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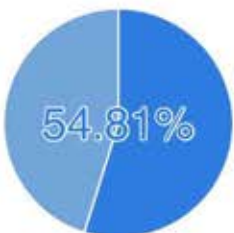


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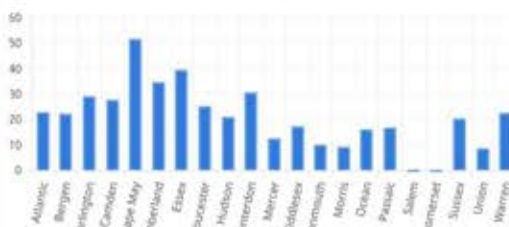
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## NEW JERSEY MEMBERSHIP

Membership percentage



Percentage by County



## From the Detachment Commander' Desk

January 2019

Dear NJ SAL Comrade:

Happy New Year! I trust that you and your family had a blessed and relaxing holiday season. It is hard to believe that half of my year as your Detachment Commander has already passed! Where has the time gone? Thankfully, much has been accomplished by our Detachment over the past six (6) months! To showcase these accomplishments, I will share some of the highlights:

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Held our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual POW/MIA Watchfire in Seaside Heights, Ocean County.** Much thanks to Chairman C. David Page, PDC and his committee for coordinating such a dignified, 12 hour vigil for our POW/MIA's.

**September 29<sup>th</sup> - Raised close to \$5000 for Special Olympics at our Detachment BBQ held at Post 338 in Leonardo, Monmouth County.** Much thanks to Chairman Nicholas J. Wingler, PDC and his committee for organizing such a successful fundraiser.

**SAL FALL NEC (mid-October) - Contributed \$1000 to Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) in memory of our dear Friend and SAL Past National Commander Christopher Huntzinger (PA).**

**November 17<sup>th</sup> - Socialized and entertained veterans at Paramus Veterans Home (Bergen County) by hosting Bingo and gave out close to \$1000 in prize money!** Much thanks to our Detachment VA&R Commission Chairman Amel Balega, JR., PDC and our Paramus Party Coordinator Leonard E. Free, PDC for organizing a heart-warming event!

**December 12<sup>th</sup> - Exceeded the National SAL 45% Membership Target -- 47.6%!** Much thanks to Membership Chairman Duke Haring, our Detachment Vice Commanders, and all our squadrons for promoting membership!

**January 5<sup>th</sup> - Socialized and entertained veterans at Menlo Park Veterans Home (Middlesex County) by hosting Bingo and gave out close to \$1000 in prize money!** Much thanks to VA&R Commission Chairman Amel Balega, Jr., PDC and our Menlo Park Party Coordinator Dan Dimmick for organizing a fun-filled day!

**As of January 13<sup>th</sup> - A total of \$10, 850 has been donated to the Detachment Commander's Project, edging us closer to our goal of \$25,000!** Much appreciation to the numerous Squadrons, Auxiliary Units, and Legion Rider Chapters that have contributed to the Project thus far!

**January 13<sup>th</sup> - Squadron 338 - Leonardo, Monmouth County, contributed \$2, 752 to CWF!** An outstanding job and a very generous gift to our children and youth!

**January 17<sup>th</sup> - Exceeded the National SAL 60% Membership Target -- 61.5%!** Much thanks to Membership Chairman Duke Haring, our Detachment Vice Commanders, and all our squadrons for promoting membership!

As you have seen, our Detachment has been very productive and extremely supportive of our nation's veterans, children and youth, and SAL membership in general. We have many reasons to be proud in the Garden State! Thank you for your contributions.

The next few months look to be as equally busy, if not more productive:

**February 9<sup>th</sup> - Next regular Detachment meeting at the War Memorial Building in Trenton, starting at 9:00 AM;** special guests include our SAL National Vice Commander Mike Cotten (DE) and American Legion Auxiliary, Department of New Jersey, President Fran Derin, accompanied by her Department Officers. All are welcome to attend!

**February 13<sup>th</sup> - Our Next National SAL Membership Target -- 75%.** 2019 membership cards should be submitted to Department Headquarters in Trenton NO LATER than Friday, February 8th! And remember, send \$7.00 per capita.

**February 16<sup>th</sup> - Detachment Fundraiser (Beefsteak Dinner & Tricky Trays) at Hightstown American Legion Post #148.** Details on flyer. All are welcome!

