



**MINUTES
OF THE
PRE-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING
&
44TH ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
&
POST-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING**

**JULY 18 – 21, 2018
ROCHESTER, NY**

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MINUTES OF THE PRE-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING
July 18, 2018
Rochester Riverside Motel
Rochester, New York

- Commander Clancy called the Meeting to order at 6:00PM.
- The Colors of our Nation being in place the membership saluted.
- Acting Chaplain Parks offered the Opening Prayer.
- Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco placed the POW/MIA banner.
- V/C Guidice led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
- V/C Myrtle led the membership in the Preamble.

□ **Adjutant Avery** took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present.

- **Adjutant Avery introduced National Commander Smith (NE) who will address us at our Convention.**
- **Convention Chairman Daley** thanked everyone for coming out to the golf tournament; all the meeting will take place in this hotel. There are convention bars and coins will be available tomorrow. The meet the candidate's luncheon will be held across the street at the Hyatt Hotel. Installation of officer's luncheon will be held at the local post and transportation will be provided. If you have any questions see me.

1.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

- 1.01 Ross Polson's mother recently passed away please send cards to Ross.**

2.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2.01 NONE**

3.00 NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDANCE

- 3.01 Finance Chairman Lee** went over the proposed budget. He stated that if you have any question see a member of the finance commission. He stated the commission will be discussing a dues increase to further the organization efforts to move forward.

4.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

- 4.01 None**

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Chaplain Parks offered the Closing Prayer, Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation.

- The Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Raymond Jarvis
Assistant Adjutant

MINUTES OF THE 44th ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION
July 19 - 20, 2018
Riverside Hotel
Rochester, New York

FIRST SESSION – JULY 19, 2018

- Commander Clancy called the Convention to order at 9:00 AM.
- The Colors of our Nation were placed by the Detachment Color Guard and the body saluted.
- Commander Clancy recited the POW/MIA Ceremony as the Master Sergeant placed the POW/MIA banner.
- Chaplain Parks offered the Opening Prayer.
- V/C Guidice led the body in The Pledge of Allegiance.
V/C Ainslee led the membership in the Preamble.
Commander Clancy read Resolution NC-03, Corporate Blue Star Banner.
- Adjutant Robert Avery read the Call to Convention, Roll Call of Officers, and Roll Call of Counties, which indicated a quorum was present. Present as a guest to the Convention was Sons of The American Legion National Commander Danny Smith (NE).
- Rockland County moved to accept the printed convention rules; the motion is seconded and carried.
- Commander Clancy excused himself to attend the Auxiliary meeting; he turns the meeting and gavel over to V/C Van Patten.

Adjutants Note: After addressing the Convention, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to all DEC members, Special Certificate Plaques were presented to Special Guests, and Commander's Pins were presented to all Guests by Commander Clancy.

1.00 REPORTS

- 1.01 Convention / Binghamton General Chairman Daley** welcomed us to Rochester. Thank us for coming out to the golf tournament, final donation numbers will be announced later. All the sons meetings will take place in this hotel. Convention bars and challenge coins will be available tomorrow. The meet the candidate's luncheon will be held at the Hyatt Hotel across the street. The installation luncheon will be held at a local post and bus transportation will be provided.
- 1.02 Americanism Chairman Daley** reported; first I would like to recognize and thank my fellow Americanism Commission members for their dedication and support this past year, Dennis George, Jim Parks, Chuck Depo, Robert Myrtle and Michael Rodriguez. Thanks to their hard work, they made this Commission as strong as it is. Please join me in showing them our appreciation. This year we received 13 applications for the Rocco and Virginia Cerullo Memorial Scholarship. I am proud to announce that Thaddeus Karaman is the 2018 winner. Thaddeus is a member of Sherburne Squadron #876 in District #6 Chenango County. Thaddeus received the \$500. Scholarship and will attend college in Virginia. We received no applications for renewal this year. Previous winners are entitled to submit an application for up to three years and receive a scholarship of \$500 per year as long as they continue their college education. This year's Essay Contest yielded very light participation. Sean Ahern is the winner of the Essay "What America means to me". Sean is from Staten Island NY and attended Fifth Grade at the Sacred heart School with Miss Grigas as his teacher. Sean and his class each received \$50. As we look ahead to next year our Commission will look at ways to revitalize the Essay Contests and look to get this in our schools in early September. We have an uphill battle, I am afraid since today's education system is not teaching the same things we learned in school not too long ago. Something to consider over the summer: due to many changes in our educational system The Sons of the American Legion 10 Ideals and 5 Star Programs have become very important. The 10 Ideals program covers Patriotism, Health,

Knowledge, Training, Honor, Faith, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Reverence and Comradeship. In the 5 Star Programs, the five points that address demonstrate knowledge of: Patriotism, Citizenship, Discipline and Legionism. Because today's education system is putting a growing emphasis on political correctness, we need to educate our youth in importance and values these programs offer. Perhaps your Squadron may wish to participate and educate our youth. The American Legion Family College was held this past June 1st -3rd. This year there were 95 participants and they were immersed into the Legion's programs and structure, and issues facing the largest veterans' organization in the country. Held at Morrisville State College, Legion Family College fostered leadership skills of members as they worked in to solve problems they may face in their home post, Unit squadron or chapter. The curriculum covered an array of topics such as leadership and communication; Americanism, Children and youth, my legion.org, legislation, constitution and bylaws, duties of local officers, media relations membership. I would encourage you to look ahead to next year, identify folks in your Squadrons that will benefit from this weekend of learning and sponsor their attendance and get their application in early. I would like to call David Downey to the podium for report on Boys State. The Detachment Americanism Commission 2017-2018 expenses totaled \$3,023.36 and will be recorded for the Detachments consolidated Report. A complete detailed list of expenses will be submitted and will be available for review. It's too early in the morning to list line by line as we have a long day ahead of us. Also a total of 105 hours were donated towards the Commissions causes. In addition to the expenses reported above, the Detachment made a donation last September to the National Emergency fund of \$11, 500. Because of the devastation that was brought on our homeland due to the horrible hurricane season last year. I am sure Commander Clancy will report on his travels throughout or Detachment this past year and give us the Grand Total for donations he collected throughout his year for the National emergency Fund. A total of 105 Consolidated Reports were submitted into the Detachment from our Squadrons this year. Some important totals to note: Number of Boys sponsored for Boys State: 78, Number of Girls sponsored for Empire Girls State: 122, Flags presented and placed on Veterans Graves: 29,126, Number of youths sponsored for the oratorical Contest: 22, Squadron sponsored Color Guards: 21, Color Guard appearances: 417, Flag Etiquette Programs:275, Flag Retirement Ceremonies: 52, Squadron sponsored Scouting: 11, Number of youths in Scouting: 481, Junior shooting participants: 107, Squadron Sponsored American Legion Baseball Teams: 10, Pints of blood donated: 591. A total of \$181,853 Donated along with 73,670 hours. I realize I am speaking to the choir, but imagine what these totals would be if every Squadron completed and submitted in a Consolidated Report. About 25% of our Detachments Squadrons submitted in a report this year. And now we will announce this year's Americanism winners of highest level of achievements for Squadrons over 150 members: 3rd place: New Hartford Squadron #1376 of the 5th District, Oneida County with 568 members. 2nd place: Mohawk Squadron #1450 of the 4th District, Saratoga County with 276 members, 1st place: Cottreal-Warner Squadron #942 of the 7th District, Monroe County with 186 members. This year's Americanism winner of the highest level of achievements for Squadrons 149 members or less: 3rd place: Michael A Rawley Jr Squadron #1636 of the 2nd District, Kings County with 78 members. 2nd place: Moses Taylor Jr. Squadron #136 of the 9th District Westchester County with 50 members. 1st place: Antwerp Squadron #916 of the 5th District, Jefferson County with 28 members. Congratulations to this year's Americanism winners. Thank you to all who submitted a report this year. I would ask that in the coming year, as we travel our Detachment we emphasize the importance of Completing and submitting a consolidated report every April. 2017 -2018 Americanism Expense Report: 1300 Flag lapel pins for Boys State: \$675,10, 4320 4X6 American flags: \$838.50, 10 Indivisible – The Story of flag Bookazine: \$99,50, 1 knowledge in a nutshell book: \$8.95, 500 Pledge of Allegiance Comic Book: \$295.00, 500 Our Country's Flag Comic Book: \$295.00, 200 Patriotic Bookmark: \$58.00, Shipping and Handling: \$39.95, Grade 1-5 Essay Contest: \$100.00, Copying for Cerullo Scholarship Judging: \$71.28,

Mailing for Cerullo Scholarship Judging: \$42.08 and Cerullo Scholarship (1 new) \$500.00 with a total of \$3,023.36

Monroe County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.03 Children & Youth Chairman Hodge reported that there were 117 reports submitted; out of those reports 41 did not submit anything under children and youth. He then gave the following reported numbers.

