

THE SALUTE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY

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BOYS STATE

by Ed Marsden

Last year I had the honor to be chosen as delegate for the 56th Annual Boys State at Rider College, Hope-well. The things I learned about politics and government, the friends I met there, the experiences we shared, couldn't have been gotten anywhere else.

By the time the week ended, graduation was over, the forms was cleared out, and I had said my goodbyes I wished I could do it all over again.

Boys State needs volunteers for June 2002. I myself am applying as an assistant. It's one way and a good one at that to say "Thank you," to our parent organization for all it does.

Programs like Boys State, Legion Baseball, the Oratorical Contest just don't happen. They take lots of planning and work. How about pitching in?

NO NEWS IS NOT GOOD NEWS

A lot has gone on since the last issue came out. Luc Marsden's pictorial spread gives an idea in pictures of what is missing in words. The Commander's Message came in as the newsletter was going to print. Please note deadlines and get articles in. This is a Detachment publication. Previously printed articles cannot be printed again.

Staff writers did not submit feature articles for the Maine Eastern Area Gathering, Pearl Harbor Services aboard the Battleship New Jersey, and Legion College.

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

Legion Commander McCole has promised to fill the Sons in on the next phase of his project, a closed circuit broadcast system for East Orange. Meanwhile, Hudson County via NEC Noble sent toiletry kits to Veterans Haven.

Membership figures for 2001 show 7,187. The current 2002 total us 3,727. Keep those cards coming in.

The plaque memorializing 40 Sons of the American Legion Commanders who have served our state is in the Trenton office. It is a proud testimonial to the work of Sons, the Legion's only self-sustaining program, throughout the years.

YOUNG CITIZEN'S AWARD

Kent Hehl has applications for high school age teens who are potential candidates for an eagle statuette and a \$100 bond. Every Legion Family Post must know at least one person not a member of the Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL who deserves recognition. Fill in the paperwork so we can recognize one deserving teen boy or girl.

A. L. RESOLUTION

At its Fall Meeting, the Legion adopted reading this poem at every meeting. I know that it will touch your hearts as much as it did mine. Hopefully our country is gaining on terrorism. With war in the present, let us continue our efforts and prayers for the future.

"Memorial Tribute to Sept. 11, 2001 Victims"
"A Plan Far Greater"

Anonymous

There is a plan far greater than the plan you know;
There is a landscape broader than the one you see.
There is a haven where storm-tossed souls may go--
You call it death--we, immortality.

You call it death--this seeming endless sleep;
We call it birth--the soul at last set free.

"Tis hampered not by time or space--you weep.

Why weep at death? "Tis immortality.

Farewell, dear voyageur--'twill not be long.
Your work is done--now may peace rest with thee.
Your kindly thoughts and deeds--they will live on.

This is not death--'tis immortality.

Farewell, dear voyageur--the river winds and turns.

The cadence of your song wafts near to me,

And now you know that all mean learn:

There is no death--there's immortality.

FLAG VOTE 2002

SJ Res. 7 needs the support of New Jersey Senators Robert Torricelli (D) and Jon Corzine (D). Please write or telephone them about the Hatch-Cleland Flag Protection Amendment which they currently oppose.