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### From the Commander's Desk

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**February 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup> - Washington Conference:** Detachment Commander Hicks will place two (2) wreaths on behalf of our Detachment, locations to include the Vietnam National Memorial and the World War II National Memorial. In addition, Detachment Commander Hicks will accompany American Legion, Department of New Jersey Commander Raymond A. Miller (a Dual Member) and Auxiliary Department President Fran Derin in placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The conference will conclude with a visit to our NJ legislators on Capitol Hill.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> - Detachment Commander Hicks' Testimonial Dinner** at Indian Springs Country Club in Marlton, Burlington County. Details forthcoming soon! All are Welcome to attend!

**April 20<sup>th</sup> - Regular Detachment meeting** at the War Memorial Building in Trenton, starting at 9:00 AM; special guest to include our SAL National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs (NY). All are welcome to attend!

**April 27<sup>th</sup> - NJ SAL College** at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, Monmouth County. Applications for Basic and Advanced Courses had been released in January, and are also available online at [https://www.njsal.org/storage/forms/SAL\\_College\\_2019\\_Basic\\_and\\_Advanced.pdf](https://www.njsal.org/storage/forms/SAL_College_2019_Basic_and_Advanced.pdf)  
**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION IS April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 NO SUBSTITUTES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

I strongly encourage you to participate in this educational experience!

**June 13<sup>th</sup> & June 14<sup>th</sup> - Our National NJ SAL Detachment of NJ Convention** in Wildwood, Cape May County. All NJ SAL members are strongly encouraged to attend!

So, there you have it -- you have seen what our Detachment has accomplished during this first half of the 2018 - 19 year and now what our focus will be on in the second half. I sincerely hope that you will join me in participating in an upcoming Detachment event. Rest assured, you will not be disappointed! Our Detachment has a bright future only with your continued support.

For God & Country,

*Jeffrey E. Hicks*

Jeffrey E. Hicks  
Detachment Commander, 2018-19



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY  
TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR  
2018-19 DETACHMENT COMMANDER  
JEFFREY E. HICKS

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Venue: Indian Spring Country Club, 115 South Elmwood Road, Marlton, NJ 08053

Social hour (Open Bar - Premium Liquors, Imported and Domestic Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks): 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Dinner, Program, and Dancing (DJ Ted Stienmetz): 2:00 PM to 5:00 pm (Cash Bar)

\*In lieu of gifts, please donate to the Detachment Commander's Project  
Appetizer Entrees (guest to choose one (1))

Penne Pasta in Vodka Blush Sauce  
Salad - Classic Caesar

1. Filet Mignon Au Poivre  
(choice cut filet with a peppercorn brandy sauce)  
2. Honey Glazed Salmon  
(with a light dijonaise creme sauce)  
3. Chicken Francaise  
(egg batter dipped chicken breast in lemon butter sauce)

Dessert  
Peach Melba with vanilla ice cream  
peaches & whipped cream  
celebrations cake  
Coffee & Tea

Dinner price: \$50.00 per person

Make checks payable to: SAL Squadron #526

Send Reservation and your entree choice to:

Mrs. Grace C Hicks, 152 Main Street, Southampton, NJ 08088-8872  
Phone number: (609) 206 - 6331 | Email: [bryant8220@comcast.net](mailto:bryant8220@comcast.net)

**DEADLINE: MONDAY< FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Dress attire: Business (jacket and tie, covers, name badges)

### Special Olympics

by Nick Wingler, PDC;



Let me win. But if I CAN NOT win, let me be Brave in the attempt. These are the words that were spoken by nearly 300 Special Olympic athletes on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Lakewood New Jersey at the Monmouth and Ocean regional bowling competition. These athletes had been training for the past several months so they could show up and put forth their best performance. The day was full of laughter, fun, and great competition; as each put forth their best to bowl better than they have before.

Competing in Special Olympics allows these very special people to compete on an equal playing field and allows the opportunity to achieve greatness. They learn the sport of competition and fair play. For most it is only in the Special Olympics that allows them to be free to be themselves while showing how truly talented they can be.