1	<u>\$12,840</u>	Donations, Child Welfare Foundation	2	<u>2,485</u>	No. of Hours, Child Welfare Foundation
3	<u>\$4,460</u>	Donations, Special Olympics	4	<u>2,348</u>	No. of Hours, Special Olympics
5	<u>\$1,965</u>	Donations, Children's Miracle Network	6	<u>288</u>	No. of Hours, Children's Miracle Network
7	<u>34</u>	No. Given, Josh Dogs	8	<u>\$1,553</u>	Cost, Josh Dogs
9	<u>\$675</u>	Donations, Operation Military Kids	10	<u>209</u>	No. of Hours, Operation Military Kids
11	<u>\$31,061</u>	Donations, Other C&Y Projects	12	<u>9,948</u>	No. of Hours, Other C&Y Projects

The award winners were announced.

For squadrons with 149 members or less;

1st Place Michael A Rawley Jr. Squadron 1636

2nd Place Cassadaga Squadron 1280

3rd Place Windsor Terrace Squadron 1175

For squadrons with 150 or more members the awards go to;

1st Place Seeley B Parish Squadron 457

2nd Place Charles E. Westcott Squadron 173

3rd Place Mohawk Squadron 1450

Warren County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.04 Internal Affairs reports were given by the individual Committee Chairman.

Convention Chairman Daley; stated that his report is the same as his opening statement.

MT&D report read by Chairman Espy; I do not have a lot to report to you today. The Mid-Winter Leadership workshop had a full house with 24 guys in attendance. We hope you all took some knowledge back to you squadron and put it to work.

The break-out sessions on Saturday afternoon at Mid-Winter also were very well attended for Membership and Public Relations. If you did not attend please leave 1pm-3pm open for Mid-Winter 2019. Our commission chairs put a lot of time an effort into these, so you can get the information needed. The Advisors seminar on Friday of Mid-Winter was also a success. It would be nice to have more squadron advisors in attendance. Please ask your squadron advisor to attend. Consolidated reports, after the commission chairman went through this year's consolidated reports for judging, there were many report filled out incorrectly. We are looking into a possible session at Mid-Winter on the proper way to complete this very important report. I will have more information on this in the fall. District Commander's for the 2018-2019 year. Please provide me with 2 names of members from your district who would like to attend the Leadership workshop. The workshop works best when the class is full. My email and phone number are in the Detachment directory. I will also speak with our commission chairman and get our breakout sessions for Mid-Winter finalized by our fall meeting.

Saratoga County moved to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.

1.05 Membership Chairman Verstreet reported; we need to help out the American legion with their membership as it directly affects our membership. The Department of New York lost 9,580 members this year, some to members passing away. They have signed up 3,273 new members so far and still need 6,730 members to reach %100. This will be the first year that they will be below 100,000 members in a long time. Member data forms can be filled out and scanned to department headquarters or you can mail them. Now our membership, our goal is 29,683, we have 29,343 paid and only needs 340 to reach our

100% goal. Our current renewal rate is currently 88.67%. Thank you for all your hard work. Now onto the award winners.

Largest Squadron

3rd place Winnek Squadron #396 Ontario County 7th District 332 Members
2nd place Charles E. Westcott Squadron #173 Stueben County 7th District 366 Members
1st place New Hartford Squadron #1376 Oneida County 5th District 570 Members

Most New Members

3rd place Charles Harbel Sq. #892 Cattaraugus County 8th District 41 New Members
2nd place Cantreall-Warner sq. #942 Monroe County 7th District 44 New Members
1st place James Harvey Sq. # 787 Onondaga County 5th District 45 New Members

Highest percentage increase over prior year under 300 members

3rd place Joseph Kovarik Sq. #1146 Suffolk County 10th District 245%
2nd place Sgt. Ronald Grey Sq. #1542 Putnam County 9th District 317%
1st place Ossining Sq. #506 Westchester County 9th District

Highest percentage increase over prior year over 300 members

3rd place New Hartford Sq. # 1376 Oneida Sq. #1376 5th District 91%
2nd place Winnek Sq. #396 Ontario County 7th District 95%
1st place James Harvey Spire Sq. #787 Onondaga County 5th District 105%

Ontario County moved to accept the report, it is seconded and carried.

- 1.06 Legislative Chairman Duffy** reported the legislative commission counties to monitor the active legislation issues of our communities, state, and nation that the American legion is supporting. The Washington conference is where our members visit our congress and senators to promote the American legion agenda. 1st on the agenda is to discuss the tragic and ongoing issue of veterans suicide. 2nd is the moderation of the V.A. health care system. Please check the American Legion website for up to date information on all the legislative issues and please contact your area Congress person and Senators to let them know how you feel about upcoming legislation. Albany hill day; we have breakfast with some of our New York State legislators. We go over our legislative agenda and then visit out State Representative's.

Westchester County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.07 Public Relations and Webmaster Cinquegrana** reported that he is doing his best to keep up the detachment website up to date. If it does not provide what you are looking for let us know and we will do our best to get it for you. We currently have 586 subscribers to our email list. If you are not on the list I encourage you sign up. We will not bombard you with a lot of emails, only a couple a month. Our website won the award for the best website from the press association. We also have a face book page that we use to share information. The liberty is another source to share information. Please send us pictures and your stories of what your squadrons are doing. We will continue to raise funds and awareness for organizations in areas where we are meeting. This time we are raising funds the Rochester outpatient clinic. Please deposit gift cards of \$20 or more in the box in the back. We will have a representative here tomorrow to make the donation. Here is an update on the Arlington National Cemetery. We received additional requirements from ANC officials to add 25 names to the Protestant Chaplains Monument based on the Cemetery's recent designation as a National Historic Place. The 25 names are chaplains who died in service in Korea include 2 MIAs, Vietnam, Cold War, and Post 9-11. There is also one name of a Catholic chaplain to add to the Catholic Monument who died of a heart attack in recent service. Our partner in the project is the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces who originally donated the monument in 1981. Admiral Harold Robinson, a rabbi and 30 plus year veteran of the Navy who spent many of those years serving with Marines, is the former national President of this organization and our great friend and partner for nearly ten years. Our plan was to create a new plaque incorporating the names of 117 Protestant Chaplains who died in WWII service with the 25 new names which would mirror the design of the existing plaque presented on a brand new granite piece donated by the Dignity Memorial Company replacing aging cement upright. In a series of communications with Arlington officials

we are told we must the requirements of a Virginia based group with oversight of ANC compliance with the National Historic designation. Every time ANC wants to do any maintenance they have to file a paper with this group and receive approval. In a recent conference call with a member of the American Legion Washington DC staff office participating ANC officials informed us that replacement of the 1981 plaque and cement upright might likely be considered "Historic" and ineligible for change. They recommend we place any new plaques on the back of the existing Monument. We have submitted several designs for the update including placing the 25 names on a foot stone in front. My personal view is this treating the chaplains who died in Korea, Vietnam and subsequent in a second class manner similar as we have seen these veterans groups treated for years. We are asking the Vietnam Veterans of America what they think. Does anyone have any opinions? A recent decision of our operating committee is to initiate the approval process for an American Disabilities Act compliant walkway that would lead from the street up the 25 foot height of Chaplains Hill. In 2015 the committee commissioned a design for the walkway by Washington DC architect Bruno Carvohal who has contributed to the update of the Tomb of the Unknown and other refurbishment projects at ANC. A key recommendation to our committee is the addition along the retaining wall of a series of murals depicting the service and heroism of American military chaplains through the years. The original estimate was that the project would cost \$600,000. The project will require an approval of a Joint Resolution of Congress similar to that our committee gained in 4.5 months in 2011 to donate the Jewish Chaplains Monument. In 2017 a resolution supporting the project was approved by the American Legion Department of North Carolina under the leadership of past National Chaplain Randy Cash. Our understanding is the resolution was tabled by national organization. We believe we will be able to partner with several other veterans service organizations. Providing a walkway to Chaplains Hill at Arlington National Cemetery will provide access to millions of visitors each year from scout groups to honor flights". Simply Chaplains Hill will become a national destination. As the motto of our organization is, "For God and Country" We believe in its 100th year the American Legion should support the approval process for this landmark national project led by the 350,000 members of the Son of the American Legion and our proud National Commander Dr. Greg Gibbs. Here is an update on Sons of the American legion Radio; Sons of the American Legion Radio in its tenth year continue to grow Representing the organization at numerous veterans and military events finding innovative ways to tell the stories of members of the military, veterans and their families. Our tenth year telling the story of veterans weekly on the SAL Radio Report on WVOX 1460 New Rochelle, NY every Monday at 2:30. Producing over 200 videos annually placed on YouTube often "one on one" interviews with Military members and veterans. Photos and video presented on Twitter from Game days and veterans events on @Sonslegionradio. Agreement with CBS Sports Network to allow presentation during games they televise of five highlights we video. Special interview opportunities such as in February, West Point asked us to participate in three person press conference with Sec. ARMY Mark Esper. We also had interviews with veteran Alejandro Villanueva of the Pittsburgh Steelers and US Air Force Academy Chief of Staff Col. David Harris. Increased use of Facebook Live to cover events such as Army-Navy Game pre game March On from field reaching 45K and recent retirement ceremony for West Point Superintendent seen by 12K. Our reach has grown to well over 2 million page views annually for our Flagship Facebook page: "West Point Football Report"

- Weekly interviews with Army head football coach Jeff Monken and several cadets at practice.
- Game day coverage from pregame parades to post-game press conferences.
- Road trip coverage to Ohio State, Air Force, and Navy in Philadelphia.
- Staff reporters on site at games in Texas and New Orleans.

