



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

1304 Park Boulevard Troy, NY 12180
518.463.2215 www.sonsdny.org facebook.com/sonsdny twitter.com/sonsdny



Commander Timothy S. Van Patten, II
Adjutant Robert J. Avery

Date: January 23, 2023

ADJUTANT'S SUMMARY

Mid-Winter Conference and DEC Meeting • January 20-22, 2023 • Albany, NY

The Detachment just concluded its annual Mid-Winter Conference and DEC Meeting which was very well attended. Our meeting and lodging location for the first time was the Marriott Albany, and by all accounts, attendees were pleased with the new site. Items of interest from the weekend include:

- Guests were National Vice Commander Ernest Laberge (MA), Candidate for National Vice Commander John Cook (NH), and the Detachment Commander of New Hampshire John Hook.
- On Friday, there were 22 students participating in the Leadership Workshop and 22 students in the first ever Adjutant Class. The Saturday Workshop was well attended with the subject matter covering MyLegion.org and membership. Also, our Advisor's Seminar was held on Friday evening. Detachment Committees and Commissions all held their individual meetings.
- A presentation was made at the Albany Fisher House of \$2,500 from the Detachment.
- Individual donations were made to the Child Welfare Foundation totaling over \$600.
- The Membership Committee reported that we have 20,305 paid members putting us just under 70% of goal in advance of the 75% Target Date on February 15th. Also we attained the 60% Target Date on January 19th.
- Our PR table was set up once again at the Desmond Hotel and was visited by many members of our NY Legion family.
- A \$1,000 donation to CWF in memory of PDC David Downey was approved, along with a \$1,000 donation to the Canandaigua VA – Voluntary Services in memory of PDC Thomas Kurk. The Department approved naming a city in the American Legion Boys State program in PDC Downey's name. He was a counselor in that program for going on 30 years.
- Formation of the 50th Annual Detachment Convention Committee. That convention will take place in Niagara Falls in 2024. Co-Chairmen are PNC's Christopher Cerullo and Greg 'Doc' Gibbs. Members are PDC's Michael Rowald, Kevin Harrington, David Lee and Adjutant Rep. PDC Robert Avery.
- Detachment presentation of the Charles B. Rigsby Award to one of our NY members, Robert Reeg from Squadron 130. This award is from the National Convention this past August. Members from our Detachment have received this award in 3 of the past 5 years.
- Members were once again reminded of the importance of their Squadrons completing 3 forms every year: the Officer Certification Form (OCF), the Squadron Data Report (SDR), and the Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR). Squadrons need to sign up and connect at MyLegion.org. There is a brand-new portion of that site using a quick link for individual members to renew online.

Thank you to all members who attended, participated, and helped to put on this year's Mid-Winter. The Annual Detachment Convention will take place in Tarrytown, NY from July 19-22. More information will be included with the Official Call.