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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE...by Peter J. DeAngelis, Jr.

Commanders Message Spring 2024

My Fellow Sons,

I hope you had a pleasant winter and you are enjoying the beginning of a beautiful spring.

After the midwinter conference, it was back to traveling to visit everyone in the seventh and eighth districts. It was wonderful seeing you all and I want to thank you for the hospitality.

At the end of January, I attended the Washington Conference as your Detachment Commander with our legislative team from New York. We laid a wreath at the Korean War Memorial and at the World War II memorial. It was great to go back to Arlington Cemetery, and see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier again with National Commander JR Hall laying a wreath at the tomb. We also visited our congressmen and discussed legislation affecting our veterans.

It was an honor to attend the New York Oratorical finals and banquet weekend at the Desmond in Albany



the first week in March. It feels good to see our youth excelling academically and know that our future is in good hands with them leading us.

At the end of March, I attended the Unofficial Gathering of the Eastern Regional Vice Commander John Cook in Dover, New Hampshire. It was my first time ever visiting New Hampshire and yes, of course it snowed while we were there. In April the National Commanders visitations were upon us so I attended the 5th district then the next night, the 3/4 district ending up in Queens, New York for the 1,9,2&10th districts banquet. After the National Commanders dinner in Queens, New York, I left the dinner to head for Baltimore, Maryland to attend National Commander JR Hall's homecoming, where I went

on a tour of the Naval Academy, and then a wonderful banquet dinner that evening.

I just arrived back from Indianapolis, Indiana, our National Headquarters for our Son's Spring National Executive Committee meeting. It was a very productive weekend hearing all the reports of the great work we are doing out there.

I want to thank you all for consistently making our target dates in membership. We are looking good and I hope by May 15 we will be at 100% with your help.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at our American Legion Family Homecoming at Vernon Downs the weekend of May 17 to the 19th. In closing I hope you're all getting very excited about our very own Bill Clancy as trailing candidate for National Sons Commander 2025- 2026. And our Detachment Convention in Niagara Falls in July. Keep up the great work I am very proud of you all and I will see you all soon.

Peter J. DeAngelis, Jr.
Detachment Commander

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK...by Robert Avery

Greetings fellow members,

Since most Squadrons have their annual elections in the month of May, you are once again reminded to complete your **Officer Certification Form (OCF)**. *The OCF needs to be filed with Detachment HQ every year immediately after your election of Officers, even if the Officers remain the same!* Of all the forms requested by the Detachment organization, this is one of the most important one. This provides for essential information so that Squadrons can be contacted and be informed of programs, events, and other items throughout the year. Another important report to be completed by all Squadrons is the **Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR)**. The key is to report on the activities your squadron participated in from June 1st to May 31st. Finally, the annual **Squadron Data Report (SDR)** is necessary to inform Detachment and National Headquarters of pertinent information regarding your squadron and, most importantly, membership dues and renewal information. Complete an annual SDR even if your squadron information has not changed. These forms are all available on-line at our website:

<https://sonsoftheamericanlegionny.com/documents-and-forms/>

All Squadrons are asked to support Bill Clancy for National Commander of the Sons of The American. This is a big endeavor and the support of all SONS here in New York is appreciated. You can make your checks payable to **"American Legion Bill Clancy SAL Fund"** Your donation can be mailed directly to HQ; The American Legion – 1304 Park Boulevard Troy NY 12180. Thank you for your support!

For The Good of The American Legion Family,

R.J. Avery

Detachment Adjutant - NY



William Clancy for SAL National Commander



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To: The American Legion Family of New York & Friends

RE: The Election of Bill Clancy as National Commander for
The Sons of The American Legion

Friends All,

Serving as SAL Det. Commander of New York in 2018 was the greatest honor of my life. Traveling our Empire State, visiting so many posts and counties, making friends and seeing the amazing good works & deeds being done by The American Legion Family was a privilege.

My message was one of confidence in our organization. Confidence in our values and steadfast belief that Thinking Big and Being Bold is how we can achieve growth and spread our message.

With that same spirit in mind and heart I am pursuing the high office of National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion.

The SAL is hitting an all-time high across the Nation. It's my concrete belief that this is perfect timing as our Nation's Veterans, our American Legion Family, and indeed our Nation itself needs us more than ever before.

We have to "Be The One" to stop veterans from suicide and living in despair. We have to inspire our youth to serve their Community, State and Nation. We need to project the values set forth in our preamble to All Americans.

I plan to carry this message to every Squadron in every corner of our country!

To get there however, I need your support! We need to finance the campaign to the tune of over \$100,000

Please consider a donation or fundraisers from your Post, Squadron, Auxiliary or Riders Chapter. Perhaps organize something at your county or district level.

Donations can be presented at The Midwinter Conference SAL Meetings, The Bronx County Midwinter Meet & Greet Room, or mailed to AL Department HQ - 1304 Park Boulevard, Troy NY 12180.

Checks to be made payable to "American Legion Bill Clancy SAL Fund"

I very much appreciate your support and look forward to carrying on for God & Country.

