is needed and appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at 607-727-9320 or gdenmon@stny.rr.com should you have any questions.

Yours for the Sons of The American Legion,

Gary Denmon PDC
Fundraising Chairman