Message From The Adjutant - Detachment of New York

SAL members,

Just an update on where we stand as a Detachment today and where we are headed. The Department Convention for 2020 is cancelled. The Visitors Bureau has notified all the hotels and all reservations have been cancelled. The Binghamton Convention Committee is working on shifting the Convention to 2022 and we look forward to a successful transition.

Elections for the 2020/2021 year have been cancelled at all levels, and all sitting Officers will remain in place. Please fill out the Squadron portion of 30-183 NOTIFICATION OF POST/SQUADRON COMMANDER & ADJUTANT form even though your officers will be remaining in their same position. Also be sure there is a valid e-mail address and that all information is legible. There is a fill-able and On-Line version of the form on the Detachment Website (CLICK HERE). This information is imperative to help us communicate with you and your squadrons, as we cut back on physical mailings.

If using the On-Line version of 30-183, a copy will automatically go to the Detachment when you click the submit button. Please provide a copy however to your Post Adjutant. If using the fill-able or hard copy version of 30-183, please provide a copy of the form to your Post Adjutant, and mail a copy to Detachment Headquarters, 1304 Park Blvd Troy, NY 12180.

If you have open Officer positions you can fill them by Commander appointment and subsequent Executive Committee approval. Please consult your Constitution and Bylaws and/or local Legion Commander or Executive Committee.

Membership is still being processed. Please continue to send membership in. The final renewal post card from National will be sent out in a few days. Shortly thereafter National Headquarters will start printing out the 2021 membership cards. If you have members that have not paid their dues or members that have paid but have not been sent into Detachment Headquarters, their new cards will have 0 continuous years.

Also be advised that when you start sending in 2021 membership cards, that National has increased their dues from $2.00 per member to $5.00 per member. So, you will be sending $11.00 per member to Detachment Headquarters. This $11.00 does not include any per capita due to the County or District.

All Detachment awards will be given out this year when time permits. CONSOLIDATED SQUADRON REPORT forms have been sent to Posts, addressed to the SAL. Please complete and forward copies as instructed. You can also fill out the form on the Detachment website (CLICK HERE) or MYSAL webpage. If you use the website or MYSAL webpage please print and mail a copy of the form to Detachment Headquarters at 1304 Park Blvd Troy, NY 12180, so that we have the information for our report and awards.

Several Posts, although closed to the public and members, are serving Meals to Go and I urge you to patronize them. Some Posts have even purchased meals and sent them to our first responders at their local police
stations, fire houses, ambulance stations, hospitals, and VA facilities. We are a community-based organization, and these are great ways to give back.

Posts are also opening up to the Red Cross for urgently needed Blood Drives. Just be sure to check with your local health authorities for guidance and restrictions. In these difficult times, please find a few minutes to contact some of your Post and Squadron members to see how they are doing. Many live alone and a call from a member would mean a lot.

In closing, please check your Squadron files and cabinets for forms or documents that may have the previous Detachment Headquarters address of Albany on them. THROW THEM AWAY! Please make sure that all forms and submissions mailed to HQ are mailed to the new address, 1304 Park Blvd Troy, NY 12180. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans, Children, Community, State and our Nation.

Please be safe, and stay well, Ray Jarvis, Adjutant