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Commander Dennis A. George  
Adjutant Raymond J. Jarvis

Date: December 9, 2020  
RE: Official Communication from the Detachment Adjutant

**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE MID-WINTER ZOOM DEC MEETING**

Call to the Fall Detachment Executive Committee Meeting

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of New York, a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee is hereby called by Detachment Commander Dennis A. George. All are expected to submit a typewritten emailed report sent to the Adjutant.

SCHEDULE:

The meeting will be held via zoom on January 23, 2021 starting at 9:00AM

- District Commanders and all Commission and Committee will send their reports directly to the Adjutant no later than January 15, 2021 who will consolidate and make copies for distribution before the meeting. Kindly email your reports in Microsoft Word format.
- Chairmen of the Commissions and Committees will communicate with all their members between now and the meeting so that goals, objectives, and action plans can be discussed and brought to completion prior to the meeting. **ALL COMMISSIONS are asked to hold at least 1 conference call or zoom meeting between now and the meeting. If you are interested in holding a zoom meeting contact the adjutant to set up a date and time.**

Commander's Project

Commander Dennis George's has asked that instead of donations to the CWF or NEF that all squadrons financially help your home post during these difficult times.

2020-2021 Detachment Directory

This Detachment Directory is always a work in progress and is now posted on the website. All revisions to contact information in the Directory must be reported to SONS Coordinator Charlie LaHaise at HQ AND to the Detachment Adjutant. If you have a change of address, it must also be corrected by use of a Member Data Form or online at [mysal.org](http://mysal.org).

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All 2021 Officer Certification Forms are now past due.... If your Squadron has not yet completed and forwarded an OCF to Detachment Headquarters PLEASE DO SO NOW!

The easiest way to complete this task is to visit the Detachment website at: <http://www.sonsdny.org>

Members are reminded to send all dues and correspondence to the new HQ mailing address:  
1304 Park Boulevard Troy, NY 12180

Detachment of New York  
1/9 Vice Commanders Report  
Mid-Winter 2021  
Joseph Guidice, Jr.

Membership in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Districts has been slowly improving over the last few months and although we still a long way to go I'm happy to report that the 9<sup>th</sup> is doing very well on renewals and I expect that the 1<sup>st</sup> District will be catching up now that the new year is upon us.

Sadly, in the downstate regions we are experiencing a resurgence or "spike" in cases of the virus which has understandably slowed things down almost to a halt again in our Posts and by extension with our Squadrons. I am sure this experience is being shared across the Detachment. The small fundraising efforts like Pancake Breakfasts and Wing Nights that in some places the life blood of our squadrons has ground to a halt. What is also missed dearly are the social interactions that are a very important part of membership and help us to "keep it together". These interactions are one of the intangible things that highlight how important it is for us to maintain contact with each other and to reach out and perform those "buddy checks" to let our members and friends know we are there for them. Through all of this though it still important to note that our squadrons here in 1 and 9 and across the state are still doing whatever they can to help support their posts and our veterans in every way possible. Several Squadrons in my area have helped with food and coat drives in their communities and in the 9<sup>th</sup> many of our squadrons donated many gift cards as part of a drive to give the cards to the vets at the Montrose VA Center to help bring some holiday cheer to the veterans there.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who reached out to me following the happy announcement of the birth of my first grandchild, a boy, born on November 27, 2020. My family and I are so very grateful for all of the warm wishes from all of my amazing friends in the great Detachment of New York and I'm happy to report that I submitted his membership application about 90 minutes after he was born!

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Guidice, Jr.  
Vice Commander (1/9)  
Sons of The American Legion  
Detachment of New York

9<sup>th</sup> District Commanders Report  
Mid-Winter 2021

Commander Michael Jacobs

Membership numbers for the 9<sup>th</sup> District currently are at 68% as of the last available report which places the 9<sup>th</sup> District currently in 1<sup>st</sup> place at this writing. We are still trying to contact our squadrons that are lagging behind and now with the new year begun I am hoping that as in the past many renewals will start flowing in. We do have a few squadrons that are performing really well, including Squadron 1302 in Dutchess County which is already at over 101%!