For 50 years, Special Olympics of New Jersey, has given the freedom to many athletes that have chosen to enter the field of competition. Athletes such as SAL Member Keiran Wingler, who has been competing for six (6) years and SAL Member Christer Gray, who has been competing for over ten(10) years, join to compete with many other athletes. This year, these two brave athletes will engage in various sports including: Bowling, Track and Field, as well as many other sports, as they had in the past. We owe them a large round of applause and support for over persevering and doing their very best; win or lose, showing the world that they can participate on the grand stage for all to see. It is blessing they will treasure and be thankful for.

On a sad note, due to lack of sponsorship and funding, the Monmouth County and Ocean County regional Basketball events have been cancelled. It is reasons like this, we need to do our best to get the word out and raise interest, funds and donations to support youth activities like this, so they don't fade into obscurity.

Donations can be forwarded to Nicholas Wingler, 19 Edison Street, Bayville, NJ 08721; Checks made to Special Olympics NJ.



### Young Citizen Award

by Nicholas Wingler, PDC

The Detachment of New Jersey is resurrecting a very important award that has not been handed out in the past years. It is the Young Citizen Award.

This award will be given to a youth up to the age of 17, who goes above and beyond in his or her community. A good source of nominations can be the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of America, local Churches, School Guidance Counselors, or even children you may know from your community who go above and beyond.

The winner of this award will be awarded \$250, an award declaring them the Detachment of New Jersey 2019 Youth Citizen of the Year. An honor that will be presented this year at our Detachment Convention in Wildwood, June 13<sup>th</sup> - June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Applications are expected to be issued with the January mailing.

Deadline for submissions will be April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All applicants will receive a special certificate from the Detachment, so please look around and help recognize our youth who are making an impact in your community. Any questions regarding the revitalization of this award, please contact me: (732) 330-9707.





## Membership

By David "Duke" Haring

Hello Gentlemen, there is no bad news as far as membership. ONLY GOOD NEWS!!!

As of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as I am writing this article, our Detachment membership stands at 58%+, with a week to reach our 60% membership target date. December 2018, we reached our 45% target date, and January 2019, feels very good that with one (1) week to go, we achieve our goal. Please continue to send in your membership cards. **DO NOT HOLD ONTO THEM!!!**, we have goals to meet.

This is the 100th anniversary of the American Legion, our Detachment would like to grow to 10,000 members this year; to let our veterans know that we have their back and support as a growing organization. We need to be aggressive in signing new members and retaining our current members. We need to reach out to people of color, and other ethnic backgrounds who have served our country in our military: "Our Heroes", and their families. Let them know how welcome they and their families are to become part of the American Legion family. Get them to become part of our great organization and explain to them the benefits that comes with membership.

We are not a political organization, and welcome their participation and new ideas. We are here to support our veterans.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, all non-paid members are delinquent, come February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019; all unpaid members will be **suspended**, and lose their right to vote, run for office, having a say pertaining to complaints, and most American Legion Posts will not honor you at their canteen (bar) and they shouldn't! Talk to your Post Commander and the Bar Chairman, have them make sure all in the canteen show their 2019 membership cards to the bartender before they are served refreshment. Think of this, all paid members in good standing, God forbid we have a national disaster in our area, they will benefit from the **National Emergency Fund (NEF)**. This benefit will not be considered to those who have let their membership lapse or become suspended.

Be relentless, get out there and be aggressive. Help our organization stay strong in membership so we can better help our veterans and American Legion Programs.

Thank you.

NJ S.A.L. Detachment Membership Chairman. David "Duke" Haring (732) 597-2604



## The Need For Change:

One assessment of how to increase our numbers

by Matt Thalasinios, DVC; Barnegeat Squadron 232

As many of you know the responsibilities of the Detachment Vice Commanders are enormous. We elect 5 Vice Commanders a year to cover the 21 counties of New Jersey. The position requires you to drive assigned counties -- usually four (4) or five (5) counties each -- to many Posts for squadron meetings, events, and general visitation. There are other major event to attend which are hosted by all the branches of our entire Legion Family that need to be attended as well. Some events include visits to other states for those who can afford to go. More tasks come in the way of spearheading Commissions and Committees and assisting in many committees. There is paperwork that needs to be done, phone calls that are constantly being made and other tasks throughout the term that come up as well.

Trying to balance all these volunteer responsibilities with a job and family means that something within the framework of what you have to do is going to suffer. It's not fair to expect everything this volunteer has to be done in a very efficient manner. Even the best intention this volunteer will look back on his term and think, "I didn't do enough". There is only so much one individual can accomplish.