Coordinated with Detachment of Alabama officials to cover appearance of Army football player Bret Toth in Senior Bowl held in Mobile during January. Milestone credentials to

cover Army football team visits to White House (Thank you to Joe at American Legion DC HQ) and Pentagon on May 1st. We continued to monetize Facebook by running ads from six local companies and the New York Yankees. This is a process any Post or Squadron can emulate covering local events adding sponsor ID to each posting. Sample: "Best Wishes from the New York Yankees. Military Appreciation Day Is Saturday July 28th. Get your tickets today at yankees.com or by calling Ticketmaster at (877) 469-9849." At every game and event we take photo or video of the presentation of Colors and National Anthem. On Facebook we add message: "Thank you for your service from the The American Legion the "World's Largest Veterans Organization", taking care of veterans 24/7. For Info on services and becoming a member on legion.org" We wear Sons of the American Legion hats, shirts and jackets at every game and event including on the field at West Point, Air Force Academy, Ohio State, the Army Navy Game and recently Times Square NY National Guard event. At press conferences we reference we represent ourselves often on national media as "Sons of the American Legion Radio". We greet guests at events such as West Point graduation Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen Dunford and Army Chief of Staff Mark Milley as "representing the American Legion Family." We have built affiliations with several groups including the Association of the US Army and the Navy League of the US who provide access to their events and expert guests to our radio show. We reached a sponsorship agreement to share content with Boston based Rallypoint.com a website with 1.5 million veterans growing at rate of 1000 members per day. We have memberships in Football and Basketball Writers of America. Our coverage of Iona and Army basketball led to opportunity for 2 groups of NY State Girl Scouts to present Colors this March in front of 10,000 fans each game for the NCAA Women's Division 1 Regionals played in Albany and won by UConn. Although we received highly valued awards in 2017 from the NY State and National American Legion Press Associations we simply could not meet the application due dates in April when we're covering as many as three West Point events a Weekend and exercising every contact we could to receive White House credentials which were finally approved at 6 PM Monday night (Still in NY) for a 12 noon Tuesday event at the Rose Garden. Many thanks to key teammates Squadron 135 CDR Pete DeMarco, radio contributors John Chuhuran, Jack McGuirk, football reporters Col. Sam Houston, Lt. Col Ryan Remley and from Alabama State CDR Blair Miles.

Our Asks: 1. we see the opportunity to get more squadrons and SAL members from around the State as reporters and share media knowledge and expertise. We suggest accepting us as a Detachment level project. 2. Although we raised \$2,000 last year, only \$100 came from American Legion sources, our Post CDR gave us gas money for trip to Pittsburgh Steelers and Ohio State last September. Much of what we do costs about \$5,000 is self-funded, and although a smart phone is a powerful media tool, we operate with minimum equipment often standing next to media groups at press conferences with equipment costing thousands more. There are events like the DOD Warrior Games in Colorado and ROTC summer training in Kentucky we simply could not get to. Among our major efforts coming up will be to cover the Army football team in September trip to play the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman and a visit to Fort Sill where my Dad and Uncle commissioned in 1942. Any stipend appreciated. We are proud to represent the 350,000 members of the Sons of the American Legion and all at the members of the American Legion Family at every event we go to and on every show we do. We often close interviews by saying: "Thank you for your service from all of us at The American Legion"

Ontario County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- **V/C Van Patten turned the gavel and meeting over to Commander Clancy.**
- 1.08 Department Commander Nessler** addressed the delegation. She stated that the American Legion has not made its goal of 100% membership yet. The team is still working hard and we will be strong when we reach National Convention. I would like to remind everyone that it is not me; it takes a team of all of us as the American Legion Family to reach our goals. I have been so honored to travel this great state with your

commander as part of our family. We have made an impact wherever we have been. Commander Clancy you forever will be in my heart and a friend for life.

1.09 V.A. & R. Chairman Kurk reported Welcome delegates to this year's annual Detachment Convention. It has been a great year for our contributions and service to our veterans in New York State. The commission started working on our programs the day after last year's convention ended. We revamped the Walk-A-Thon package this year to make it more users friendly. We created a Detachment of New York VA&R Face Book page that hit the web this year with great success. A first ever commission conference call was held in September which included not only the VA&R Commission members but Commander Clancy and our Detachment Vice-Commanders were invited to participate in the call. In October I had the pleasure of going to the final day of the National Creative Arts Festival in Buffalo. I urge everyone if you have the opportunity to attend this please do. We had commission members submit a second article along with the chairman's article to the Liberty this year. At this year's Commander's Call at Mid-Winter we had the opportunity to present new ideas on how to raise donations for the Walk-A-Thon. Also at Mid-Winter we introduced a new subject to the membership. We reported on Women Veterans Rehabilitation. More follow up on this will be reported on next year. And the last big event of the year was the "They Marched For Us, We Walk For Them" Walk-A-Thon. This commission hopes that the subjects we reported on were well received and helpful. This year's Walk generated \$28,000.00 in donations this year. Department President Pat was presented a check of \$14,000.00 this morning for their half due to the outstanding work that the Department of New York American Legion Auxiliary does for this event each year. Since 2007 when we started this joint project with the American Legion Auxiliary we have raised over \$275,000.00 for our Veterans here in New York State. Huge thanks go out to all the members who participated this year. This year's winner of the William P. O'Connell Memorial Scholarship is Anthony R. Caccamo Jr. from Brooklyn NY and he belongs to Windsor Terrace Squadron #1175 in Kings County. VA & R only received 78 Consolidated Reports this year but the numbers reported were impressive. To touch upon some of these numbers are as follows: Number of Visits to Veterans Home 1,789, Donations to Veterans Homes \$35,304.00, Number of hours volunteered at VA Medical Centers 3,262, Donations to VA Medical Centers \$20,297.00, Donations to the Fisher House in Albany \$8,375.00, Donations to Troop Support \$12,250.00, Hours volunteered for other VA&R Projects 8,296, Donations to other VA&R Projects \$57,814.00. To sum up the totals our members made 2,329 visits for VA&R activities, Number of hours volunteered 23,869, Total donations reported \$142,292.00. Congratulations and Thank you for all you have and I know will continue to do for our veterans. I would like to recognize Squadron #977 in Altamont, Albany County 3rd District for the \$34,000.00 they donated to other VA&R Projects. This is outstanding.

VA&R AWARD WINNERS for 2017-2018

150 MEMBERS PLUS

1. Seeley B. Parish Squadron #457 Ontario County
2. Chili Squadron #1830 Monroe County
3. New Hartford Squadron #1376 Oneida County

149 MEMBERS OR LESS

1. Michael A. Rawley Jr, Squadron #1636 Kings County
2. Cummings Bros. Squadron #1426 Kings County
3. Windsor Terrace Squadron # 1175 Kings County

In closing Thank You for all you have done to make this year a success for our Detachment. It is a pleasure to work with all of you to help serve our veterans.

Ontario County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.10 Advisor Arthur asked us for some help. The Legion is losing members, so as you sign up new son's members please ask if there are any family members that are eligible to be Legionnaires. You are doing great and membership and all your programs. Your

Commander has been doing great work promoting the sons as he travels. Keep up the good work.