As has been the case since this pandemic and lockdown began, our squadrons are doing whatever they can to help their posts and their communities during this difficult time. With the recent spike in cases in our region this is no easy task and many of our squadrons that had begun to meet in-person again have been forced to revert to virtual meetings again or to not meeting at all for safety reasons.

On a happier note, the Ninth District is very proud to learn that one of our members, Robert Reeg, has been recognized by the Detachment and awarded the Joseph Santa Croce Service to Veterans Award by the VA&R Commission. Bob serves as the SAL VAVS representative at the Montrose VA Center and works tirelessly with both veterans and active troops in our area. Congratulations!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jacobs, Commander

Detachment of New York, 9<sup>th</sup> District



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## 10TH DISTRICT REPORT

01.27.19

Joseph Belanger

10th District Commander

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I am pleased to say there was a lot of growth in our ranks this year and some losses as we all know too well. Unfortunately the virus has caused us all to have membership issues. Lots of posts are used to giving out cards in person. Sometimes that is their only way they have to reach a person

I will suggest that our members take advantage of paying dues online!

I would like to acknowledge Joseph Kovarik with a 119.05% goal. They have a total of 24 new members. Admits the crazy there is some good to be said thankfully!

As for membership we will reach out as best as we can. Hopefully we can get a district meeting on zoom soon.

A few of my executives and myself attended legionnaires district meetings. We are hoping through further cooperation we can together keep the amazing growth we have seen.

[Sonsofthelegionli.com](http://Sonsofthelegionli.com)

Lastly we have had our district website up and running for two months now with amazing success in its early stages. Users can login, submit events and or articles to be viewed district wide. All information submitted automatically gets posted on all our social media outlets but also sends out a generated monthly newsletter. This website is scalable and duplicatable. If anyone would like help setting up a site for themselves feel free to contact me and we can get things rolling. Email [Sal10thdistrict@gmail.com](mailto:Sal10thdistrict@gmail.com)



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Good morning or afternoon as the case may be.

Here's hoping that we have seen the last of the cancellation and 2021 will see our activities returning back to normal and the suffering, physically and mentally for our veterans, military personnel, our organization and the general public will finally end. We have had to learn how to find different methods to enable us to carry on our duties. We are all looking to see a return to a new normalcy.

Membership:

Membership has picked up slightly. The 8<sup>th</sup> District is at 2326 members, 41.27% as of January 3rd, 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Detachment. I mailed my first yearly membership letter. That has always caused a jump in membership.

Activities:

Since this spring with the onset of the Virus. Most activities were cancelled. I did have a District meeting in December, the Commanders Visitation was cancelled. Unfortunate most of my staff was unable to attend and we were unable to have an official meeting

What additional activities I will be able to attend is dependent on the status of the Virus. I'm hoping to we can salvage 2021. Hopefully the vaccine will begin to take effect soon.

This concludes my report  
God Bless America and Our Troops

Respectfully submitted

*Ronald Kuczenski,*  
Commander 8<sup>th</sup> District

## AMERICANISM REPORT

Jim Daly

I would like to begin this morning by recognizing members of the Americanism Commission. Detachment Vice Commander James Parks, Herman Downer Jr., Jim Brown, Gary Manzer and Doug Martin. Gentlemen, thank you very much for your dedication towards Americanism.

The Cerullo Memorial Scholarship has information available on our website with submissions due on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Essay Contest for grades 1-5 “What America Means to Me” – with submissions due on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Essay Contest for grades 6-8 – Pick a Topic that includes The United States Bill of Rights, The United States Declaration of Independence, and The United States Constitution – with submissions due on April 10<sup>th</sup>. With the restrictions due to the pandemic, hopefully we will be able to get this information into the hands of our educators locally to help spread Americanism again in our schools. Information for the two Essays and the Scholarship can be found on the Detachment website.

The Department of New York American Legion Family College will again be held in Morrisville New York this year and the dates are June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great weekend filled with workshops and provides awesome learnings for The American Legion Family. Please start now and seek out individuals within your area and ask them to consider attending this year. Applications are available on the Legion website. Get applications in early as the class size is 100.

