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Adjutant's Summary of the Mid-Winter 2016 D.E.C. Meeting Jan. 22-24, 2016

The following are highlights from the just concluded Mid-Winter meeting of the Detachment of New York Executive Committee:

- The Detachment Commissions and Commissions met on Friday and Saturday, and were well attended.
- The Advisors Seminar saw an increase in attendance this year likely due to communicating the information to County American Legion Adjutants in advance; there were 17 graduates from the Leadership Workshop; great interest was shown in our PR Informational Table at the Desmond; Detachment accomplishment posters were displayed at both the Desmond and the Radisson; and the S.A.L. Workshops this year at the Desmond covered both the Americanism and Children & Youth programs and had large numbers of attendees.
- Well over 130 members attended the Saturday session of the Executive Committee Meeting, making it one of the largest Mid-Winter turn-outs ever, even surpassing attendance at some recent Annual Conventions. Mid-Winter was dedicated by resolution in the name of Albert A. Paviglianti and a \$1,000 donation from the Detachment in his name was made to the Department of New York Boys State Program. Department Commander James Yermas, Department President Jan Mahoney, National Auxiliary President Sharon Conatser (IL), and the Leading Candidate for National American Legion Commander Charles Schmidt (OR) all addressed the attendees. Department S.A.L. Program Coordinator Anne Wilsey and Department S.A.L. Membership Coordinator Liam Casey spoke at the meeting. National S.A.L. Vice Commander William Hill (MD) and Leading National Vice Commander Candidate Joe Korba (NJ) addressed the membership and were guests of the Detachment.
- \$3,074.00 total was presented to Commander SantaCroce towards his project from several different Squadrons. Nearly 50 Squadrons received the Detachment Membership Award for attaining 100% by January 15th.
- The Detachment presented over 800 donated personal care items for homeless vets to the Tri-County Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany. Organized by the Detachment PR Commission, this type of activity is anticipated to continue in the future to benefit a local charity at our meeting location. PDC Charles Depo presented the Convention Awards for his term, as well as the National Atwood-Beyea-York Squadron Americanism Award to John B. Handte Squadron #89 in Broome County. Stan Greela of the National Memorial Day Museum in Waterloo presented a plaque to the Detachment in recognition of our donation of \$1000.00.
- Business items included approvals to transfer a portion of the Detachment operating account into the investment fund; the purchase of a laptop projector; research options to purchase thumb drives imprinted with our name to be used rather than CDs; an additional night lodging for the Commander and Detachment guests if needed due the snowstorm in southern NY and beyond; travel and room provided to the Detachment's National Commander Candidate Greg "Doc" Gibbs to attend National Commander Collier's Homecoming in Alaska. PNC Christopher R. Cerullo was appointed by the Commander to represent him at the Homecoming.
- Announcing their candidacies for next year were: William Clancy, Clarence Bosford, James Coates, Christopher Burtch and Peter DeAngelis for Vice Commanders, Timothy Van Patten for Historian, Robert Ellis for Chaplain, David Bishop for NEC, and John Chang for ANEC. Restating his intentions to run for Commander next year was Bruce Ruthven. William Clancy announced his candidacy for Commander following Bruce in 2017-2018.