- 1.11 The Department Legionnaire of the year Robert Gardner.** Thank you for all you do for the Veterans. I am proud to be a part of that as I am also a Sons member. We will have the great honor at national convention to elect Greg “Doc” Gibbs and at this time I am presenting a check on behalf of Squadron #974 to Doc’s campaign.
- 1.12 Commanders Advisory Ruthven** stated to congratulations Commander Clancy on an outstanding year. You have done the Detachment of New York proud. You have prevailed with an excellence with you speaking proficiency and your ability to get our message out with class and dignity has been second to none. This will be my final report as Chairman of the Commanders Advisory Committee and I want to thank Commander Clancy for making the commanders advisory committee’s job an easy one. Commander Clancy received a grade of A+ for a job well done.
Ontario County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.
- 1.13 The 3rd District Commander’s report** Increasing Membership continues to be a goal. As of last Friday, the 3rd district goal is 1552 members and our current standing is at 1520 members leaving us at 97.94%. I ask not only my district, but all districts to go out and complete your goals. Our members are what make us who we are; we not only need members, but active members.
Albany County made the following reports; Albany County Sons held a Walk-A-Thon at Cook’s park in a joint event with the Ladies Auxiliary where they raised \$4952.00 for our veterans in need **Albany County Squadrons** raised \$678.00 for Commander Clancy’s visitation of Albany County
Joseph E. Zaloga Post #1520 reports
Sending a young man to Boy’s State for \$375, Gave out 50 flags at parades, Volunteered 10 hours towards the oratorical contest, 4 appearances for memorial services with their color guard and members, Gave to the Red Cross 18 pints of blood as well as 18 hours in time donated, Donated over \$7000 towards various Veteran and community related programs, Volunteered over 150 hours of service towards these programs as well
Helderberg Squadron #977 reports, Sent one young man to Boy’s State at a cost of \$283.83, Gave scholarships of over \$5000.00, Placed 40 flags on graves held a flag retirement service with 10 hours donated, donated \$8,000 to Veteran Homes Along with their Legion Rider’s Chapter to which Sons members belong to donated \$34,000 towards Various VA&R projects, Logged over 20 hours and gave over \$1000 towards community services, Donated over 50 hours and \$4,100 for other community programs
Voorheesville Squadron #1493 reports, Sent one young man to Boy’s State at a cost of \$450, Held Breakfasts in February, March and May, Held a Polish Dinner in March, Contributed to Wreath’s Across America, Donated \$300 towards the Memorial Day fireworks display at their local firehouse, Marched and worked the Memorial Day parade alongside their Post and Auxiliary Unit, Participated in the Albany County Walk-a-Thon, Donated \$500 towards the Voorheesville Elementary playground, Raised money for NEF Raised over \$1600.00 and donated 320 hours towards other community and veteran programs
Delmar Blanchard Squadron #1040, Sent one young man to Boy’s State at a cost of \$400, Made donations of \$3,550 to VFW and Legion programs, Donated 150 hours to the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany with 10 visits, Donated over \$800 to the VA hospital, Contributed 60 hours towards Community projects and raised \$1,050 for these same projects
Cohoes Sgt. Edward T. Ruane Squadron # 476, Donated 250 hours towards various Veteran and Community projects, Donated \$2,555 towards these projects, Held several dinners raising over \$4,400, Collected food and \$350 towards their local food pantry, Held a walk-a-thon boot sale that raised \$219, Donated \$300 towards a fellow son who was very ill, Purchased new color guard uniforms for their post at a cost of \$700, Donated \$100 for a local community member who was ill, \$300 to St. Jude’s Hospital,

Purchased various equipment for their post kitchen and raised money for their building fund, The Squadron took part in the Memorial Day Parade

Rensselaer County

Gerald O'Neil Squadron #1683 reported. Held several dinners to raise funds for various Veteran projects, Donated to Flight over America, Participated in Wreath's Across America, Raised funds for the Stratton VA hospital, Donated to the Fisher House, Held local raffles to assist with their various veteran programs, Members of the Gerald O'Neil Sons who are also members of the Legion Riders participated with Rolling Thunder in placing flags at Arlington Cemetery

Melvin Roads Squadron #1231 reported. Sending 1 young man to Boy's State at a cost of 500.00, Sponsors a 4-cylinder Pure Stock race car at Lebanon Valley Speedway Driven by Current #1231 Chaplain and Past Squadron Adjutant Jim Williams, Presented 25 flags at a cost of \$675.00, distributed over 350 flags on Gravesites and Parades, Members participate in the Post's Color Guard, Worked over 800 hours of community service, Worked 20 hours at blood drives and donated at Blood Drives which collected over 75 Pints of blood, Donated over \$6000 towards community and veteran programs, Purchased updated lighting for the exterior of the Post building, Co-Sponsored a cabin fever party with the Auxiliary Unit , Raised \$1500 for the Fisher House, Donated 110 hours to the Stratton VA Hospital in Albany and donated \$2000 to the VA, Took in over 300 pieces of clothing including 19 business suits for homeless Veterans and Veterans in need, Held 1 Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Melvin Roads Legion Family, Donated 25 hours towards Flag Etiquette Programs and 25 hours on US Constitution Education, Donated over 100 hours towards Junior Shooting programs

North Greenbush Memorial Squadron #1489 reported . Placed 144 flags on gravesites, Handed out 150 small flags at parades , Appeared in 4 parades participating in the Color guard, Held a flag retirement ceremony, Donated \$1,150 towards Children and Youth along with 80 hours of time donated, Volunteered 16 hours at the Stratton VA Hospital in Albany, Donated over \$4,000 towards veteran Projects, Donated over \$3,400 towards community projects

Ulster County

Rosendale-Tillson Squadron #1219 reported . Spent \$117 towards Color Guard operations, \$250 towards Team Sponsorship, Donated \$500 towards NEF, Donated \$1,000 towards VA&R projects, Donated another \$900 towards various community and Veteran programs

Phoenicia Squadron # 950 Reported. 20 hours and \$300 donated towards community service, 18 hours and \$2,050 towards a Veterans Fishing trip outing, \$250 donated to the local Girl Scouts, Donated \$100 towards the Squadron Sponsored American Legion Baseball team, Donated \$250 to Veteran Homes, In closing I remind all Squadrons and counties to keep tracking your activities and continue to provide them to your district commanders for their future reports. We are our best source of Public Relations. We need to get our story out there in order to bring in new members and let the community know that we are here to serve

Rensselaer County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.14 2nd District Commander Hall** reported; February – Solicited local schools to participate in the 2 essay Contest conducted by the Department Sons of the American Legion. March to June – Assisted in obtaining 8 candidates for the American Legion Boys State Program, 3 boys did complete this program, 5 dropped out of the program, also raised over \$4,500.00 to pay for transportation and the boys state program fees. Kings County Sons of the American Legion sponsored one boy. Joined “Read across America Program” at the Joseph F. School PS/IS 206, read to 4 different classes. April 3rd attended the ‘Four Chaplains’ ceremony at Fort Hamilton Army Base, Brooklyn. May – Memorial Day – attended memorial services at Cypress hills cemetery. June 4th Swore in newly elected S.A.L. officers of Floyd Bennett Squadron #1080. June 22 – Had the honor of swearing in newly elected S.A.L. officers of Kings County, this was conducted at Kings County American Legion Convention. June 24th – Made sure the 3 Candidates

for Boys State program were accounted for and go on the bus to Boys State, also met some bus and candidates on their return from Boys State June 29th. At this time I would like to thank the 2nd District and the Detachment of New York Sons of the American Legion for letting me serve the Sons of the American for the Past 4 years.

Kings County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.15 The 4th District Commander Williams** reported that we started out the year with Legion family visitations to the fabulous forth district. All the visitations went very well. At the last County visitation the Fourth District Sons presented Commander Clancy with a check for \$250 for the CWF and \$250 for the NEF. Throughout the year we donated \$500 to the wreaths across America. Last year 11,500 wreaths were placed on every grave at the Saratoga National Cemetery. \$400 was donated to Blue Star Mothers to help send packages to the troops. At the National Commanders Visit to the 3rd & 4th District we present a check for \$250 to Commander Rohan for here project. Our membership stands at 95% and we will continue to work on it. I want to congratulate Squadron #574 for donating \$2674 to the walk-a-thon and \$1000 to the fisher House.

Saratoga County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.16 5th District Commander George** reported; that he serving on the Oneida County American Legion Distinguished Guest Committee. We met at Smith Post 24 on February 2, 2018 and February 9, 2018. There will be a fundraising dinner for Doc Gibbs on April 28, 2018, at Oriskany Legion 1448. Performed the Installation of Officers Ceremony at the Stanwix Veterans Men's Club on January 2, 2018, Attended Oneida County S.A.L. Meeting on January 14, 2018, at Whitestown Post 1113. Additional donations were received for Doc Gibbs and the total amount is \$2,000 and was donated at Mid-Winter Conference. Attended Mid-Winter Conference on January 19 – 21, 2018. I had an Americanism Commission meeting on Friday and DEC on Saturday & Sunday. Congratulations to the 5 Sons from the District who graduated from the Leadership Class. I indicated my intention to run as a candidate for the office of Detachment Commander for 2019-2020. Attended Onondaga County S.A.L. meeting on February 8, 2018, at Eastwood Post 1276. I was honored to participate in the Onondaga County American Legion "4 Chaplains Ceremony". I represented Lt. John P. Washington, the Roman Catholic Chaplain. I attended the Oriskany American Legion 1448 meeting on January 24, 2018, and received a unanimous endorsement for being a candidate for the office of Detachment Commander for 2019-2020. I, also, received unanimous endorsements from the 5th District S.A.L. at our meeting on February 11, 2018, at Adirondack Post 1000 in Cold Brook, NY; from the Oneida County S.A.L. at their meeting on February 18, 2018, at Smith Post 24, in Rome, NY, and from Oriskany Squadron 1448 at their meeting on February 21, 2018, for this office. Attended 5th District American Legion National Visitation on April 11, 2018, at Mexico, NY VFW, in Oswego County. Commander Denise Rohan gave a very inspired talk on importance of "Family First". Attended Oneida County S.A.L. meeting on April 15, 2018, at Lee Post 189. Reminded Squadrons to submit Officer Certification Forms after their elections, to submit their Consolidated Reports by April 30, 2018, and to get their membership transmittals submitted to meet the set quotas. Leon Roberts Squadron 161 approved \$500 in scholarships for 2018 graduating seniors entering into one of the five branches of the U.S. Armed Services. Attended the Oneida County American Legion fundraiser for Doc Gibbs on April 28, 2018. The dinner was well attended; we had a head count of 85. The Oneida County Legion presented Doc with a Check for \$2000. Rome Smith Squadron 24 presented a check for \$400. We had a great evening with Doc and our Legion family. Conducted 5th District Sons meeting at Mattydale Post 1832. Elections were held and Shawn Mills, Oswego County was elected Commander. I thanked my officers and fellow Sons for a great 2 years as their commander. \$300 in various donations were voted on and passed. Participated in "Flags in" at the Oriskany cemetery, on May 24, 2018, to honor our deceased veterans dating back to the American Revolution, with my wife, Kathi, and other members of the Oriskany American Legion family. On May 28, 2018, participated in 5 Memorial Services with the Oriskany American Legion family. Attended and

graduated from the 2018 American Legion Family College – June 1 -3, 2018, Attended the 99th Oneida County American Legion Convention at Lee Post 1794 on June 9, 2018 Participated in the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Oriskany Post 1448 on June 1, 2018. I was honored to be the Commander in the opening ceremony. We retired approximately 3,500 flags.