American Legion Boys’ State is a week-long program that immerses high school youth (currently completing their junior year) in citizenship and leadership training. They learn the practical aspects of government as it exists in New York State, and come to recognize that the individual is integral to the character and success of government. They also participate in physical fitness, teamwork and other activities, under the guidance of American Legion counselors and U.S. Marines. Boys’ State will be held from June 27 to July 2, 2021 at SUNY Morrisville State College in Morrisville, NY.

As we move into spring, we should again start completing our Consolidated Reports as this is an important and in fact the only way we can report on our activities and hours of service that we put in throughout the year. I would ask that our County and District Commanders relay this message to their Squadrons and lend a hand filling these out if requested.

Gentlemen, we must make it a point to promote patriotic ideals to our youth so the American Dream never dies!

## **Office Expense**

Auditing - [5018-01] – The annual cost of auditing has increased; we propose increasing the budget to accommodate an estimated increase. We therefore recommend this increase + \$600

Pins-SAL - [5302-S] – As per our discussions with Commander George and the limited degree of his travel he advised pins for this year do not need to be ordered. We therefore recommend this reduction - \$5,100

## **Field Expense**

Color Guard - [5112-01] – With the anticipation of the required meetings being either cancelled or conducted virtually, we feel this line item can be reduced, the only hold out at this point is the annual convention. We therefore recommend this reduction – \$1,500

Detachment Commander - [5110-S] – As per the direction of the Departments administrative team the annual traveling party has been cancelled within the 62 counties. We have added 1 District visitation per District, the Fall NEC has been cancelled and the spring NEC meeting is currently scheduled and will be determined at a later date. We therefore recommend this reduction – \$7,500

Detachment Chaplain - [5150-01] – As our membership ages our Chaplain will need to provide sympathy in both cards and flowers. We therefore recommend this increase + \$500

Detachment Vice Commanders - [5166-01] – As per the direction of the Departments Administrative team the annual traveling party has been cancelled within the 62 counties. We have added 1 District visitation for each District, Some District meetings have already been cancelled and some at this current time are scheduled, we therefore recommend this reduction – \$4,500

District Commanders - [5167-01] – With the majority of District meetings cancelled and a limited number actually being scheduled at this time we recommend this reduction – \$2,500

N.E.C. Expenses - [5190-01] – With the fall NEC meeting cancelled. We recommend this reduction – \$1,500

Alternate N.E.C. Expenses - [5200-01] – With the fall NEC meeting cancelled and at this time the spring NEC meeting scheduled, we recommend this reduction – \$500

Detachment Adjutant - [5997-01] – With the fall DEC and NEC meeting cancelled, we recommend this reduction – \$1,000



## **Conventions / Conferences**

Executive Committee - [5170-01] – With the cancellation of the physical Fall DEC meeting and a virtual one to be held, we feel a reduction is in order, the annual convention at this time is currently scheduled, we therefore recommend this reduction - **\$15,000**

## **SAL Donations**

5321-S Fisher House – As a current line item in the budget of \$2,500 and the implementation of a second location in the Bronx, our recommendation is to increase this line to allow for a presentation of equal amounts at each location, we therefore recommend this increase + \$5,000

5317-S Child Welfare Foundation – With this being the primary fundraising goal of the organization year after year we recommend this one-time increase + \$32,500

5309-S National Emergency Fund – As we have seen numerous hurricanes cause damage throughout the country this increase is set to assist those in need caused by unforeseen situations and national disasters, we recommend this increase + \$3,500

