



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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Commander Timothy S. Van Patten, II
Adjutant Robert J. Avery

Date: July 22, 2022

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 Timothy S. Van Patten, II. 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 14, 2022	6:00 PM	<u>Meet and Greet</u> Alfred J. Jurek A.L. Post 1672 655 New Road East Amherst, NY 14051
Saturday, October 15, 2022	9:00 AM	<u>DEC Meeting – Call to Order</u> Alfred J. Jurek A.L. Post 1672
	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> Provided by the Post to include, among other items, smoked sausage and lazy pierogi.
	12:20 PM	<u>DEC Meeting-Reconvenes</u>
	2:30 PM	<u>DEC Meeting-Adjourns</u>

NOTE: A tour is being organized for Saturday afternoon. More information will be made available when known.

	6:00 PM	<u>Social Hour</u> Alfred J. Jurek A.L. Post 1672 655 New Road East Amherst, NY 14051
	7:00 PM	<u>Fall DEC Dinner</u> To include fresh sliced roast beef sandwiches, pasta, green salad, rolls/butter, dessert.

LODGING:

Holiday Inn Express Buffalo NE - Lockport
6900 Transit Road
Lockport, NY 14094
716-625-8100

Rate: \$165/night

- ★ Refer to “Sons of The American Legion block”
- ★ Bring your own tax-exempt lodging form
- ★ Reservation Deadline: AUGUST 20, 2022

Fall DEC Dinner:

Alfred J. Jurek A.L. Post 1672
655 New Road
East Amherst, NY 14051

\$20.00 per person

Checks made payable to “A. J. Jurek Squadron 1672”

Mail to:

Timothy S. Van Patten, II
8075 County Road
East Amherst, NY 14051

- District Commanders will send their reports directly to the Adjutant no later than October 1, 2022 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 48th Annual Detachment Convention July 13-16, 2022 Binghamton, NY

The 48th Annual Detachment Convention in Binghamton just concluded last week. We had 77 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 David W. Lee and the other Detachment Officers, Committee and Commission members! Special thanks to all of the blue cap members who have continued through a worldwide pandemic, to keep working in support our Nation’s veterans, children and youth and local communities.

The following Detachment Officers were elected to serve in the 2022-2023 Administrative Year:

Commander	Timothy S. Van Patten, II
Vice Commander (1/9)	Joseph Guidice, Jr.
Vice Commander (2/10)	Joseph Belanger
Vice Commander (3/4)	Herman Downer, Jr.
Vice Commander (5/6)	Shawn Mills
Vice Commander (7/8)	Dale Kane
Chaplain	James Parks
Historian	Clarence "Ike" Bosford

Other items of interest:

- Commander Lee received a total of approximately \$7,700 in donations to his project Camp EAGR during his travels this year.
- As for the VA Walk-a-Thon, a total of \$67,600 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 unanimously to approve three resolutions:
 - Conv 2022-#1 James E. Daly Americanism Award which is open to any member of the NY Legion Family. More information will be posted in the near future. Jim was our Detachment Americanism Chairman for a number of years. He passed on at a young age earlier this year and will be missed by all.
 - Conv 2022-#2 Dedication of 2022 Detachment Convention. The Convention was dedicated in the memory of James E. Daly.
 - Conv 2022-#3 Support of William Clancy III for National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. The Department of New York also approved this resolution and forwarded it on.
- At Convention, we were honored to have as our guest Michael Fox, the National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion from California. The Commander addressed all three Conventions of our NY Legion Family. In addition, he led us in the placement of 1,000 flags on the graves of veterans interred at the nearby Vestal Hills Cemetery. This is the Commander's project called "Flying Flags for Heroes". This will be a project for all SONS to participate in every year.
- Also a Convention guest, was Leading Candidate for National Commander Chris Carlton from Indiana. He will no doubt do a fantastic job representing our organization next year. Our delegates to National Convention will be giving their full support to Chris Carlton and to Ernie Laberge from the Detachment of Massachusetts for National Vice Commander East.
- Davis R. Riley, Sr. (Oneida County) was elected Department Commander and Nancy Babis (Niagara County) was elected Department President.
- The 49th Annual Detachment Convention is scheduled to take place next July in White Plains.

Commander's Project

Along with supporting Department Commander David Riley's projects for this year, Detachment Commander Van Patten will have a personal project to benefit the New York Wing of The Civil Air Patrol.

