



## Pre-Submitted District Reports

Mid-Winter D.E.C. Meeting

Sons of the American Legion – Detachment of New York

January 20-21, 2018

# 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander's Report

## Mid-Winter

The 4<sup>th</sup> District Visitation with Dept. Commander Rena Nessler, Dept. President Patricia Hennessy and Detachment Commander William Clancy III along with the 4<sup>th</sup> District Sons Commander James T. Williams Jr.

Visitation started in Saratoga County with a visit to VCVV Men and Woman's housing in Ballston Spa N.Y. at this time 4<sup>th</sup> District Sons Commander James T. Williams donated a POW/MIA table to the Veterans House in Ballston Spa.

Next stop on our visitation was Washington County where we toured Rogers Island and Museum in Fort Edward N.Y. We were invited for a luncheon at post 1133 Fort Eda Dinner was served at Hudson Falls N.Y. Post 574

We continued on to Warren County for an invitation for lunch and dinner at Lake George N.Y. Post 374 We journey on to Clinton County for a luncheon at West Plattsburg Post 1619 and dinner was served at Post 20 Plattsburg.

Moving on to Franklin County where we toured The Native American Culture Center in Hogansburg NY. A traditional Native American Feast was served at Andrew Cook. Post 1479

Our journey then processed to St. Lawrence County Clark Robinson Post 68, at time we were enlightened with two agricultural districts in the county. Where a total of 390,016 acres are being farmed. There are

only two working rotary milking polar in the state of N.Y. This rotary milks over 1,000 cows three times a day in less than 2 ½ hours.

Making our loop around to Hamilton County we were served a luncheon at Parker Benton Inc. Post 1392, we then moved forward to Fulton County and had a luncheon at Harold Wilmot Post 137 and a dinner at Robert E Lee Walsh Post 337.

Next stop was Montgomery County John Wyszomriski Post 701 were we were invited to a luncheon. We had a tour of The Veterans Memorial Park River Bridge. Past Dept. Commander Jim Yermas showed us a Memorial that no one would ever find in the town of Florida. There were monuments of every Great War with a brick walkway dedicated to family members of service.

Our last and final stop was Schenectady County ending with a fabulous dinner at Rotterdam Elks provided by Niskayuna Post 1092. Our last hurra was with Our 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Dept. Commander Rena Nessler saying farewell well riding on the back of a Pink and White Harley Davidson Motorcycle Trike.

The fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> district is working very hard on membership as of 12/18/2017 we are in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Our next target date is January 18th 2018 we should be at 16%.

God Bless America and all our troops.

James T. Williams Jr.

# 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Report

## Mid-Winter Conference - 2018

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- Conducted the 5<sup>th</sup> District S.A.L. meeting at Adams Post 146 on October 8, 2017. Donated \$100 to the Syracuse V.A. V.S. Christmas Shop, for mailing.
- Attended Oneida County S.A.L. meeting at Fort Schuyler Post 1290 on October 15, 2017. Raised \$1200 for Doc Gibbs, through the chicken barbecue. Hoping to add to that amount by Mid-Winter Conference.
- Attended Oriskany Squadron 1448 meeting on October 18, 2017. Donated \$50 to Oneida County American Legion Auxiliary for Christmas gifts for Vets. Donated \$100 to the Syracuse V.A. V.S. Gift Shop, for Christmas gifts at the V.A. Hospital.
- Volunteered at Stanwix Veterans & Men's Club's Children Halloween Party on October 21, 2017.
- Attended The Oneida Indian Nation Veterans Recognition Ceremony on November 4, 2017. The Keynote Speaker was Major General Walter E. Piatt, Commander 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum. He is a very educated and dynamic speaker.
- Attended Fall DEC at Commander Clancy's Post 156 on November 10, 2017. Marched in the Veterans Day Parade in New York City on November 11, 2017. Attended Veterans Day Ceremony on the U.S.S. Intrepid on November 11, 2017. This was an incredible experience marching with the American Legion Family and fellow members of the Detachment and their families.
- Attended Oneida County Sons meeting on November 19, 2017 and on December 17, 2017. Oriskany Squadron 1448 is collecting winter coats, hats, and gloves for the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica. Donated 44 coats to the Veterans Outreach Center. New Hartford Squadron 1376 donated \$600 to their Boy Scout Troop, \$100 to the VAVS Holiday Gift Shop, and \$100 to the Oneida County Auxiliary Gifts for Vets. Whitestown Squadron 1113 donated \$100 to Clearpath and \$105 to Flight For Heroes. The December membership quota has been met at 50.53%, and are #26 in the Detachment. Oneida County has 87 new members at this time.
- Volunteered at 2 Children's Christmas parties at the Stanwix Veterans Men's Club on December 9, 2017.
- Conducted the 5<sup>th</sup> District S.A.L. meeting at Cicero Post 787, on December 10, 2017. 4 Counties were represented. Squadrons are busy with fundraisers and Christmas activities for children. Donated for booster sheet for National Commander Visitation. 5<sup>th</sup> District Sons have met the December membership quota at 51.36%, and are presently 6<sup>th</sup> in the Detachment. We have 267 new members in the District.
- Serving on the Oneida County American Legion Distinguished Guest Committee.
- Attended Oswego County S.A.L. meeting at Fuller-Taylor Post 915, Central Square, on December 19, 2017. They have met the December membership quota at 48.15%, and are at #28 in the Detachment. Oswego County has 25 new members at this time. They donated \$200 to the Syracuse Veterans Gift Shop for Christmas. They also Cut, wrapped, and loaded 150 trees for the Trees for Troops Project, which went to Pensacola, FL.

