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

Date: March 22, 2023
RE: Commander's Message / Homecomings

OFFICIAL DETACHMENT COMMUNICATION

Greetings All!

Congratulations to everyone that helped us make our 80% membership target date for the Detachment. Over 50 Detachments hit that mark this year, which is absolutely outstanding. Let's continue to get those transmittals turned in and stay ahead of these goal dates.

It has been amazing traveling around this great state of ours and getting to meet so many members. We truly had a magnificent traveling team this year. To keep that great camaraderie going I hope you'll consider spending the weekend of May 19th through the 21st with Commander Riley, President Babis, and myself at the joint homecoming at Vernon Downs. There will be a lot to do all weekend long and we would love to celebrate this year with all of you.

Keep up the great work supporting our programs and veterans!!!

Tim

Commander Timothy S. Van Patten, II



UPCOMING HOMECOMINGS:



The **Homecoming Weekend for National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola** will take place April 15-16, 2023 at Crowne Plaza Albany-The Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY. There will be 3 different tours available for those interested on Saturday. Dinner and music will take place on Saturday evening at Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520. The Homecoming Luncheon is at noon on Sunday. All details and a reservation form are attached. **NOTE: The deadline is March 31, 2023.**



The **Department of New York Legion Family Homecoming** will take place on Saturday May 20, 2023 at Vernon Downs Casino Hotel in Vernon, NY. A tour will be available on Saturday morning. **NOTE: The deadline is May 1, 2023.**



Team New York

Cordially Invites You to Attend the NY Homecoming Events Honoring

National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola



Homecoming Luncheon April 16th, 2023 – Noon-Crown Plaza-The Desmond Hotel Ballroom

For Lodging at Crowne Plaza Albany-The Desmond Hotel

Please use the attached Housing form to book directly with The Desmond

-----**Event Sign UP Reservation Form**-----

Saturday April 15th, 2023 – Daytime Activities

Bus Trip to the National Baseball Hall of Fame - Cooperstown

Bus Departs 9 AM

of tickets _____ @ \$50.00 ea.= _____



OR

Bus Trip to Rivers Casino – Schenectady, NY

Bus Departs 10 AM

of tickets _____ @ \$35.00 ea= _____

OR

Bus Trip & Tour of USS Slater (tour has ladder usage)

Bus Departs 10 AM Albany

of tickets _____ @ \$25.00 ea. = _____

Saturday Evening Activity

A relaxing night of Dining & Dancing @ Joseph E. Zaloga Post #1520 (featuring the Upstate Funk Band)

Appetizers & Drinks 5-6 PM - Dinner @ 6 PM – Socializing & Dancing @ 7 PM – 10 PM

of tickets _____ @ \$25.00 ea. _____

-----**Main Event- Sunday April 16th – Homecoming Luncheon – 12 PM - Crown Plaza Albany -The Desmond**

#of Tickets _____ @ \$35.00 ea _____

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please make checks payable to: "Team New York Campaign Fund"

**Mail to: The American Legion – DNY-
1304 Park Boulevard – Troy NY 12180**



**National Commander Vincent James “Jim” Troiola
Homecoming - Weekend
April 14th – 17th, 2023
Group Block Code- NCH Rates: \$149.00 single/dbl.**

1. Reservations can be made by phone, online or using this form.
 - a. Call IHG Reservations at 1-877-666-3243 and mention Group Block Code NCH

Use this link to book online: [NC Troiola's Homecoming Book Here](#)
(Right click then click open hyperlink)

2. **Check-in time is 4:00PM.** Guest room availability and check-in cannot be guaranteed before that time.
3. **Check-out time is 12 noon.** Will provide a room for luggage storage if your group does not end. prior to check-out.
4. **There is a 24-hour cancelation policy.** Should you fail to arrive or cancel 24 hours before the specified day of arrival, you will forfeit your deposit for one night at the confirmed rate plus tax charged to the credit card listed below.
5. To receive the identified conference rate, **reservations must be made prior to March 31st, 2023**
6. **A credit card is required to guarantee.**
7. Personal checks are only accepted as method of payment up to 14 days prior to your arrival date.
8. **Tax exempt, you are required to present a NYS Tax Exempt form (ST-119 & ST-119.5) upon check-in.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Arrival: _____ Departure: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

