



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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RE: Official Communication from the Detachment Adjutant

Adjutant's Summary of the 44th Annual Detachment Convention July 18-21, 2018 Rochester, NY

The 44th Annual Detachment Convention in Rochester has just concluded as was well attended by 110 delegates. Congratulations to all of the past year's Officers, Committee and Commission members and especially to Detachment Commander William Clancy, III who travelled to all 62 Counties to deliver his message about the Sons of The American Legion. Hopefully all delegates enjoyed this year's Convention and had a rewarding and educational experience.

The following Detachment Officers were elected to serve in the 2017-2018 Administrative Year:

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| Commander | James Coates |
| Vice Commander (1/9) | Joseph Guidice |
| Vice Commander (2/10) | Peter DeAngelis, Jr. |
| Vice Commander (3/4) | Robert Myrtle |
| Vice Commander (5/6) | Wayne Ainslee |
| Vice Commander (7/8) | Ronald Kuczenski |
| NEC | John Chang |
| ANEC | Joseph SantaCroce |
| Chaplain | James Parks |
| Historian | William Ryan |

The various Detachment Officers, District Commanders, Commission and Committee Chairmen gave their reports. Accomplishments, donations and hourly totals for our programs were provided, along with the various Squadron award winners. Certificates and plaques were presented at the Convention and a full award listing is attached. Total hours and donations from Squadrons across the Detachment are now listed on our website.

Other items of interest:

- We were honored to have as our guest National Commander Danny Smith from the Detachment of Nebraska who addressed not only our Convention, but the Auxiliary and Legion Conventions as well. Great job this year Mr. Commander! The Convention gave their full support to Michael Cotton from the Detachment of Delaware for National Vice Commander East.
- Commander Clancy received a total of \$14,189 in donations during his travels for NEF, Legacy Scholarship and Operation Comfort Warriors over the year. \$11,604 was presented to the Department Commander at the Legion Convention. Earlier this Administrative year, our Detachment donated \$11,500 to NEF in response to the devastating hurricanes, making a total of \$23,104.

- As for the VA Walk-a-Thon, a check in the amount of \$14,000 representing one half of the monies raised was presented to our co-fundraiser The American Legion Auxiliary at their Convention.
- The Annual Convention CWF Golf Tournament and associated raffles raised \$2,416.
- The Public Relations Commission raised \$645 in gas and gift card donations at the Convention which were presented to the VA/Rochester Outpatient Clinic – Homeless Vet Program.
- Our donation of \$3,000 was presented to a representative of Camp Good Days, and our CMN donation in the amount of \$2,000 was donated to a representative from Golisano’s Children’s Hospital at Strong. Both recipients provided a short overview of their institution and thanked us kindly for our contribution.
- The Detachment approved a new membership incentive this year. Any member who signs up 25 new members or renewals (2-year lapse or greater) into either the S.A.L. or T.A.L. will receive a \$100 gift card. We must do our best to gain members into the parent organization. If an American Legion Post closes due to lack of members, the associated Squadron goes with it.
- The Fall Meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee will take place at Francis M. Dalton A.L. Post 282 in West Bloomfield on Saturday November 17, 2018. Details to follow.
- Commander Coates project for this year is the National Emergency Fund, CWF and the Veterans’ Walk-a-Thon. Just as a reminder, 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 Albany.
- Gary Schacher was elected as Department Commander and Marie Mock was elected as Department President.
- The 45th Annual Detachment Convention will take place next July in Buffalo.
- The 2017-2018 Directory will be available as soon as possible, as well as the Official Call to the Fall meeting.

Have a great summer!

Convention Awards 2018-Rochester

Americanism

Less than 150 members:

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| 3 rd Place: Michael A. Rawley, Jr. Squadron #1636 | Kings Co. | District 2 |
| 2 nd Place: Moses Taylor, Jr. Squadron #136 | Westchester Co. | District 9 |
| 1 st Place: Antwerp Squadron #916 | Jefferson Co. | District 5 |

Over 150 members:

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| 3 rd Place: New Hartford Squadron #1376 | Oneida Co. | District 5 |
| 2 nd Place: Mohawk Squadron #1450 | Saratoga Co. | District 4 |
| 1 st Place: Cottreall-Warner Squadron #942 | Monroe Co. | District 7 |

Children & Youth

Less than 150 members:

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| 3 rd Place: Windsor Terrace Squadron #1175 | Kings Co. | District 2 |
| 2 nd Place: Cassadaga Memorial Squadron #1280 | Chautauqua Co. | District 8 |
| 1 st Place: Michael A. Rawley, Jr. Squadron #1636 | Kings Co. | District 2 |

Over 150 members:

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| 3 rd Place: Mohawk Squadron #1450 | Saratoga Co. | District 4 |
| 2 nd Place: Charles E. Wescott Squadron #173 | Steuben Co. | District 7 |
| 1 st Place: Seeley B. Parish Squadron #457 | Ontario Co. | District 7 |

VA & R

Less than 150 members:

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| 3 rd Place: Windsor Terrace Squadron #1175 | Kings Co. | District 2 |
| 2 nd Place: Cummings Brothers Squadron #1436 | Kings Co. | District 2 |
| 1 st Place: Michael A. Rawley, Jr. Squadron #1636 | Kings Co. | District 2 |

Over 150 members:

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| 3 rd Place: New Hartford Squadron #1376 | Oneida Co. | District 5 |
| 2 nd Place: Chili Squadron #1830 | Monroe 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:

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| 3 rd Place | Winnek Squadron #396 | Ontario Co. | District 7 | (332 members) |
| 2 nd Place | Charles E. Wescott Squadron #173 | Steuben Co. | District 7 | (366 members) |
| 1 st Place | New Hartford Squadron #1376 | Oneida Co. | District 5 | (570 members) |

Most new members:

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| 3 rd Place | Charles Harbel Squadron #892 | Cattaraugus Co. | District 8 | (41 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 | (45 members) |

Highest percent increase over prior year (Under 300):

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| 3 rd Place | Joseph Kovarik Sqd. #1146 | Suffolk Co. | District 10 | (245%) |
| 2 nd Place | Sgt. Ronald Grey Squadron #1542 | Putnam Co. | District 9 | (317%) |
| 1 st Place | Ossining Squadron #506 | Westchester Co. | District 9 | (338%) |

Highest percent increase over prior year (Over 300):

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| 3 rd Place | New Hartford Squadron #1376 | Oneida Co. | District 5 | (91%) |
| 2 nd Place | Winnek Squadron #396 | Ontario Co. | District 7 | (95%) |
| 1 st Place | James Harvey Spire Squadron #787 | Onondaga Co. | District 5 | (105%) |