Oneida County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.17 **6th District Commander Grigas** reported that this past year was an eye opening for me. It was a great year by all accounts. Led by a great Commander in Commander Clancy. He made it very comfortable on all the visitations. I was able to make 6 out of the 10 visitations, plus the National Commanders visit to the 5th and 6th District. I was honored to participate in a charity softball game with the wounded warriors at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown. Those Men and Women were such an inspiration. I am grateful to get a 2nd term as District Commander now that I have an idea of I am trying to accomplish. Make sure you let people know about the good work we are doing.

Otsego County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.18 **7th District Commander Toepper** reported; since our last meeting at Mid-Winter the Super 7th is always moving. Shortly after our Mid-winter meeting the first round of visitations started. It was also a start of a new era with our first female Legion National and Department Commanders. I was unable to attend the first two visitations due to work. Much thanks to Vice Commander Jim Daly for filling in for me. The remaining visitations in March I was able to attend. All Visitations were very well represented by officers of the 7th District for which I give thanks for such a great showing. Also in March we had our R.O.T.C. Awards ceremony that was held at R.I.T's R.O.T.C. Award Ceremony. A plaque and a check for \$100 were presented to Giovanni Maletesta the cadet that excelled in academics and leadership. Thanks to Vice Commander Daly and Vice Commander Cinquegrana for filling in for me during my absence for medical reasons. We had our annual District youth bowling day at Doug Kent's Bowling Center in Newark. It was well attended and all had a fun day of bowling. Thanks to Jesse Parks for another well done Bowling day. My Commander project for Honor Flight of Rochester was a very surprising success with \$11,398 Raised, enough for 23 veterans to take the overnight trip. 99.9% of the success of my Commanders Project has to go to my chairman Gabe Cinquegrana who took my idea and turned into something special. What an outstanding job he did, if you know Gabe please let him know what a great job he did. Most importantly a special thanks to Seely B. Parish Post 457 for their incredible generosity of \$5,000 and their incredible hospitality providing the perfect venue for this event. Without them there would be fewer veterans flying to Washington DC. I attended and addressed our sister's at the Auxiliary Spring Conference at Cottrell-Warner Post 0942 on what the Sons have done this year. I had the honor of representing the Sons of the American Legion at the 150th annual Memorial service for Veterans that passed away during the year in Monroe County. This is put on by the Veterans Memorial & Executive Council / United Veterans. I am also a Council member of this Organization. Our Flag Education and Retirement program was another great success. It was well attended and covered by local media. A Certificate of Recognition was awarded to the Seventh District Sons from County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo for our flag education and Retirement Ceremony. A special thanks to Chili Post 1830 for providing such a great venue and to Chairman Jim Daly for another fantastic job. Our last event was our Quentin B. Smith Memorial Scholarship. We gave a \$500 Scholarship to Megan Cheresnowsky a senior at Hornell High school for her essay on what America means to me. She will be attending Corning C.C. this fall and majoring in criminal justice. Membership: Our membership as of 7/16 is at 99.69% for 3rd place in the Detachment, Only behind the 9th and 10th Districts at 103.4%. Of our eight Counties four are over a 100% and the remaining counties all but one are above 90%. Their order of finish is as follow Livingston, Monroe, Cayuga, Wayne, Ontario, Steuben, Seneca and Yates County.

Monroe County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.19 9th District acting Commander Jacobs gave the 9th District Report. The 9th District met on May 19th at Montgomery Post #429 in Rhinebeck. At the meeting a new slate of officers was elected. Membership in the 9th continues to be outstanding and the district has been in or near 1st place for most of the year, now for some other news around the district. In Orange County, Squadron 1796 will be helping with the Wall that heals when it comes to Orange County on July 31st and will be on display. Squadron 1009 from Yorktown, the newest squadron in the district helped out at Westchester County's Veterans Appreciation Day at Rye Play land Amusement Park. Squadron #130 member Robert Reeg has been appointed as the representative on the VAVS board at the Montrose VA Medical Center, Congrats to Bob on this huge appointment. Also at Squadron 130 had a ceremony and celebration in honor of their Squadrons 40th Birthday. The squadron presented their post with a gift and put on a very nice lunch for all who attended.

Rockland County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.20 10th District Commander Connelly reported that there have been two Squadrons started in the District. We are working hard on membership. We will also be hosting a fund raiser for Gregg "Doc Gibbs in Suffolk County.

Suffolk County made a motion to accept the report which was second and carried.

1.21 Historian Ryan reported; that he has been quite busy at the Squadron level working breakfast and BBQ'S on our 55th year. On April 11th I attended our National Commanders visit to the 5th district. On April 28th I attended a fund raising dinner to benefit the Committee to elect Gregg "DOC" Gibbs at the Oriskany American Legion Post. On June 15th at our annual Vet fest at our post we had a surprise visit Commander Nessler. Historian Ryan presented Commander Clancy with his Historian Book.

Oswego County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- **At 12:35 PM Commander Clancy called the Convention in recess till 1:30PM for the meet the candidate's luncheon.**

- **Commander Clancy reconvened the Convention at 1:30PM.**

1.22 8th District Commander Kane reported; I have attended or participated in the following events; 01/09/18 Post 702, Wellsville Funeral, 01/26/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 01/28/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 02/04/18 8th District Conference Erie County Post 1626 Cheektowaga, 02/05/18 Department Commanders Visitation in Chautauqua County, Post 446, Frewsburg, 02/06/18 Department Commanders Visitation in Cattaraugus County, Post 535, Salamanca, 02/07/18 Department Commanders Visitation in Allegany County, Post 702, Wellsville, 02/08/18 Department Commanders Visitation in Wyoming County, Post 532, Warsaw, 02/09/18 Department Commanders Visitation in Niagara County, Post 381, Niagara Falls, 02/10/18 Department Commanders Visitation in Erie County, Post 1477, Lackawanna, 02/11/18 Department Commanders Visitation to Genesee County, Post 576, Leroy, 02/12/18 Department Commanders Visitation in Orleans County, Post 1483, Medina, 03/10/18 Post 702 Wellsville Funeral, 03/15/18 Department Commanders Visitation to Monroe County, Post 1830, Chili, 03/16/18 Department Commanders Visitations to Wayne County, Post 429, Ontario, 03/17/18 Department Commanders Visitation to Seneca County, Post 435, Waterloo, 03/17/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 03/17/18 Post 808 - Belmont Funeral, 3/21/18 Wednesday food- 8 hours, 03/28/18 Wednesday food- 8 hours, 04/04/18 Wednesday food- 8 hours, 04/08/18 8th District Conference Cattaraugus County, Post 531, Little Valley, 04/16/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 04/18/18 Wednesday food- 8 hours, 04/21/18 Post 808 - Belmont Funeral, 04/27/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 04/28/18 Post 808 - Belmont funeral, 04/29/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 05/09/18 Post 702- Wellsville Funeral, 05/12/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 05/21/18 Post 808 - Belmont Funeral, 05/26/18-05/27/18 Chicken BBQ -16 hours, 05/26/18 Boys State Luncheon - 3 hours, 05/28/18 Memorial Day-8 hours, 06/04/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 06/09/18 Post 702 - Wellsville Funeral, 06/14/18 Flag Ceremony - 1 hour, 06/14/18 Flag Day Genesee Valley School - 2 hours, 06/16/18 8th District Convention, Niagara county, Post 381- Niagara Falls, 02/21/18 Food for Senior Dancers - Belmont - 4 hours, 06/22/18 Post 702 -

Wellsville Funeral, 06/28/18 Food for Senior Dancers - Belmont - 4 hours, 07/05 Food for Senior Dancers- Belmont- 4hours, 07/06/18 Post 702- Wellsville Funeral, 07/12/18 Food for Senior Dancers-Belmont-4 hours, 07/13/18-07/14/18 Food for Bathe Veterans Hospital - 10 hours.

Allegheny County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.23** **Chaplain Parks** reported: that he has sent 19 get well cards, 13 Condolences Cards and set of flowers. Please let me know if you have or know of anyone that needs and get well card or condoles cards.

