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Commander Dennis A. George
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RE: Official Communication from the Detachment Adjutant

Adjutant's Summary of the 45th Annual Detachment Convention July 17-20, 2019 Buffalo, NY

The 45th Annual Detachment Convention in Buffalo is now in the books. We had 95 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. The accomplishments have already been distributed and can also be found on the Detachment website.

A heartfelt thanks on a terrific year go out to all Officers, Committee and Commission members and especially to Detachment Commander James Coates. Commander Jim brought our message in support of The American Legion throughout the state this year and represented the nearly 30,000 members of this Detachment in fine form! Thanks again Commander!

The following Detachment Officers were elected to serve in the 2019-2020 Administrative Year:

Commander	Dennis George
Vice Commander (1/9)	Joseph Guidice
Vice Commander (2/10)	Peter DeAngelis, Jr.
Vice Commander (3/4)	James Williams
Vice Commander (5/6)	Wayne Ainslee
Vice Commander (7/8)	James Parks
Chaplain	Dale Kane
Historian	Timothy Van Patten II

Other items of interest:

- Commander Coates received a total of \$26,313 in donations to NEF during his travels this year which was presented to the Department Commander at the Legion Convention. An additional budgeted amount of \$1500 was also presented.
- As for the VA Walk-a-Thon, a check in the amount of \$14,500 representing one half of the monies raised was presented to our co-fundraiser The American Legion Auxiliary at their Convention. That money will go towards President Mock's project: Final Salute which provides housing for homeless female veterans and their children. An additional budgeted amount of \$1500 was also presented.
- We did not host a CWF Golf Tournament this year but \$1,018 was raised at Convention through a raffle. Additional monies raised or presented brought our CWF total raised at Convention to \$2563.43.

- Our donation of \$2,000 was presented to a representative of one of the local Buffalo CMN affiliated hospitals.
- The Convention voted unanimously to forward a resolution for consideration at the upcoming National Convention to increase the National dues by \$3.00 per member. It is anticipated that there will be much discussion regarding the National dues increase at Convention, so the New York delegates were also granted flexibility during the process to act accordingly for the best interests of our Detachment if other dues amounts are brought forward for consideration.
- We were honored to have as our guest the Leading Candidate for National Commander Clint Bolt from the Detachment of Virginia who addressed not only our Convention, but the Auxiliary and Legion Conventions as well. Our delegates to National Convention will be giving their full support to Mr. Bolt and to Gary Nelson from the Detachment of New Jersey for National Vice Commander East. A \$500 donation was presented to Clint Bolt's campaign fund to assist in expenses during this year and next.
- The Detachment donated \$500.00 to Phelps Squadron 457 Color Guard for expenses and is also covering the cost of travel and rooms for them to participate in the National Convention in Indianapolis next month.
- Michael McDermott was elected as Department Commander and Linda Tome was elected as Department President.

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- The 46th Annual Detachment Convention will take place next July in Binghamton
 - The Fall Meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee will take place at Oriskany American Legion Post 1448 in Oriskany, NY on Saturday November 16, 2019. Details to follow.
 - Commander George's project for this year is the National Emergency Fund, along with CWF. 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.
 - The 2019-2020 Directory and the Official Call to the Fall meeting will be available as soon as possible.

Have a great summer!

Convention Awards 2019-Buffalo

Americanism

Less than 150 members:

3 rd Place: Walter T. Conley Squadron #1107	Cayuga Co.	District 7
2 nd Place: Melvin Roads Squadron #1231	Rensselaer Co.	District 3
1 st Place: Antwerp Squadron #916	Jefferson Co.	District 5

Over 150 members:

3 rd Place: Mohawk Squadron #1450	Saratoga Co.	District 4
2 nd Place: Cottreall-Warner Squadron #942	Monroe Co.	District 7
1 st Place: Greece Squadron #468	Monroe Co.	District 7

Children & Youth

Less than 150 members:

3 rd Place: George F. Johnson Squadron #1700	Broome Co.	District 6
2 nd Place: Windsor Terrace Squadron #1175	Kings Co.	District 2
1 st Place: Montgomery Squadron #912	Clinton Co.	District 4

Over 150 members:

3 rd Place: Chili Squadron #1830	Monroe Co.	District 7
3 rd Place: Seeley B. Parish Squadron #457	Ontario Co.	District 7
2 nd Place: Cottreall-Warner Squadron #942	Monroe Co.	District 7
1 st Place: Mohawk Squadron #1450	Saratoga Co.	District 4

VA & R

Less than 150 members:

3 rd Place: Oneida Squadron #169	Oneida Co.	District 5
2 nd Place: Windsor Terrace Squadron #1175	Kings Co.	District 2
1 st Place: Melvin Roads Squadron #1231	Rensselaer Co.	District 3

Over 150 members:

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:

3 rd Place	Charles E. Wescott Squadron #173	Steuben Co.	District 7	(343 members)
2 nd Place	James Harvey Spire Squadron #787	Onondaga Co.	District 5	(364 members)
1 st Place	New Hartford Squadron #1376	Oneida Co.	District 5	(547 members)

Most new members:

3 rd Place	Samuel L. Derby Squadron #556	Chautauqua Co.	District 8	(44 members)
2 nd Place	Lowville Memorial Squadron #162	Lewis Co.	District 5	(47 members)
1 st Place	James Harvey Spire Squadron #787	Onondaga Co.	District 5	(55 members)

Highest percent increase over prior year (Under 300):

3 rd Place	Hugh-Lynch Squadron #737	Wyoming Co.	District 8	(188%)
2 nd Place	Downtown Squadron #64	Erie Co.	District 8	(209%)
1 st Place	Fred Eller Squadron #1447	Rockland Co.	District 9	(220%)

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	(111%)