Bill Clancy

Bill Clancy, PDC NY
Candidate for National Commander of The Sons of The American Legion

All Correspondence to AL Dept. HQ – 1304 Park Boulevard Troy NY 12180

NEC Report...by Dennis George, NEC

Greeting Fellow Sons,

A few quick notes:

1. I attended the Spring NEC Meeting on May 2-5, 2024.

a. As the Lead NEC Liaison to the Member Training & Development Committee (MT&D), I attended the Pilot program of SAL University (SAL U), which consisted of 1 ½ days of specific training for future leaders of our organization. Trailing Candidate Joe Guidice was a graduate of the program.

b. Commander Peter DeAngelis and Leading Candidate Gaither Espy completed NMI 3 and graduated from the final NMI Program.

c. The New York Team of Trailing Candidate for National Commander Bill Clancy Hospitality Area set up and ran a Welcome Hospitality Room for our candidate, which was highly successful.

2. This is reminder to use Voter's Voice to submit support of Veteran Programs to our lawmakers, as a program of The American Legion 3. We are approaching the time of year when we are posting flags at veteran's resting areas. Do a count of how many flags are posted and register the amount on the website:

www.flyingflagsforheroes.com. Photos, with Son's Covers, are welcome. Let New York be well represented on the National scene.

For God & Country,

Dennis George

NEC



Americanism...by Herman Downer

Fellow Sons,

The Preamble of our organization states, "to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism". But what does that mean? According to The American Legion "True Americanism is an ideology that is continually nurtured within one's soul through individual daily actions, thoughts and beliefs in what their responsibilities are to be, blessed to live in one nation, under God with liberty and justice for all". According to President Theodore Roosevelt "Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not of creed". The meaning of Americanism varies from person to person. It may mean coaching a little league baseball game on a summer afternoon or being a Leader for the local scouting troop. Maybe it means doing a blood drive, or sending Christmas cards to Troops serving overseas. It could mean raising the flag every day and taking it down at night. Perhaps it means working a polling booth or taking the oath to become an American Citizen. It could mean turning 18 and going to the Post Office to register for Selective Service or going to the recruiters office and raising your right hand and taking the Oath to Uphold and Defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Maybe it means teaching flag etiquette to your community or it's a group of young college students gathered around the flagpole protecting it from protesters. No one can tell you what Americanism needs to mean to you, that is for you to decide. For me it's all of the above and it's getting emotional when I hear the National Anthem or when I listen to Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." Whatever it means to you as a member of the Sons of The American Legion, it's your duty to show it now more than ever. With the turmoil going on in other countries the United States is turned to by others for assistance. Whether it's financial support or military support, America is always there to help. Just like in the war protests of the 60's and 70's we have citizens who don't agree with decisions our leaders have to make. Americanism is at a low right now, so we need to come together and help build Americanism in our Communities, State and this Glorious Nation.

For God and Country

Herman Downer, Jr

Detachment Americanism Chairman



Public Relations...by Joe Guidice

Fellow Sons,

Just another reminder that our website is undergoing many changes and updates. The website is up and running and while it is still a work in progress I want to thank our webmaster, Detachment Vice Commander (2/10) Joe Belanger for all the hard work he is continuing to put in to continually upgrade and improve the website. Special Thanks also to our Detachment Adjutant Robert Avery who has also been working diligently to help get all of the necessary forms and documents that we all need updated and useable. Please, if you see something that needs fixing or updating, or notice something important that is missing please let me, the webmaster or the adjutant know and we will get to work on it. Again we all thank you for your patience and support.

For God and Country,

Joe Guidice
Public Relations Chairman



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In Memoriam

Past Detachment Commander Albert J. Deichler, Jr. who served in 2006-2007.



Past Commander Deichler passed away on April 15, 2024 while recovering from heart surgery. Our condolences to his family.



Squadrons in Action

Share The Pride-Build the Pride



Members of Levittown Squadron 1711 recently attended a Military Ball held in Nassaus County. Pictured are: James Stromo, Finance Officer, Vice Comm. Peter Roach, PNC Chris Cerullo, Sqdn 1711 Commander James Darcy, 10th Dist, Comm. James Connolly, Vice Comm. John Farley, Adjutant Dennis Darcy, Joseph Darcy

Members of Squadron 1682 in New City presented a check to the Marine Corps League of Rockland County on March 11, 2024. In addition to their work every December for Toys for Tots, the Marine Corps. League also run the county's MASH unit. The MASH Unit regularly receives donations of handicap assistance equipment for disabled veterans, and is available for free to military veterans of all branches and their families. The Squadron has now donated over \$17,000 to Rockland County-based veterans support organizations since 2017.



On Saturday May 4th Kings County Sons along with Legion and Auxiliary members did a walk from the McFadden Bros. Post 1380 to the Michael A. Rawley Jr. Post 1636 where afterward a BBQ was held for all who attended. Over \$5000.00 was raised for the cause!



The youngest member of Captain Maxson Squadron 634, Cambridge, NY, 8 Month old Abe Rich getting ready to attend his 1st Fabulous 4th District meeting with his dad Alex Rich.

**Have some news or event you'd like to Share??
We want to hear from you!!**

Squadron Commanders, County and District Commanders, ALL members of the Sons, please let us know what you are doing and what you have accomplished in pictures and in words. We don't need long essays, just captions to pictures showing your members in action. (PLEASE: Send pictures in .JPG or .PNG format, and make them individual image files, not in collage or combined formats). SEND SUBMISSIONS TO PR CHAIRMAN JOE GUIDICE libertysalnveditor@gmail.com