**Guarantee Reservation/Reservations to Credit Card # below.
Upon check-in you will be asked to PROVIDE final method of payment.**

Card Holders Name (please print): _____

Billing Address for CC: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Credit Card Security Code (located on back): _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Holders Signature: _____ Date: _____

Roommate: Name: _____



**Please Mail Reservation Form to:
Crowne Plaza - Desmond Hotel, Group Reservations
660 Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany, NY 12211
FAX: 518-640-6069 or EMAIL: fjohnson@desmondhotels.com**



**Come One Come All to the
Homecoming Gala of the
American Legion Family
Honoring**

Department Commander David Riley Sr.

Department President Nancy Babis

Detachment Commander Timothy Van Patten II

Saturday May 20th, 2023

Vernon Downs Casino Hotel

4229 Stuhlman Road

Vernon, New York 13476

5 pm - 6 pm Cash Bar

6 pm Dinner

**Baked Chicken, Sirloin Steak, Casino Potato, Vegetable
Bread, Butter, Coffee, Tea, Dessert**

\$60 per person, Make checks out to: Committee to Elect David R. Riley Sr. and mail

to: Barbara Holmes

317 South St.

Lockport, NY 14094

716-560-8546

JSBholmes@aol.com

CUT OFF DATE – May 1, 2023

Information regarding the Homecoming:

A block of rooms have been reserved for the American Legion Family For May 19th and May 20th, 2023. For those wishing to arrive on Friday there is plenty to entertain you. Gambling, Horseracing, Restaurants and just plain relaxing on the beautiful grounds. Tax exempt forms will be available at registration.

For those planning on arriving on Friday the Committee has a Hospitality Room that will be open for you to meet and greet. There are many places in the area for you have dinner. Friday evening there will be a Paint and Sip which will highlight the Department Leader's year of service, and facilitated by our Detachment Commander Timothy Van Patten II, at Henry P. Smith Post #24 at 6 pm, cost \$20. Proceeds to benefit National President Vicky Kuntz's Project to support the Companions of Creative Arts Festival attendance at the event.

On Saturday morning, we have arranged a tour of some of the Historical Points of interest in our area. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Veterans Memorial Park, Francis Bellamy's Grave, and a few other points of interest. A bus will leave the hotel at 10 am and start the tour. We will arrive back at the hotel in plenty of time for you to enjoy lunch on your own at the Casino*Hotel and Event Center or to enjoy a few treats in the hospitality room. There will be time for relaxation in the Hospitality Room with plenty of time to be ready for the Gala. Please make your reservations for the tour early so as not to miss out!

For those arriving on Saturday a Hospitality Room will be set up for meet and greet. Make sure you give yourself time to tour the beautiful grounds of the Casino*Hotel and Event Center.

Saturday evening will start with a Cash Bar reception at 5 pm until 6 pm. Dinner will follow.

Please make room reservation directly to the Vernon Downs Casino Hotel by calling 315-829-3400. Mention the American Legion Family Homecoming to receive our special rate of \$119.00 Per Night.

We have a fun filled weekend planned to honor our Department Officers. Please join us as we show our appreciation to them for all their hard work and dedication to The American Legion Family.

Reservation Form

Name _____ County _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Friday Evening Paint & Sip _____ @ \$20 each Total _____

Saturday Gala _____ @ \$60 each _____

You may purchase a table of 8 _____ @ \$480 _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Tour Reservations

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE#</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

There is no additional charge for the tour. We ask that you make your reservation early. The bus will pick you up at the hotel at 10:00 am.

**Send reservations to: Barbara Holmes
317 South St.
Lockport, NY 14094
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