



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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Commander Peter J. DeAngelis, Jr.
Adjutant Robert J. Avery

Date: July 31, 2023

RE: Official Communication from the Detachment Adjutant

Call to the Fall Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of New York, a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee is hereby called by Detachment Commander Peter J. DeAngelis Jr. All DEC members as authorized in the Expense Authorizations are expected to attend. Most are expected to submit a printed report. Refer to the DEC Manual for a full explanation of attendance, report and conduct policies. **ALL MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 27, 2023	6:00 PM	<u>Meet and Greet</u> Hancock A.L. Post 289 210 Pennsylvania Ave. Hancock, NY 13783
Saturday, October 28, 2023	9:00 AM	<u>DEC Meeting – Call to Order</u> Hancock A.L. Post 289
	9:10 AM	<u>DEC Meeting – In Recess</u>
	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	<u>Commission / Committee Meetings</u>
	10:20 AM	<u>DEC Meeting-Reconvenes</u>
	11:45 AM	<u>Lunch</u> (tentatively cold cut platters provided by Commander DeAngelis)
	12:20 PM	<u>DEC Meeting-Reconvenes</u>
	2:30 PM	<u>DEC Meeting-Adjourns</u>
	6:00 PM	<u>Social Hour</u> Hancock Hotel 137 East Front St. Hancock, NY 13783
7:00 PM	<u>Fall DEC Dinner</u> To include roast beef, roasted potatoes, grilled veggies, pasta, green salad, rolls/butter, soft drinks.	

LODGING:

Hancock Hotel

137 East Front Street
Hancock, NY 13783
607-637-7100

Rate: \$175/night King or Two Queen
(\$10 extra for fridge/microwave)

Upper Delaware Inn

521 West Main Street
Hancock, NY 13783
607-637-1600

Rate: \$80/night

Smith's Colonial Inn

23085 State Highway 97
Hancock, NY 13783
607-637-2989

Rate: \$80/night
(EV & Pet friendly)

- « Refer to "Sons of The American Legion block"
- « Bring your own tax-exempt lodging form
- « Reservation Deadline: **September 27, 2023**

Fall DEC Dinner:

Hancock Hotel
137 East Front Street
Hancock, NY 13783

Dinner Cost: \$30.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: October 14, 2023

Checks made payable to "Peter DeAngelis"

Mail to:

Peter J. DeAngelis
211 County Rte. 25
Narrowsburg, NY 12764

- District Commanders will send their reports directly to the Adjutant no later than October 1, 2023 who will consolidate and make copies for distribution at the Meeting. Kindly email your reports in Microsoft Word format.
- Chairmen of the Commissions and Committees will communicate with all of their members between now and the meeting so that goals, objectives, and action plans can be discussed and brought to completion prior to the meeting. ALL COMMISSIONS are asked to hold at least 1 conference call between now and the meeting. You should have your written reports prepared prior to arrival, with any new or detailed items included as handwritten addendums to your report based on your committee meeting. Chairmen shall appoint one of their members as secretary.

Attire for the Fall Executive Activities, Committee Meeting, and Dinner is "Business Casual".

Summary of the 49th Annual Detachment Convention July 19-22, 2023 Tarrytown, NY

The 49th Annual Detachment Convention in Tarrytown just concluded last week. We had 85 registered delegates this year. The various Detachment Officers, District Commanders and Commission and Committee Chairmen gave their reports. Accomplishments, donations and hourly totals for our programs were provided, along with the various Squadron award winners. A full listing of awards presented at the Convention is attached.

Congratulations on a terrific year go out to Commander Timothy S. Van Patten II and the other Detachment Officers, Committee and Commission members! Special thanks to all of the blue cap members who keep working in support of our Nation's veterans, children and youth and local communities.

The following Detachment Officers were elected to serve in the 2023-2024 Administrative Year:

Commander	Peter J. DeAngelis Jr.
Vice Commander (1/9)	Joseph Guidice Jr.
Vice Commander (2/10)	Joseph Belanger
Vice Commander (3/4)	Herman Downer Jr.
Vice Commander (5/6)	Edward Hooke
Vice Commander (7/8)	Daryl VerStreate
Chaplain	James Parks
Historian	Clarence "Ike" Bosford
NEC	Dennis George
ANEC	David W. Lee

Other items of interest:

- Commander Van Patten received a total of approximately \$15,700 in donations to his project Civil Air Patrol during his travels this year.
- As for the VA Walk-a-Thon, a total of \$56,894 was raised this year! A check representing one half of the monies raised was presented to our co-fundraiser The American Legion Auxiliary at their Convention.
- The Convention voted to approve four resolutions:
 - Conv 2023-#1 Detachment Per-Capita Dues Increase. This resolution was amended on the floor to change the start date of the \$3 increase to January 1st, 2024. ***The new Detachment per-capita rate has increased from \$6 per member to \$9 effective January 1st, 2024***, raising the total amount due to the Detachment and National organization from \$11 to \$14. (\$9 Detachment + \$5 National). It had been 18 years since our last Detachment increase.
 - Conv 2023-#2 Dedication of 2023 Detachment Convention. The Convention was dedicated in the memory of Past Detachment Commanders Henry E. Brew Sr., Raymond Tanner Jr., L. Richard Stone, Jeffery J. Jordan, Kenneth H. Harvey, David L. Downey, John F. Bogart, Thomas E. Kurk, John B. Rogers, and Joseph L. Santa Croce.
 - Conv 2023-#3 Endorsement and Appointment to Boys State Board of Directors of The Department of New York American Legion.
 - Conv 2023-#4 The Sons of The American Legion Fiscal Responsibility. This resolution will require all Past Detachment and Past National Commanders to attend

two (2) regular Executive Committee Meetings under the current administration before submitting vouchers for reimbursement for travel and expenses for that administrative year.

- At Convention, we were honored to have as our guest Don “J.R.” Hall, the Leading Candidate for National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion from Maryland. Mr. Hall addressed all three Conventions of our NY Legion Family. Our delegates to National Convention will be giving their full support to J.R. for National Commander.
- National Legislative Chairman Tom Deal from Maryland was also a Convention guest.
- Timothy Collmer (Livingston County) was elected Department Commander and Karen St. Hilaire (Onondaga County) was elected Department President.
- The 50th Annual Detachment Convention is scheduled to take place next July in Niagara Falls.

Commander’s Project

This year Commander DeAngelis will support Department Commander Collmer’s projects of Temporary Financial Assistance (Since its establishment in 1925, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has awarded cash grants to minor children of current active duty or American Legion members. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment.) and Be The One (At its core, The American Legion is activating a national platform to reduce the rate of veteran suicide. The Be the One campaign will:

- Destigmatize asking for mental health support, creating opportunity for those with mental health issues to speak freely and get the support they need.
- Provide peer-to-peer support and resources in local communities.
- Deploy FDA-approved therapeutics for veterans to identify issues and find resources for support).

Detachment Commander DeAngelis will have a personal project to benefit the Tusten Youth Commission.

Tusten Youth Commission is a non-profit organization designed to provide the youth of Narrowsburg with new, healthy experiences. This program is funded in part by a grant from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services through sponsorship by the Sullivan County Youth Program.

Donation checks can be presented directly to the Commander at your County Visitation Dinner. Squadrons may also mail their donations directly to Detachment HQ in Troy. Checks should be made out to “Detachment of New York” with the charity of choice in the memo line.



Have a great summer!