Wayne County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.24** **Judge Advocate Downey** reported that we are now getting Constitutions and Bylaws approved by department now. Please attach a contact person when submitting them, so if we have a problem or question we will know who to contact.

St. Lawrence County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.25** **V/C Guidice** reported; I'm happy to report that things in the 1st and 9th District are going well. Both districts have been doing very well in Membership with the 9th having been in 1st place for most of the year. In District 1, the numbers are good and still improving and I hope to achieve the goal this year of re-establishing the 1st District organization. In the 9th, some squadrons and members have been doing some great thing. This past spring, Squadron 1682 in New City raised over \$2,000 to help purchase and train a service dog for a veteran in need in Rockland County. I had the honor of being invited to the ceremony when the check was presented to the group training this dog and what resonated with me and "TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION" and "TO CONSECRATE AND CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR FRIENDSHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULLNESS". This to me is the kind of work that the Sons are all about. Also in the 9th in Orange County, squadron 1796 will be helping with the Wall that Heals when it comes to Orange County on July 31st and will be on display. In Westchester, the Squadron 1009 from Yorktown, the newest squadron in the district helped out at Westchester County's Veterans Appreciation Day at Rye Play land Amusement Park. The members assisted in any way they were needed and also were able to do some recruiting for both the Sons and the Legion. My home Squadron 130 held our annual Clambake and Barbecue this year on June 9th. I was honored to have Greg Falco and his Wife, Gaither Espey and Ike Bosford come and spend the day with us. This is our main Fundraiser for the year and we do a lot of work towards American Legion Programs and support the running of our post home with the proceeds of the day. This year we had a fantastic turnout and I want to thank Greg, Gaither and Ike for going out of the way to come support my squadron. Also in May I was invited to attend a meeting in White Plains about possibly a future convention being held in the downstate area. On May 19th the 9th District met at Montgomery Squadron #429 in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County and elected a new slate of officers for the Coming year, I would like to thank outgoing District Commander Michael Armistead for his work this year and wish the best of luck to the new Commander Michael Jacobs for a great upcoming year.

Rockland County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- 1.26** **V/C DeAngelis** reported: Places I have been, Doc's fundraiser at the Brentwood post held by Chris Cerullo and his committee, 5 chaplains ceremony at Fort Hamilton Army Base, National Commanders Dinner held at Anton's catering in Queens New York, Kings County Law and order awards night where my ALR chapter was the color guard, Elmont post ALR bike blessing, 151st Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade, Michael A. Rawley Post 1636 Family flag retirement ceremony, Kings County Baseball dinner, Kings County sons installation of officers, New Squadron ..Sixth Memorial Squadron 1833, Saved Squadron Manhasset Squadron 0304, Congratulation to the 10th District for making 100%, Also Queens 103%, Nassau 101% and Richmond 100%, Congratulation to my 2 new district commanders 2nd district Joe Hall and 10th district Joe Barringer, Kings County BINGO program is going well thanks to our team,, Joe and Marie Santa Croce, Joe Hall, Tommy Cummings, Steve Palanica and myself and my wife Liette.

- Kings County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.**
- 1.27 V/C Myrtle reported; I had a great year being the vice - commander of the third and fourth districts, attending all county visitations with our detachment commander Bill, it was a breath of fresh air introducing him as a young man from City Island, N.Y. and take this time to say thank you Bill for the great job throughout the year and your friendship that will always be with me. This year is one for the history books as New York State had the honor of having the first women Legionnaire Department Commander Mrs. Rena M. Nessler, the leading candid for the high office of National Commander for the sons, our own Greg "DOC" Gibbs, first women to lead the American Legion, National Commander Mrs. Denise H. Rohan and visiting us from Nebraska our Sons National Commander Mr. Danny Smith, thank you Danny for your presence and service to our organization. The fourth district Commander Mr. Tim Williams attended all our county visitations with honor and respect for every member be it Auxiliary, Son, Legionnaire or guest. With 10 counties, 46 Squadrons and 18 of them squadrons well over 100%, 3,056 paid members they are well on their way to 100% paid members for their district. I'll like to take this time to say to the fabulous fourth district, I could not make a meeting or your spring conference and it was greatly missed by me. Our third district Commander Mr. William Baker has worked long and hard hours to bring our squadrons together as shown in his report. With 7 counties in which two we have no squadrons, we will continue to try to get squadrons to represent us in all counties. The third district has 26 squadrons, 1,559 paid members and 14 squadrons well over 100%. I know we will be at 100% as a district soon.
- Albany County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.**
- 1.28 V/C Ainsley reported; since attending Mid-Winter my focus has been on Sq. activities as Memorial Day and is a very busy time of yr. for us with the flagging of our Village & running our largest fund raisers of the yr. with a tractor raffle and chicken BBQ. I hope everyone was able to take part in their local Post's Memorial Day & honor our departed Comrades & our fore fathers who have received the reward of life everlasting. I would like to take a moment and talk about our Jr. Members, many of you in this room grew up at your local Post with your father being a member of the American Legion. We recently signed up one of our Sq. members sons and had him pass out flags at the 4th of July parade not only did he have a ball doing it but it was great public relations for the SONS. Recently I was informed of an 8yr. old Jr. Member from the Oneida Post #169 by the name of Hayden Bartholomew that received the National Youth Hero Award from the American Legion Aux. for helping an elderly family member during a medical emergency. Consider tapping into this important resource at your Sq. by recruiting Sons and Grandsons of your current Legion & Sq. Membership get them to help you at your next Sq. advent not only is it very rewarding but they have way more energy than us old guys. Membership as of this date is as follows 5th District is at 99.07% with 7033 payed members 683 new members, 36 Sq.'s at 100% or more with Sq. #161 Leon R. Roberts at 119%. 6th District is at 96.31% with 3237 payed members 361 new members 26Sq's at 100% or more with Sq. #1624 Wright-Edsall at 207%. In closing I would like to say that it was an honor & a privilege to travel with our Commander Mr. Bill Clancy III and I would like to thank my District Commander Dennis George from the 5th District and Anthony Grigas from the 6th thanks for the great job you did to make my job easier.
- Otsego County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried**
- 1.28 V/C Van Patten reported; Since the mid-Winter Conference our District welcomed the American Legion Family Leadership on their visitations to our end of the State. All the events were very well attended, and fabulous job was performed by all the host facilities. Both Districts had very successful Conventions and I expect wonderful things from the newly elected leadership. The 7th District again hosted a stellar flag retirement ceremony that deserves to be emulated by all Districts, if not individual squadrons across the State. We did a fine job on Membership with both Districts coming in above 99%. The 7th District had 28 of their 47 squadrons at or above 100% and the 8th has 35 of its 61 active squadrons achieving the same result as of the latest membership report. The Mighty 8th

District is currently at 99.25%, yet once again the Super 7th has beaten them out as of the Convention report at 99.69%.

Erie County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.30 Credentials Committee Chairman Anderson gave his preliminary report; 99

Delegates registered so far.

1.31 A.N.E.C Change reported; that this will be his final report to you as you're A.N.E.C. It has been an outstanding two years. I think all of you for the opportunity to serve this great Detachment. It has been an honor and privilege to serve. I would especially like to thank my mentor over the years, David Bishop Sr. for all of his support and encouragement these past two years. He is a amazing friend and leader of our Detachment. Since my last report which was given at our last D.E.C. meeting, November 9-10th, on City Island, NY at the Leonard Hawkins Post 156, I have attended two National meetings. The first, being the Fall N.E.C. meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. We had the New York American Legion family there in full support for our own Doc Gregg Gibbs for National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. The second was the Spring N.E.C. meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Once again the New York American Legion Family was there to support Doc in his quest to become National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion. Once again the Detachment of New York was at its Best! On March 20th I attended an Active Shooter Class given by the TFD for first responders. It was very informative and may prove useful in today's times. I attended a Lobster Ravioli dinner at Leo Ladders Post 130 on March 30th. The Meal was cooked by the Son's Squadron and hosted by our very own Joseph Guidice Jr. of the 9th District Sons. Excellent food and fellowship was had by all that attended. On April 6th I attended the Installation of Officers for TFD. On April 21st we were at Earth Day Celebration in Ossining NY as a guest of the Sing Sing Kill Brewery, A wonderful day was had by all. On April 27th I attended the Department Convention Committee site meeting representing the Son's, for a possible new State Convention site in the near future (2002?). The meeting was held at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains Downtown, NY. Our Department Committee Chairman of Conventions, William Kearsing from Albany, NY was there to run the meeting. The outcome of the meeting was very positive for having a downstate convention in the near future. Priscilla and I were in Florida during the middle of May for a short vacation. We were invited to attend the Department of Florida's Homecoming for the Legion, Sons and Auxiliary. The Homecoming was held at the American Legion Lady Lake Post 347 (Largest American Legion Post in the world) the theme of the homecoming was "The 3 Amigos". We sat at the NY table as honored guest. I was asked by the Post Commander to say a few words. I read a poem called "Just a Common Soldier" Maj. Gen Richard Colt was the guest speaker and spoke of the history of Memorial Day. General Colt remembered me as being part of the 77th ARCOM which he commanded when I was there. It has been a great 2 years as you're A.N.E.C. I have made many new friends and memories which I will cherish.

