



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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RE: Official Communication from the Detachment Adjutant

Adjutant's Summary of the 48th Annual National Convention
Friday August 23 - Sunday August 25, 2019 Indianapolis, IN

The Sons of The American Legion just completed their 48th Annual National Convention in Indianapolis, IN on Sunday. Our Detachment registered all its 62 delegates, with 36 in attendance, and 6 guests. PDC James Coates was the Delegation Chairman and Raymond Jarvis was the Delegation Secretary.

This was National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs Convention, and the accolades came in from all across the Nation on the superb job he did as the leader of our organization in 2018-2019. "Doc" is now our second Past National Commander. He will be busy in the coming year as well, with responsibilities relating to his "Junior" PNC status.

Other notable items of interest:

- The National dues increase was overwhelmingly approved. This raises dues from the current \$2/member to \$5/member starting with the 2021 Membership Year.
- Clint Bolt from Virginia was elected as our National Commander. Gary Nelson (NJ) was elected National Vice Commander for the Eastern Region.
- The Leading Candidate for National Commander is Michael Fox from California and the 2nd Leading Candidate is Chris Carlton from Indiana.
- Over \$65,000 was presented in donations to many projects including the Child Welfare Foundation, National Emergency Fund and the Legacy Scholarship.
- The Detachment of New York Color Guard (Seeley B. Parish Squadron 457) won the Clyde Stillwell Award for best Color Guard. As a result of that honor, they retrieved the colors at the close of the Convention.
- Our Detachment received the Garland F. Murphy, Jr. Award for the largest donation to CWF. We also received the Regional Award and the \$1/Member Certificate.
- We received a 90% Membership Renewal Certificate.
- We received the Harry W. Colmery Legacy Award for the highest monetary donation to the Endowment Fund.
- Antwerp Squadron 916 won the Atwood-Beyea-York Award for best Squadron in its Americanism activities.

- The appointed National Officers from New York for 2019-2020 are: Judge Advocate Joseph Paviglianti, Assistant Adjutant Robert Avery and Assistant Sgt-at-Arms Greg Falco.
- As for National Commissions and Committees, David Lee continues on the Legislative Commission, Gabe Cinquegrana was re-appointed to the VA & R Commission, PDC William Clancy was appointed Chairman of the Children & Youth Committee, NEC John Chang was re-appointed to the Committee on Resolutions and PDC James Coates was appointed to the Veterans Employment & Education Commission.
- PDC Kevin Harrington was elected as National President of The American Legion Press Association. He is the first S.A.L. member to serve in this position.
- Kenneth Kraetzer (Squadron 135, White Plains) won first place for the Robert L. Morrill Social Media Award - Category 7-B for both Twitter and YouTube.

Great job New York!

For the Good of The American Legion Family,

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