I have found communicating with a squadron's Detachment Vice Commander has been the one area that seems most affected -- and the one that we can do something about. I feel that we can assist in this matter by having each county have a Detachment Executive Committeeman (DEC). Ideally, I'd like to see an executive Committee for each county, but a DEC would be a tremendous step forward to assist with communications.

My question is this: Isn't there one man in each county willing to step up?

Implementing a DEC to represent each county would greatly enhance communications with the Detachment and provide a voice for each county to represent the needs of the county. It also enables the county to have a vote on matters brought up by members on the Detachment floor.

Another advantage is having squadrons within each county share concerns and support each other.

This is just my opinion.

## NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

January 18, 2019

### CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you for all your efforts so far this membership year. Our standings as of our 60% Membership Target Date (January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019) as posted below:

2019 Membership Goal:	371,020
Total Membership:	236,93
Percentage of Goal:	63.855%
Year-to-Date:	12,817 (compared to 2018 Membership Year)
Renewal Rate:	48.92%
Detachments making Goal:	35

### GREAT JOB !!

Many detachments hopefully should achieve this membership goal soon.

**Renewal is the Key to Membership Success  
Membership is Everyone's Responsibility**

## Homecoming Dinner for National Sons of The American Legion Commander Greg K. "Doc" Gibbs

Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2019

Field at Historic Pearl Street Grill  
76 Pearl Street, Buffalo NY 14202  
Dinner Choice \$45.00 (per person)

Char-Grilled Chicken Breast topped with spinach & cheese	6 Cheese Pasta w/ Shrimp	12 oz Prime Rib (+\$3) with Au Jus
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Reservation Deadline: April 1st 2019

Forms and Checks payable to: "Committee to elect Greg "Doc" Gibbs"  
mailed to: Tim Van Patten II, 8075 County Road, East Amherst, NY 14501  
Housing available at: The Adams Mark Hotel (716) 845-5100





## Boy's State

by Rob Lasky; SAL Detachment of NJ Boy's State Chairman

74 years. Take that in for a moment - 74 years! How many programs can you say have survived 74 years? As the American Legion is celebrating its 100th Anniversary, American Legion Jersey Boys State one of the Department's successful programs is celebrating 74 years.

American Legion Boy's State began 84 years ago in Illinois in 1935. There was a project at the time called "Young Pioneer Camp", which promoted the virtues of Communism and the uselessness of democracy. Professor Hayes Kennedy from Loyola University was the Americanism Chairman for the Department of Illinois and proposed to develop a program as a counter-movement to the Communist Party-backed camps of American youth, to teach the importance of our democratic form of government and to help its perseverance. Thus, American Legion Boy's State was born and other Departments soon followed with programs of their own.

The Department of New Jersey approved the program in 1945 and the next year, we began a journey that continues to this day! The American Legion Jersey Boy's State (ALJBS) soon became one of the most prominent Boy's State programs in the nation. Many other Boy's State programs are modeled after ours. Since 1946, over 65,000 delegates have graduated from ALJBS.



Each year, nearly 1,000 of the most elite male high school juniors attend the program hosted at Rider University -- its home since the move from Rutgers University in 1969. An all-volunteer staff comprised of Legionnaires, S.A.L., former ALJBS delegates, military, police, and friends of the program number over 150 each year to teach

the virtues of democracy and Americanism to the deserving young men of New Jersey.

Politics at local, county and state levels are taught with a two party system. Each delegate is a mock citizen of a fictional 51st state and is assigned to one of the fictional political parties. There are 18 cities and 9 counties. Each city and county is given a real current, topical problem and the delegates must elect officials like Mayor, Councilman, County executive, and Freeholder to enact laws and ordinances to address the aforementioned problems. Additionally, each county elects representatives to the State Legislature. These Senators and Assemblymen enact laws that eventually, the new successful young man who gets elected Governor, can sign into Boy's State law. Many laws passed by ALJBS are shared with the real NJ State Legislature and a few of them were made into actual laws over the years.

