

Detachment of New York Sons of the American Legion

First and foremost I would like to congratulate and thank all members of the American Legion Family who have helped make the 2019 a year to remember.

As you know by now there have been many changes that are affecting the Detachment of New York.

- A. Department office has moved. Please be sure to send all membership to the correct address when mailing it in.

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- B. National has now begun allowing the SAL to submit membership dues online through MYSAL. Please if you have not already be sure to sign up for an account. The first dues transmittal can take on average a week to process because the verification of bank information. Otherwise it would average 24-48 hours.

Detachment Reports

As you may have guessed this will mean the communication with Weekly membership updates will change effective immediately.

- a. The old system is no longer being in use by the American Legion which created the old reports we all loved so much.
- b. Currently the Detachment is working on a way to overcome this so we can get back to business as usual.
- c. For now you will start seeing the National Report for membership or as some of you have heard me call it the GOD report. These are in fact the actual numbers that matter in the end. Detachment of New York will continue to process any membership sent to them and forward as business usual to National for Processing. And, now you can also submit online for processing also and it will show up in the national report within days.

2019 Year end Membership

Some major highlights in the Detachment of New York for membership year ending 2019.

- a. Nationally did you know that Detachment of New York has the most squadrons in the county totaling 583
- b. Membership Goal for 2019 was 29,958 and ending nationally at 29,976 putting our membership total percentage for 2019 at 29,976 = 100.06 % by my calculation. And yes that mean ending another year at an all-time year.

2019- Goal 29958 ending 29976 (+18)
2018 goal 29683 ending 29958 (+275)
2017 Goal 29671- Ending 29683 (+12)

I leave the Goal of reaching 30,000 Members in your capable hands the Membership of the Detachment of New York. 24 More is all we need to hit 30,000. If you have any 2019 cards to turn in please do so ASAP

I have been Detachment membership Chairmen through four commanders and 3 full years of membership and each year we have achieved 100% and 3 out of 3 years we have achieved a new all-time high in membership.

I would like to congratulate all those in the American Legion Membership Team on all levels for the support.

I often call the Detachment membership Team the "A" Team because you all do such a wonderful job. Membership at any level is not done by one person it is done by everyone working together as a team across the board in order to make such feats possible.

I would like to personally thank you all for a job well done.

Daryl VerStreate, Jr
Membership Chair