**Detachment of New York**  
**Proposed 2020 - 2021 Budget**

	<b>Budget 2019-20</b>	<b>Budget 2020-21</b>	<b>Change In Budget</b>
<b><u>Anticipated Income</u></b>			
Projected income 30,000 @ \$6.00	\$180,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Anticipated Expenses</u></b>			
<b><u>Office Expense</u></b>			
5018.01 - Auditing	\$4,000.00	\$4,600.00	\$600.00
5039.01 - Memorial, Awards and Plaques	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
5040.01 - Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
5041.01 - Investment Fees			
5060.01 - Printing and Copying	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
5050.01 - Office Supplies			
5065.01 - Outside Services (Inter-Fund Reimbursements)	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
5061.01 - Postage, Mailing Service	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
5091.01 - Website Design	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
5302.S - Pins-SAL	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	(\$5,100.00)
5941.01 - Donations	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total Office Expense</u></b>	<b><u>\$44,850.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$40,350.00</u></b>	<b><u>(\$4,500.00)</u></b>
<b><u>Field Expense</u></b>			
5112.01 - Color Guard	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,500.00)
5110.S - Detachment Commander	\$12,500.00	\$5,000.00	(\$7,500.00)
5150.01 - Detachment Chaplain	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
5165.01 - Detachment Historian	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
5166.01 - Detachment Vice Commanders	\$7,500.00	\$3,000.00	(\$4,500.00)
5167.01 - District Commanders	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	(\$2,500.00)
5190.01 - N.E.C. Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00	(\$1,500.00)
5200.01 - Alternate N.E.C. Expenses	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	(\$500.00)
5997.01 - Detachment Adjutant	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
<b><u>Total Field Expense</u></b>	<b><u>\$37,900.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,400.00</u></b>	<b><u>(\$18,500.00)</u></b>
<b><u>Conventions / Conferences</u></b>			
5230.S - SAL Detachment Convention	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
5240.S - Mid Winter SAL	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	(\$3,000.00)
5250.S - SAL National Convention	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
5250.01 - SAL National Meetings, Wash Conf	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
5265.S - National NMI Training	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
5250.G - National Convention	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total Conventions / Conferences</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$24,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>(\$3,000.00)</u></b>

**Detachment of New York**  
**Proposed 2020 - 2021 Budget**

	<b>Budget 2019-20</b>	<b>Budget 2020-21</b>	<b>Change In Budget</b>
<b><u>Committees</u></b>			
5170.01 - Executive Committee	\$40,250.00	\$25,250.00	(\$15,000.00)
5330.01 - Americanism	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
5400.01 - Children & Youth	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
5525.01 - Auditing Committee			\$0.00
5530.01 - Auditing Committee			\$0.00
5942.01 - Boys State Committee	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total Committees</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>(\$15,000.00)</u></b>
<b><u>Other Committees</u></b>			
5301.01 - SAL Detachment Committees	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total Other Committees</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>
<b><u>SAL Donations</u></b>			
5310.S - Camp Good Days	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
5320.S - Children's Miracle Network	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
5321.S - Fisher House	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
5312.S - Department Commanders Project	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
5314.S - Department Presidents Project	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
5303.S - Cerullo, Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
5315.S - National SAL Commanders Project	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
5317.S - Child Welfare Foundation	\$2,500.00	\$35,000.00	\$32,500.00
5309.S - National Emergency Fund	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,500.00
5307.S - Candidates Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5316.S - National SAL Cmdr. Candidate	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
5308.S - William O'Connell Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
5311.S - Nicholas Sallese Scholarship	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total SAL Donations</u></b>	<b><u>\$22,250.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$63,250.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$41,000.00</u></b>
<b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$180,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$180,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$0.00</u></b>

# Commander's Message – Mid-Winter 2020

## Liberty

Fellow Sons,

I am hoping this writing is finding you and your families healthy and safe. We are in the process of moving forward, performing our duties as Sons of the American Legion, and getting back to normal. I am very pleased with the Commissions and Committees doing their virtual meetings, this is what keeps us viable and an active working program of the American Legion. Keep up the good work!

The first District Visitation was in the 6<sup>th</sup> District on October 17, 2020, Post #616 in Richfield Springs.

The second District Visitation was in the 5<sup>th</sup> District on October 24, 2020, at the Stanwix Veterans & Men's Club. The District was represented by all the counties and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Commander Mike, President Linda, and I were welcomed and treated to an eventful day and hospitality at each visit. It was a good feeling to be able to be with Legion Family.

When 2021 arrives, we all should have 2021 Membership cards, as 2020 cards will not be valid, as indicated in the National Sons manual. Keep those renewals coming, we are getting close to our target dates. Let's keep NY in the forefront and proud of our accomplishments.