New York County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

- **Commander Clancy recessed the convention until 9:00 AM tomorrow.**

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- Commander Clancy called the Convention to order at 9:00 AM.
- The Colors being in place, the membership saluted.
- Adjutant Robert Avery read Roll Call of Officers, and Roll Call of Counties, which indicated a quorum, was present.
- **Commander Clancy excused the members on the dais for the duration of the Annual Memorial Service.**

- **Chaplain Parks** conducted the Annual Memorial Service, a ceremonial parade of service caps, placement of the Memorial Wreath, and the playing of taps. The Adjutant read the names of our deceased members.
 - **Broome County moved to close the Registration table which was seconded and carried.**
- 1.32 Department Auxiliary President Hennessy** this year has been an educational year traveling around the state. In addition I have met so many wonderful sons of The American Legion. The weather has for the most part cooperated with our travel schedule. I thank the Sons of The American Legion for electing Commander Bill. It has been my pleasure to get to know him and call him a friend.
- 1.33 Finance Chairman Lee Reported;** that the finance committee has met and has gone over a budget proposal. He read the proposed budget and answered questions. He also went over proposed changes in scheduled "A".
- Broome County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.**
- Mr. Lee discussed the possibility of a dues increase in the near future. He asked all the Commission and committee members and elected officers to think about this. Members of the Finance committee discussed why we need to look at and consider a dues increase.
- 1.31 N.E.C. Bishop** reported; since my last report which was given at mid-winter I would like to report on a few things that have happened since that conference. In late February the national organization held their annual Washington Conference in Washington D.C. The Washington Conference is an annual event in which our American Legion Family travels to Washington to meet with our representatives to discuss the issues and concerns facing our veterans. Also during the Conference Detachment Commander Bill Clancy had the privilege and honor of placing the Detachment of New York Memorial wreath at the base of the WWII memorial column in honor of his father and all New Yorkers who have served our great nation. In March Commander Clancy, VA&R commission member Joseph Santa Croce, Legislative Chairman Charles Duffy and myself attended Hill Day in Albany. This event is similar to the Washington Conference as we get to have a legislative breakfast with our representatives from both the Senate and Assembly. Following the breakfast we travel to the capital to meet with other representatives to once again discuss the issues and concerns for our veterans. Also in March there was the Eastern Regional Gathering and homecoming for National Vice Commander Ken Warner of Pennsylvania. The weekend started with a meet and greet on Friday. On Saturday there was a leadership workshop which was presented by Past National Commanders Bill Sparwasser and Cliff Smith followed by Vice Commander Warner's Homecoming Dinner. In April we had the honor of attending National Commander Danny Smith's homecoming in Nebraska. Commander Danny held a meet and great on Friday evening at his home post with great food, drink and music. We also had a little Karaoke going on as well. On Saturday morning we attended a tour of the Strategic Air Command Museum which was truly something to see. That evening we attended our National Commanders homecoming dinner in which detachments from across the nation gave thanks and congratulations to Commander Danny's year serving as our National Commander. We thank you commander for the hospitality and wonderful weekend. In May the National organization held its annual Spring N.E.C meetings in Indianapolis, Indiana. This year the Detachment of New York had 16 Members attending. Our members attended Commission and committee meetings, NMI classes and also volunteered to work the Leading Candidate for National Commanders luncheon which was provided by the Detachment of New York for our candidate Greg Doc Gibbs. Special thanks go out to the Committee to Elect Doc Gibbs for National commander, The Department of New York American Legion and the Department of New York American Legion Auxiliary for all their help in making this luncheon a great success. Also during the Spring Meetings PDC Ruthven and current Detachment commander William Clancy graduated from The National Management Institute classes. Ike Bosford completed NMI 2 and Tim Van Patten completed NMI 1. In looking forward it will be an exciting time for the Detachment of New York at this year's National Convention In Minneapolis, Minnesota

in anticipation of our own Greg Doc Gibbs being elected to serve our great organization as it's National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion for the 2018-2019 administrative year. We here in New York are truly proud of Doc and we wish Doc all the best in his year serving this great organization. In closing I would like to once again thank the Detachment of New York for electing me to represent the Detachment of New York at the national level as you N.E.C. these past two years. It has truly been a privilege and honor.

Albany County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.33 Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco reported; that there have not been many fines collected as everyone is following the rules. He thanked the members of the detachment for allowing him and his assistants to do their job with relative ease.

Nassau County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.34 Adjutant Avery reported; On behalf of the Detachment of New York Sons of The American Legion Executive Committee, I would like to welcome all members and guests to our 44th Annual Convention here in Rochester. This year we will be pleased to have as our guest from the great Detachment of Nebraska, National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, Danny Smith. Commander Smith has guided the organization as it has gone through various changes this year, and has helped grow our membership to new highs. He has lead the charge for the SONS continued and dedicated support for our Nation's veterans, children and youth, and our local communities. New York congratulates you Commander on a job well done, and we welcome you to our Convention! As our 2018 Membership cards go out, please remember that your Squadron is required to submit its annual Officer Certification. This document helps the Detachment and District levels in being able to keep in con-tact with every Squadron, to offer assistance, answer questions and inform your Squadron of upcoming projects and events. Thank you for your cooperation. As for membership, the July 2nd report puts us at 98.0% of goal, needing just 593 members to reach 100%. We are in 27th place in the Nation and are in 6th place within the Eastern Region. We are still the 4th largest Detachment in the Nation, separated by just 1,092 members from Ohio. As we wrap up this membership year, every-one's assistance is needed in bringing in those last renewals. Let's do our best to be at 100% when we arrive in Minneapolis for the National Convention! Members are encouraged to attend this year's National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion. It will be in Minneapolis, MN from Friday, August 24th through Sunday, Au-gust 26th 2018. Meetings will be in Ballroom A, Street Level, Minneapolis Convention Center. We are of course hopeful that New York's own candidate for National Commander Greg 'Doc' Gibbs will be elected in Minneapolis to lead us in 2018-2019. New York is very pleased to have this opportunity and we know that 'Doc' will make us all proud as he leads the organization next year. All information on the National Convention including housing forms and schedule of activities is available on our website www.sonsdny.org. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Detachment Commander William Clancy on his exceptional year leading the great Detachment of New York. Your commitment and dedication to the organization has been phenomenal. And thanks to all Detachment Officers as well as Committee and Commission members, who have worked so hard this year moving us forward. A special thank you of course to the rank and file blue cap members who are out there all across our great state working with The American Legion to better the lives of our veterans. Adjutant Avery went over some recent questions regarding dates and times of the election and installation of Greg "DOC" Gibbs to the position of National Commander. I wish all members a great summer, and again thank you for being a part of this organization!

Monroe County moved to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.35 Commander Clancy gave his final report. Just as I am getting the hang of I am all done. It has been a great year for me. It has been great to see were all of you live and what you do. It has been great to help move the organization forward. Every one of you is leaders in your own area. You are troops that get things done. When I started the year I wondered

how I was going to make this work with my family and my business. But like you we are all busy but here we all are doing the work of the sons. Please take that back and let other members know that they too can make it work. Go back and inspire your members. I have been sharing with our leading candidate Jim Coates things that I have seen while traveling. We have Squadrons that are not very active we all know this. If we can get them to do one thing and report it our numbers for reporting for would be much better. People would also be more inclined to join that squadron because they are doing something. There are a lot of members out there that have no idea what the Child Welfare fund is or what it does. If we educate them there is so much more potential that they help raise money for it. We have heard about the legion losing members. I think the Sons could help the legion out by holding events that brings young people in the door. While they are in out Posts they might see what the American Legion is about and want to join. Thank you and god bless our troops, The American Legion and our Country.

Bronx County move to accept the report which was seconded and carried.

1.36 Credentials Chairman Alex Anderson gave the final credentials report which indicated 110 registered delegates.

Broom County moved accept the final credentials report which was seconded and carried.

- **N.E.C. Bishop introduced our National Commander from Nebraska Danny Smith.** National Commander Smith stated that we need to energetic and enthusiastic and let the people know what we are doing and they will start coming to us. Remember that when you are working the programs of the American Legion. I what you having doing, I have seen the reports because I was on the Americanism Commission. You need to do better on the reporting side. For those who are reporting the number are fantastic keep up the good work. Remember that this is not my year, but our year. I do have a theme and it is “following in their footsteps and making history”. Following the footsteps of the American Legion is what we should be doing, working the programs. After hearing some of the numbers to I know that we are making history. We also need to keep working membership and help the American Legion with theirs.

2.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

None

3.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.01 Historian Ryan presented Commander Clancy with his history book.