Although politics takes up much of the time of the delegates, there are other activities that make New Jersey's program a cut above the rest. Each evening, the entire delegation gathers on the soccer field for a retreat ceremony - the military's ritual of retiring the colors for the day. One of the favorite activities of staff and delegates alike is the "D-Day Presentation". The first 20 minutes of "Saving Private Ryan" are shown followed by a documentary called "The Greatest Generation" about the men and women who fought in World War II. Immediately following the films, all the veterans on staff congregate and tell the delegation where and when they served. It is one of the more moving experiences at the ALJBS as the veterans are given a standing ovation in thanks for their service.

Other activities throughout the week include a blood drive, the ALJBS band and chorus, the ALJBS newsletter, sports, municipal court and a huge college fair in which 80 colleges, universities and service academies attend. Prominent guest speakers are scattered throughout the week from local, county, and state



politicians to business and career professionals, sparking interest in many careers during daily seminars. Many years, the Governor of New Jersey or US Senators come for a visit.

The most important virtue that is stressed throughout the week is leadership. Many of our graduates become leaders in their communities: from businessmen, lawyers, actors and some even go into politics. Some prominent ALJBS alumni include actor Donal Logue, US Senators Booker and Menendez, and Governor Christie! And around the nation, Tom Brokaw, Brian Williams, and President Clinton are amongst famous Boy's State Alumni.

Whether it's leadership, patriotism, or politics, ALJBS is a program that endures. The virtues of Americanism are very much alive as we approach our 74th session. At present, there are approximately forty (40) S.A.L. members on staff at ALJBS. Each year, younger staff members join the S.A.L. You can become a member of Boy's State, too! We can always use help on the first day during registration and throughout the week.

The 74th Session of The American Legion Jersey Boy's State is at Rider University in Lawrence, NJ, June 16th - June 21st. It usually begins on Father's Day. Staff reports on Saturday June 15th. For more information about ALJBS or how you can help, please contact me at: [njaljbs@alpost455nj.org](mailto:njaljbs@alpost455nj.org).

For a more detailed look at The American Legion Jersey Boy's State, please visit the official website: [www.aljbs.org](http://www.aljbs.org)



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March 3, 2019 1pm ~ 5pm

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BERGEN COUNTY  
DINNER DANCE

Commander President S.A.L. Commander  
Maenard Burgess Andra K. Akridge Rich Palka

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Mail to: Mike Carroll 234 Forest Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Post/Unit/Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ 45.00

DEADLINE FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Reservation only

Linda & Mike Carroll

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## REMINDER:

March 3rd Bergen County Dinner Dance

March 10th S.A.L. Commander Hicks' Testimonial Dinner

April 7th Department President Derin's Testimonial

April 15th S.A.L. College Application Deadline

April 27th S.A.L. Legion College

April 27th National S.A.L. Commander Gibbs' Homecoming





## Son of the Year

by Nicholas Wingler, PDC;

Son of the year is the highest recognition we as a Detachment can bestow to any one (1) S.A.L. member from New Jersey. It is an honor given out but once a year. To date only 17 men prior have recieved this prestigious accolade.

Every squadron has that one member who always seems to put in that extra effort, goes the extra mile, is always there to volunteer, not just in his Post but in his community as a whole.

These are the men the Detachment is looking to honor. If you have one of those members who always seems to be going above and beyond, then we want you to nominate them for the honor of being called "Son of the Year"

Applications can be found on the internet, <http://www.njsal.org>. In almost every case a copy of the applications will be mailed in the S.A.L. mailing to every squadron who has submitted an officers report to Trenton.

This year's cut off for nominees will be April 6th, 2019. So look around your squadron for that one exceptional member who stands out, and submit an application in their honor. You never know the work they do may just earn them the title of "Detachment of New Jersey Son of the Year, 2019"



## Testimonial Dinner

Honoring

### NJ American Legion Commander Raymond A. Miller

Saturday - April 13th 2019

1:00 - 2:00 Cocktail Hour on veranda

2:00 - 5:00 Dinner Program

Choice of:

Filet of Sole  
stuffed with Lobster

Herb Roasted French  
Breast of Chicken

Hot Roasted Prime Rib  
with Au Jus

"4 Hour Open Premium Bar"

\$55.00 per person

Toms River Ramada Inn's

"Versailles Ballroom"