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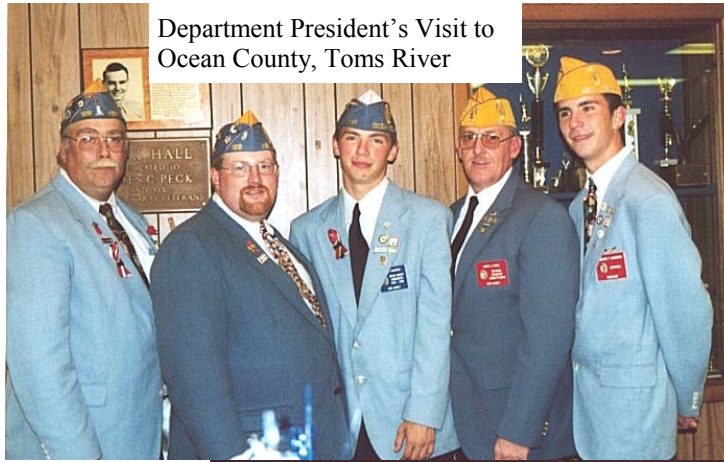
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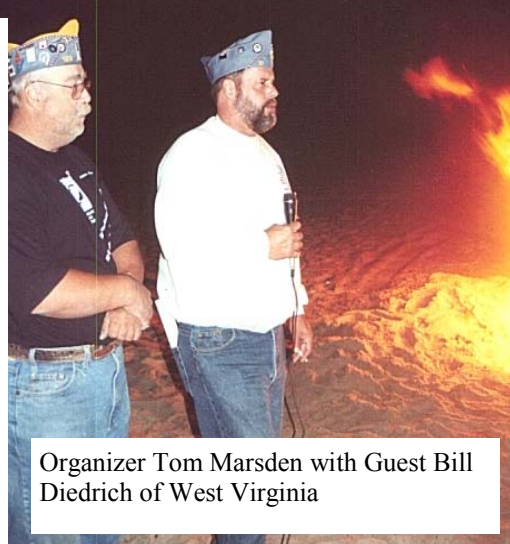
Department President's Visit to Ocean County, Toms River



Legion Family at Crranza



The Year 2001 in Review



Organizer Tom Marsden with Guest Bill Diedrich of West Virginia



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Presentation of Past Detachment Commanders Plaque, Trenton



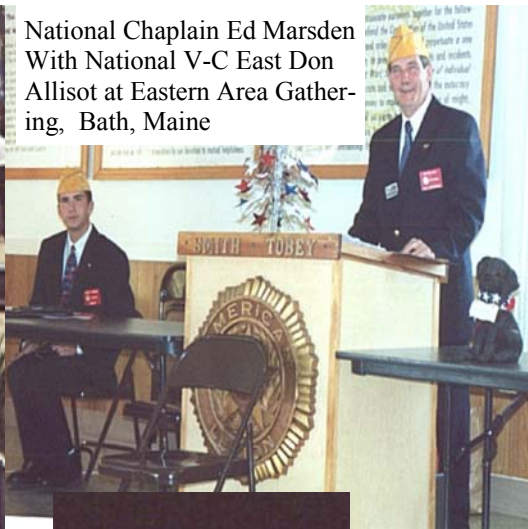
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National Chaplain Ed Marsden With National V-C East Don Allisot at Eastern Area Gathering, Bath, Maine



Service, Tabernacle

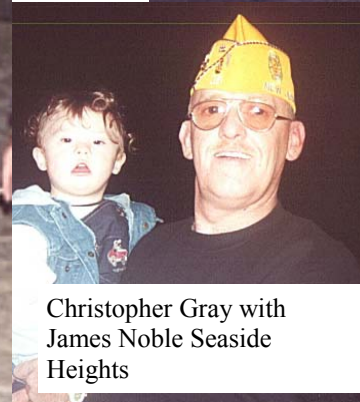


Amel Balega and Uncle Sam VA&R Party, Totowa

Brick AFROTC Honor Guard Danny Wood at 10th Annual Watchfire, Seaside Heights



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Christopher Gray with James Noble Seaside Heights