We had our Fall DEC meeting, via Zoom, on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It was great seeing familiar faces and discussing our Detachment business and sharing what we are doing to support our Posts. Reports were submitted and we are actively working in our Commissions and Committees.

We plan on having a Mid-Winter Conference, via Zoom, on January 23, 2021. Invitations will be sent out by Adjutant Ray.

I am looking forward to the immediate future when we can all meet and share our experiences. My theme still is "You are the Key". Keep this in mind as we "Move Forward".

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Safe 2021!

For God & Country,

Dennis

Report from 2nd district commander Joseph Hall  
Midwinter conference 2021 held via zoom

I don't really have much to report as we are once again closed down here in New York City

We were able to have our annual toys for tots campaign and we did very well putting donation boxes out at the VA hospital and local American Legion Post as well as some other sponsored locations

I continue to communicate with our squadrons on membership and to push for dues transmittals

Hope you are all doing well and I wish you a very happy new year

# MID-WINTER 2021

## VA&R COMMISSION REPORT

- The Commission has held 4 Conference calls during the membership period August 2020-January 2021. Thanks to members Dave Bishop, Diman Smith, Dale Kane, Bill Baker, and Bob Cox. Also thanks to SAL Commander George who participated in most of our calls, and to Jim Coates, SAL National VE&E Commission Vice-Chairman, who we chose at the beginning of our new year, to be embedded on our VA&R Commission as a conduit for VE&E.
- As you heard at the start of this Conference, Jim has now been appointed as an official member of our Commission. After great input from him over the year, and our requests for this appointment, we are grateful that it has come to pass, and know he will continue to enlighten us all in the future.
- My participation this year in VA&R activities has also included Monthly National VA&R Commission Zoom calls, Monthly Eastern Region Conference Calls, the Department of Veterans Affairs National Advisory Council Zoom call, and inclusion in Voluntary Service Central Office Committee's Best Practices Communications and Data Reporting Series.
- We continue to encourage our Detachment Officers, Vice Commanders, and District Commanders to recruit members to serve as VAVS Representatives or Deputies at your nearest VA Facility. Minimum requirement is to attend Quarterly meetings, which are important to gain information on VA needs, as well as learn what Sons can do for Veterans. We have included a current participation report as part of these minutes, and have sent same to our Detachment Vice Commanders and District Commanders.
- We are using this Mid-Winter Conference today as a kick-off for our Walk-A-Thon 2021. The finale of the Walk-A-Thon will be April 24<sup>th</sup>, and it will be a virtual event. We hope everyone in our Organization participates, and joins us in April to celebrate, and tally the results in real time virtually. But there is no time like the present, and we ask our membership to start the process of publicizing the event and raising funds. The American Legion Auxiliary will partner with us this year, with their proceeds divided between their many VA&R Programs. Our share will again be split to the VA facilities in the State, with funds designated for homeless Veterans. All information regarding the Walk is now on our Website, and we have created a Walk-A-Thon 2021 Facebook Page (Walk-A-Thon NYS) for all to share ideas, look for advice, and listen to stories from our Auxiliary and Sons Members. Regardless of Pandemic impact, we intend that Walk-A-Thon 2021 will be a smash.
- We will continue again this year with our Commission's Joseph L. SantaCroce Service to Veterans Award. All info is on the Website, and we ask that you again look it over, and nominate that person in your Squadron, County, or District, who best exemplifies the devotion and service to Veterans, that for all of us who knew him, Joe SantaCroce championed.
- My final duty today is to present our previously announced winner and first recipient of the SantaCroce Award to Robert Reeg. As we are apart, we have asked Vice Commander Joe Guidice to assist. Bob is a Vice Commander of Leo Laders Squadron 130, living in Stony Point NY. He is a retired Fire-Fighter, Red Cross Volunteer, and current VAVS Representative to the Montrose VA Medical Center. His efforts at the Montrose VA to help our Veterans, and his proven participation in multiple Veteran and Legion activities devoted to Veterans, has shown him to be a proven performer. Thank you for your service Bob, and congratulations on behalf of the VA&R Commission and the Detachment of NY.

Good morning Commander fellow Sons.