The Civil Air Patrol is the Official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Since Civil Air Patrol's formation during the earliest days of World War II, this vigilant organization of citizen Airmen has been committed to service to America. Founded on Dec. 1, 1941, to mobilize the nation's civilian aviation resources for national defense service, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions when needed — in the air and on the ground.

As a Total Force partner and auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Civil Air Patrol is there to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep the homeland safe. Its 56,000 members selflessly devote their time, energy, and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.

Civil Air Patrol's missions for America are many, and today's adults and cadets perform their duties with the same vigilance as its founding members — preserving CAP's 80-year legacy of service while maintaining its commitment to nearly 1,500 communities nationwide.

Cadets, ranging in age from 12-18, participate in weekly squadron meetings, attend field training exercises, and participate in yearly encampments. In New York, funding for these events come from two primary sources: squadron fundraisers and NYS legislative support. As with all volunteer organizations, the devastation of the COVID-19 outbreak has limited the funds available while increasing the communities needs of their services.



Commander Van Patten would like to raise donations from across the state to help defray the costs associated with cadets attending the New York Wing encampment. Helping the Civil Air Patrol will directly affect part of our preamble, "adopting in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands", as the Civil Air Patrol covers all four pillars of The American Legion: Children and Youth, Americanism, National Security, and as most of these cadets will transition into becoming members of our armed forces, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

If we can show them personally how The American Legion helps the communities, we may very well help membership to grow in the entirety of The American Legion Family.

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.

Have a great summer!

Convention Awards 2022 - Binghamton

Americanism

Less than 150 members:

3 rd Place:	Hugick-Purcell-Shepard Squadron #616	Otsego Co.	District 6
2 nd Place:	Fawcett Squadron #1582	Allegany Co.	District 8
1 st Place:	Leo Laders Squadron #130	Rockland Co.	District 9

Over 150 members:

3 rd Place:	Lowville Memorial Squadron #162	Lewis Co.	District 5
2 nd Place:	Ferris Goodridge Squadron #330	Monroe Co.	District 7
1 st Place:	Seeley B. Parish Squadron #457	Ontario Co.	District 7

Children & Youth

Less than 150 members:

3 rd Place:	John J. Welch Squadron #381	Niagara Co.	District 8
2 nd Place:	Hugick-Purcell-Shepard Squadron #616	Otsego Co.	District 6
1 st Place:	North Greenbush Memorial Squadron #1489	Rensselaer Co.	District 3

Over 150 members:

3 rd Place:	John P. Eaton Squadron #746	Steuben Co.	District 7
2 nd Place:	Turner Schrader Squadron #34	Ontario Co.	District 7
1 st Place:	Seeley B. Parish Squadron #457	Ontario Co.	District 7

VA & R

Less than 150 members:

3 rd Place:	Leo Laders Squadron #130	Rockland Co.	District 9
2 nd Place:	Oneida Squadron #169	Madison Co.	District 6
1 st Place:	Hugick-Purcell-Shepard Squadron #616	Otsego Co.	District 6

Over 150 members:

3 rd Place:	Lowville Memorial Squadron #162	Lewis Co.	District 5
2 nd Place:	Turner Schrader Squadron #34	Ontario Co.	District 7
1 st Place:	Seeley B. Parish Squadron #457	Ontario Co.	District 7

Charles B. Rigsby: NONE

Membership

Recruiter of the Year: NONE

Largest Squadron:

3 rd Place	Samuel L. Derby Squadron #556	Chautauqua Co.	District 8 (298 members)
2 nd Place	James Harvey Spire Squadron #787	Onondaga Co.	District 5 (385 members)
1 st Place	New Hartford Squadron #1376	Oneida Co.	District 5 (487 members)

Most new members:

3 rd Place	Earl J. Manning Squadron #490	Saratoga Co.	District 4 (38 members)
2 nd Place	Cottreall-Warner Squadron #942	Monroe Co.	District 7 (44 members)
1 st Place	James Harvey Spire Squadron #787	Onondaga Co.	District 5 (52 members)

Highest percent increase over prior year (Under 300):

3 rd Place	Truman C. Tobey Squadron #32	Delaware Co.	District 6 (200%)
2 nd Place	East Meadow Memorial Squadron #1082	Nassau Co.	District 10 (269%)
1 st Place	August Mauer Squadron #286	Wayne Co.	District 7 (407%)

Highest percent increase over prior year (Over 300):

3 rd Place	None		
2 nd Place	None		
1 st Place	James Harvey Spire Squadron #787	Onondaga Co.	District 5 (105%)