- 5<sup>th</sup> District has 5 members attending the Leadership Workshop at Mid Winter Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis George

5<sup>th</sup> District Sons Commander

**7<sup>th</sup> District Commander's Report  
Mid Winter**

Since our fantastic weekend in New York City for our Fall DEC Meeting it has been a return to normal business for the 7<sup>th</sup> District.

7<sup>th</sup> District Officers were present for the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony at the Rochester Yacht Club. There was one survivor that participated in the ceremony.

At our last District Meeting we had guests from the 8<sup>th</sup> District. Our Detachment Vice Commander Tim VanPatten for purposes of introduction. He introduced Ron Kuczenski as a candidate for Detachment Vice Commander. Ron spoke of his service to the Sons and the various chairs that he has held. We voted unanimous to support him for Vice Commander. A letter of support was also given to Ron and wished him good luck.

Our District Officers participated in Holiday events at both the Bath and the Canandaigua Veteran Hospitals. Christmas Festivities with children's parties, a wheel schair escort for Christmas Day services and a Gift Shop & Wrapping Sunday prior to the Holidays

Many of our awards and projects are taking shape . Our Doc Powers Member of the Year Award and our Quentin B. Smith Memorial Scholarship are in progress.

Our annual Day of Bowling is in the planing stages and there will be Fliers to follow. It will be some time in April at the Doug Kent Lanes in Newark. Jesse Parks always does a great job organizing and putting on the event.

Our biggest event will be our Flag Education and Retirement Ceremony that our Americanism committee organizes. It will be held Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Chili Post 1830.

Jim Daly and his Committee always puts on a great ceremony. Please if you get a chance to attend the ceremony it is well planed and well done.

Our Fund raiser is in progress. A fifty fifty drawing with 3 winners. Half of our proceeds will go to the Committee to elect Jim Coats for Detachment Commander. Help elect a great candidate for Detachment Commander and you might get some cash to go along with it.

Membership is currently at 52.45% for 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Detachment. We may be short on our 60% Jan 18<sup>th</sup> target date with 8 squadrons still showing 0%. Much work to be done.

My Commander' project will be for Honor Flight. Will be held Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Phelps Post 457. More info and a flier to follow.

**7<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
Jerry Toepper**

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10th District sons of American Legion commanders. Report. First I'd like to say to Commander Clancy that we had a great DEC meeting in City Island in the hospitality of his post was just great. As District Commander I wish I could have joined you guys for the veterans parade in NYC but I am part of the color Guard of my post and we were having a big Veterans Day dance . Once again I report squadrons are very involved in their communities we just have a hard time forming a district this doesn't mean as District Commander I'm not out there. Right now I know we have a squadron in Queens that might be folding and we're trying to work on saving them or having them transfer to another Squadron I'm very happy to report that we had sons member take part in the American Legion wreaths across America and one being Chris Cerullo past National Commander. I have one new Squadron coming up to the Midwinter conference their first time the Bohemia Sons American Legion 1146.

He is first vice command be attending. Are squadron with busy with Christmas parties for veterans and children's throughout the district we look forward for a good midwinter conference.. God bless our veterans and God bless the American Legion.

10th District commander  
James connolly