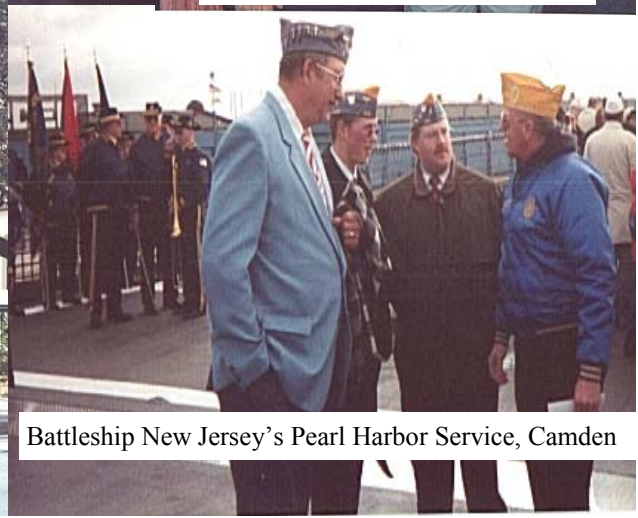
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National Convention, San Antonio



Battleship New Jersey's Pearl Harbor Service, Camden

DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Fellow Sons,

I hope that every one had a wonderful holiday season, but now it is time to get down to business.

Our membership is coming in but at a slow rate. We would like to continue our past history of reaching an all time high so please if you have any cards lying around that have not yet been sent in do so. Every one counts.

I would like to thank every one who has worked hard on the Commanders project this year, but we still need more. Don't forget every dollar that is donated to this project goes to helping the veterans in East Orange and Veterans Haven, so please send what you can to help us reach our goal.

Child welfare is doing well but still needs a big boost from every Squadron. I hope by now every one has received the donation request from co chairman Mike Arner. At the last Detachment Meeting, we received a Silver circle of friends plaque for all the hard work that was done last year by PDC Ed Marsdens Committee and I would like us to continue this by receiving one for this years work and donations. So please help out and Donate to child welfare by sending in your donations.

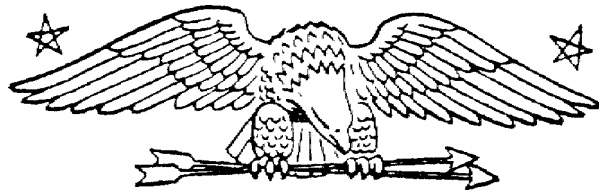
I would like to thank Jim Noble for reaching out and helping the Veterans Affairs Committee by getting approximately 1,000 personal hygiene kits and football hats donated for veterans use. Many officers including myself have taken these kits and passed them out at the many different hospitals. The veterans are always thankful and like having visitors so if you have time and you are close to one of the veterans homes stop in and say hello talk to them and just listen caring goes a long way.

A Report from Tom Marsden the Convention Committee Chairman says that we should be in the new Convention center this year in Wildwood. This is a big step for us in New Jersey because it will be the first time ever that all three parts of our Legion Family will hold there respective conventions under one roof bringing us even closer together.

Our new web sight is up and running if you haven't seen it yet please do check it out the new address is www.njsal.org do to the hard work of the committee we now have fresh new information and news that goes up monthly so don't just visit once go back often and see what is happening hear in New Jersey's Detachment.

Finally, I would like to thank all of my officers and committee chairs. There continued support and hard work for the SAL is what makes this Detachment what it is and they all do a great job.

For God and Country
Fly With Wings of Glory
Nicholas J. Wingler
Detachment Commander 01 - 02



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENTS	DATES/TIMES	CONTACT
Detachment Meeting, Trenton	February 2, 9:45 A. M.	Thomas E. Marsden or Nick Wingler
For God and Country Service, Lakehurst	February 3	Nick Wingler
East Orange VA&R Party (Bingo)	February 16, 2:00-3:30 P.M.	Kent Hehl
Presidents Day	February 18	
Detachment Commander's Testimonial Dinner, Post 166, Lakewood	February 23, 6:00 P.M.	Nick Wingler
Washington Conference, Washington D. C.	March 10-13	James Noble
American Legion Birthday	March 11-17	
Department President's Testimonial Dinner, Berlin	March 23, 6:00 P.M.	
Easter	March 31	
Detachment Meeting, Trenton	April 6, 9:45 A. M.	Thomas E. Marsden or Nick Wingler

NEWSPAPER DEADLINE

All articles for the next issue are due no later than March 1 2002