4.00 NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- **Jefferson County moved to close the Convention for the purpose of Election of Officers. The motion was seconded and carried.**
 - **Commander Clancy appointed Mike Rodrigues, Maurice Arthur, and Danny Smith as tellers for elections. There will be a 10 minute recess the head table is excused.**
- 4.01** Adjutant Robert Avery opened the nominations for Chaplain by Roll Call of Counties. Wayne County Nominates Jim Parks. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Saratoga County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for Jim Parks for Chaplain was carried.**
- 4.02** Adjutant Robert Avery opened the nominations for Historian by Roll Call of Counties. Oswego County nominated William Ryan. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Onondaga County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for William Ryan as Historian was carried.**
- 4.03** Adjutant Robert Avery opened the nominations for Alternate National Executive Committeemen by Roll Call of Counties. Kings County nominated Joe Santa Crose. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by New York County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous**

ballot for Joe Santa Croce as Alternate National Executive Committeemen was carried.

- 4.04** Adjutant Robert Avery opened the nominations for National Executive Committeemen by Roll Call of Counties. Ontario County nominated John Change. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Stueben County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for John Chang as National Executive Committeemen was carried.**
- 4.05** Adjutant Robert Avery opened the nominations for Vice Commander by Roll Call of Counties. Chautauqua nominated Ron Kuczenski. Kings County nominated Peter DeAngelis. Otsego County nominated Wayne Ainslee. Rockland County nominated Joe Guidice. Warren County nominated Robert Myrtle... **There being no further nominations, a motion made by Saratoga County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for Peter DeAngelis, Ron Kuczenski, Wayne Ainslee, Robert Myrtle, and Joe Guidice. As Vice Commanders, was carried.**
- 4.06** Adjutant Robert Avery opened the nominations for Commander by Roll Call of Counties. Ontario County nominated James Coates. **There being no further nominations, a motion was made by St. Lawrence County and seconded to close the nominations and direct the Adjutant to cast one unanimous ballot for James Coates as Commander was carried.**

5.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

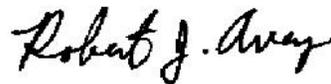
- 5.01** **Monroe County moved to support Mike Cotton (DE) for National Vice-Commander; the motion was seconded and carried.**
- 5.02** The Detachment of New York donated \$500.00 to the committee to elect Greg "DOC" Gibbs Nation Commander of the sons of the American Legion.
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- 5.04** Commander Clancy read a letter from Greg "DOC" Gibbs about the importance of the upcoming year as it is the Start of the American Legions 100th year. He also asked for more members to attend the Nation Convention this year.
- 5.05** The Detachment Convention Committee donated \$2416.00 from the golf outing for the Child Welfare Foundation.
- 5.06** The Auxiliary has instituted a patch program similar to the Boy Scout merit badge. The Auxiliary has opened this up to the young son's members and the National Sons Americanism Commission is supporting this.
- There being no further business to come before the Convention, Chaplain Parks offered the Closing Prayer, the Sgt.-at-Arms retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation as they were retrieved by the Detachment Color Guard.
 - The Convention was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed:



Raymond J. Jarvis
Assistant Detachment Adjutant



Robert J. Avery
Detachment Adjutant

MINUTES OF THE POST-CONVENTION D.E.C. MEETING

July 21, 2018

Rochester Riverside Hotel
Rochester, New York

- Commander Coates called the Meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
 - The Colors of our Nation being in place the membership saluted.
 - Chaplain Parks offered the Opening Prayer.
 - Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco placed the POW/MIA banner.
 - V/C Guidice led the membership in The Pledge of Allegiance.
 - V/C DeAngelis led the membership in the Preamble.
- **Adjutant Robert Avery** took Roll Call, which indicated a quorum was present.

1.00 SICK CALL & RELIEF

1.01 None

2.00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2.01 The Public Relations Committee collected \$625 in gas and gift cards for the Homeless Program in Rochester. They were presented to the VA Homeless program director Erin Monetelum. We will continue this at every meeting as a way to give back to our communities.

3.00 NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

3.01 **Dave Lee Finance Committee** mention to all the new officers and appointees to please check the executive Manuel and schedule "A" to see what you are allowed to be reimbursed for.

3.02 **Bill Baker President of the New York Legion Press Association** presented Gabe Cinquegrana with a plaque for first place web site.

3.03 **Commander Coates** announced that his project will be the Nation Emergency Fund and the Child Welfare Fund.

3.04 **Commander Coates** announced that his theme will be Consistency and Purpose. As this is the 100th Year of The American Legion we need to improve our reporting and membership. I encourage you to keep holding events for the CWF and the Walk-a-thon. We also need to stress education and communication with our members.

3.05 **Commander Coates** stated that the Detachment Executive Meeting will be held November 17th. More information will follow.

3.06 **Commander Coates** read his list of appointments:

Adjutant Robert J. Avery
Asst. Adjutant Raymond Jarvis
Asst. Adjutant Christopher Burch
Asst. Adjutant Mark Kearsing
Judge Advocate David Downey
Webmaster Gabe Cinquegrana
Master Sgt.-at-Arms Greg Falco
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms David Perry
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Riley Downer
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Joseph Cleveland
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Colin McDaniel
Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms Tim Broward
Commander's Aide 1st District James Livingston
Commander's Aide 2nd District Joe Santa Croce
Commander's Aide 3rd District Chris Gilluley
Commander's Aide 4th District Riley Downer
Commander's Aide 5th District Tyler Mills
Commander's Aide 6th District
Commander's Aide 7th District Jesse Parks
Commander's Aide 8th District Dale Kane
Commander's Aide 9th District Justin Elmendorf
Commander's Aide 10th District Joseph Bellinger

Color Guard Seeley B. Parrish Squadron #457
 Americanism Chairman James Daley
 Committeeman Charles Depo
 Committeeman Herman Downer
 Children & Youth Chairman Clarence Ike Bosford
 Committeeman Gregory Falco
 Committeeman Wayne Ainslee
 Commander's Advisory Chairman William Clancy
 Committeeman J. Bruce Ruthven
 Committeeman Joseph Santa Croce
 Convention and Meetings Committee Chairman Tim Van Patten
 Adjutants Represented Chris Butch
 Mid-Winter Coordinator Mark Kearsing
 Past Chairman James Daley
 Committeeman Dean Williamson
 Credentials Chairman Alex Anderson
 Committeeman David Englert
 Committeeman Alan Anderson
 Finance Chairman David Lee
 Committeeman Michael Rowald
 Committeeman Peter Geleta
 Internal Affairs Chairman Dean Williamson
 Committeeman John Chang
 Legislative Chairman Charles Duffy
 Committeeman David Perry
 Membership Chairman Daryl Verstrete Jr.
 Committeeman Peter Booth (District 1)
 Committeeman Joseph Hall (District 2)
 Committeeman Bill Niemiec (District 3)
 Committeeman Tim Williams (District 4)
 Committeeman Joe Lenhardt (District 5)
 Committeeman Ted Armbrust (District 6)
 Committeeman Ronald Kuczenski (District 8)
 Committeeman Joseph Guidice Jr. (District 9)
 Committeeman Joseph Bellinger (District 10)
 Member Training and Development Chairman Gaither Espy
 Committeeman David Downey
 Committeeman Gerald Ketchum
 Committeeman Gary Denmon
 Committeeman Ray Jarvis
 Committeeman Chris Burtch
 Public Relations Chairman Gabe Cinquegrana
 Committeeman Tim Van Patten II
 Committeeman Kenneth Kraetzer
 VA&R Chairman Thomas Kurk
 Committeeman Robert Cox
 Committeeman Diman Smith
 Ad Hoc Committee on the 100th year Presentation to The American Legion of New York at The
 2019 Convention in Buffalo
 Chairman Christopher Cerullo, other members to be announced.

V/C Guidice moved approve all of the Commander's appointments, which was seconded and carried.

5.00 FOR THE GOOD OF THE SONS

- 5.01** Jim Daley Thanked everyone for their support and a great convention.
- 5.02** Membership Varies from one end of the state to the other end of the state. I don't need to tell you the dire strait that the American Legion is in with membership. We have lost two squadrons recently do to Post closure. It is up to use to help the American legion with their membership. The membership committee is looking to give a \$100 gift card to anyone that renews 25 son's members or legion members. We are currently waiting for the finance committee to look at it.
- 5.03** V/C Myrtle Moved to give \$100 gift card to anyone that renews 25 son's members or legion members that have been delinquent for two years or longer.
- 5.04** Diman Smith thanked Commander Coates for his appointment to the VA&R Commission. He also stated that resolution DC-01 is still moving forward.
- 5.05** Dennis George presented Commander Coates with a \$100 check for his project.

- 5.06** Gregg “DOC Gibbs homecoming will be the weekend of April 26-28. Dinner will be on the Saturday night. More information will follow.
- 5.07** PDC Ruthven stated that we need to find a way to get more squadrons to do their consolidated report. The Vice Commanders need to find a way to get the information down to the squadrons. The adjutant’s office will release a list of who has sent in reports going back 7 years. We need to educate and help the ones who have not reported.
- 5.08** On August 18th the Belmont Sons will be doing their annual golf tournament.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, Chaplain Parks offered the Closing Prayer, Master Sgt.-at-Arms Falco retrieved the POW/MIA banner, and the membership saluted the Colors of our glorious Nation.

- The Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond J. Jarvis".

Raymond Jarvis
Assistant Adjutant