1st off let me say Washington conference has been canceled we still are actively trying to persuade our Congress people to support the issues that Americans you want addressed and passed. Unfortunately I have not received much communication from national regarding legislative issues but I still try to search them out.

Recently we've seen the chaos in Washington DC and a threat to our democracy. No matter what your political beliefs are whether be Democrat or Republican we need to stand behind our president whomever is, we as an organization are nonpartisan, especially when you have your back on. I wish I had more to report on but I hope everybody is staying safe and healthy and is able to get vaccinated if you desire to.

Yours for The Sons

Gary Denmon

Peter DeAngelis  
Vice Commander districts 2 & 10  
Mid Winter 2021 report

Hope everyone is doing well during this continued pandemic.  
As most of you know we in the NYC area our Post are still closed for meetings and events. So I don't have much to report.  
With the help of our 2nd district Commander Joe Hall and some unit 1636 auxiliary members we were able to have a very successful Toys for Tots for the 2020 campaign

Membership in my area's are going well considering these trying times  
Squadron members from squadron 1404 in Broad Channel Wueens have been pitching in and rebuilding their post...They have included me in a group blog and progress is going well ... hopefully by the spring they will be having a grand reopening and I will be able to attend  
In closing Wishing everyone a very happy new year and hoping that I could see you all in person soon



## NEC REPORT – Mid Winter Virtual Conference

January 23, 2021

Since our last Fall DEC Virtual Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 it has been fairly quiet during this pandemic that we are still in. The Holiday Season was something we have never experienced. Hoping for a better New Year and getting back to some normalcy.

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 I volunteered to help sell raffles at the Admiral Farragut 1195 Squadron in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., this was a project that was voted on at their last meeting.. It was a 50/50 raffle to help raise \$1000.00 for their bank account so they would not have to pay a monthly fee.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Veterans Day, I was present at the VFW Post #200 in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. to assist in the Veteran Day Ceremonies. There was a small gathering with some Village officers in attendance.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we attended a Special Dinner at Leo Ladder's Post #130 cooked by SAL Joe Guidice and Mike Jacobs. It was Take-Out/Curbside pick up.

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we had our monthly SAL North East Telephone Conference call conducted by NVC Gary Nelson from New Jersey.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 I attended the Admiral Farragut 1195 Squadron monthly meeting. I have been an advisor for the past year to this Squadron assisting them in operating and information from our Detachment.

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> ,2020 we had our monthly SAL North East Telephone Conference call. I was excused by NVC Gary Nelson due to it being my Birthday.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup> ,2020 I attended Admiral Farragut Squadron 1195 monthly meeting. I turned in the monies for the raffles that I had sold. The drawing for the raffle was on January 1<sup>st</sup> ,2021. The raffle was a success, all the tickets were sold.

I have enrolled Peter DeAngelis Jr. for NMI 1 for the Spring NEC Meeting and received conformation of his enrollment from National SAL.

Thank you for all your support throughout the last three years as your NEC. It has been a privilege and honor to serve our Detachment as your NEC.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN P. CHANG

NEC, Detachment of New York

Public Relations Commission Chairman's Report – Mid-Winter 2021  
Submitted by: Joseph Guidice, Jr. PR Chairman

Fellow Sons,

This report will be brief as there is little to report at this time due to the current conditions throughout the Detachment.

I want to thank those members who once again have submitted pictures, articles and other items for inclusion in the Liberty Newsletter and also for our Facebook page. This edition of the Liberty will be understandably a bit smaller due to the lower levels of activity across the state. I want to encourage everyone to please keep sending in material. We post your photos all year-round on our social media page and we save your articles for use in the upcoming editions of the newsletter. We know that all of our squadrons and members are working hard to help our veterans and our communities and we want to share your efforts and successes with the rest of the Detachment and with the world on the internet. We will consider any article of interest to our members for publication.

The PR Commission has discussed some ideas for helping our squadrons promote themselves and their work to help build support for our various programs and of course for help to recruit new members. What we would really like though is to hear from our members. What has worked for your squadrons? What ideas do YOU have that another squadron, county, district or even this detachment can use to help further promote our organization and further our goals? I urge all of our members to reach out and share your ideas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Guidice, Jr. – Public Relations Commission Chairman