RSVP by: April 1st, 2019

Mail to: Laurinda Miller PO Box 45 / Island Heights NJ 08732

Checks Payable to: AL POST 129 Commanders Account



## THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY

### SON OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

2002 - SEAN HOWARTH	SQUADRON 72 CAMDEN COUNTY
2003 - GARY CRAWFORD	SQUADRON 346 MONMOUTH COUNTY
2004 - KEITH KEILTI	SQUADRON 72 CAMDEN COUNTY
2005 - DAN DeROSE	SQUADRON 415 BERGEN COUNTY *DECEASED
2006 - THOMAS MARSDEN	SQUADRON 348 OCEAN COUNTY
2007 - GARY NELSON	SQUADRON 365 BERGEN COUNTY
2008 - MICHAEL POPP	SQUADRON 455 OCEAN COUNTY *DECEASED
2009 - DON SIKORSKI	SQUADRON 129 OCEAN COUNTY *DECEASED
2010 - DAVE PAGE	SQUADRON 455 OCEAN COUNTY
2011 - ANDREW MALSON	SQUADRON 252 GLOUCESTER COUNTY
2012 - RON CLOOS	SQUADRON 129 OCEAN COUNTY *DECEASED
2013 - THOMAS FLAHERTY	SQUADRON 310 BERGEN COUNTY
2014 - GEORGE PLATONI	SQUADRON 1 BERGEN COUNTY
2015 - JACK MURRAY	SQUADRON 455 OCEAN COUNTY
2016 - MATTHEW THALASINOS	SQUADRON 232 OCEAN COUNTY
2017 - WILLIAM WEINBERG	SQUADRON 3 UNION COUNTY

## Religious Emphasis

By Chaplain Bill Odom

I would like to thank all who have taken the time to alert me of deaths and sick call within the membership of The Sons of The American Legion and extended family. However the lines of communications are not being met properly, as there have been many illnesses and deaths that we are not being notified about. It is a shame when we find out about these grievous times on social media generally after the fact

As your chaplain I was honored to take part in several services to honor our military veterans who had passed away.

On November 8th, six (6) veterans from WWII, Vietnam and the Cold War were interred at Brigadier General William Doyle Cemetery, according to the Missing in America Project, a volunteer non-profit group which honors the remains of military servicemen who have been left unclaimed within Funeral homes throughout the state. These remains are each given a burial with full honors and a eulogy. Recognized on this day were:

John F Noonan, Technician 5th Grade, US Army, WWII 1922 - 1983  
Francis Xavier Paladino, Torpedo-man 2nd Class, US Navy, WWII 1905 - 2001  
Arnold Ray Banta, Seaman 1st Class, US Navy, WWII 1916 - 1995  
Fireman Stephen J Tacovsky Sr, Boiler-man, US Navy, Cold War 1961 - 2003  
Michael Anthony Leisik CPL, US Marines, Cold War 1962 - 2018  
Anthony Michael Lore, Lance CPL US Marines, Cold War 1940 - 2001



There is a new bill being voted on which will allow the interment of children and spouses of military as well.

November 18th, a celebration was held at the Cherry Hill Library, where a area was dedicated to photographs of veterans from Cherry Hill, a flag procession was formed in which honor and welcome the regional military heroes. During this celebration, I was fortunate to speak with a former POW who recollected his experience.

On December 6th and December 16th, "Wreaths across America" a volunteer organization whose mission is to Remember, Honor, and Teach. Together they placed 235 wreaths at the graves at both: Brigadier General William Doyle Cemetery, and Riverside Cemetery in Toms River, coordinated with wreath laying throughout our 50 states and within Arlington Cemetery.

As your chaplain it is always a pleasure to go out and meet our veterans and show them that their service has not been forgotten. This was done on December 14th when the Detachment of New Jersey held an afternoon of Bingo at Lyons Veterans Rehabilitation along with Commander Hicks and PDC Lenny Free.

Please remember to try and keep God in your life, regular prayers and motivational statements are posted on my Social media daily. Be mindful of the four pillars of The American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism, National Defense, and our Children and Youth Programs.

I am here to help and hear your needs as needed, email me :Bodom65@gmail.com





Thanksgiving Dinner at Cherry Hill Post 372 Squadron 372, Camden County SAL Commander, Vice Commander, and Sgt. at Arms, Detachment Vice Commander Hasselhan, and Asst Sgt at Arms Iulucci greating our troops before Dinner

## From the Editor

by Tony Clappsy



In our last edition, it has come to my attention that I had unintentionally forgotten to include the position of Detachment Vice Commander to Matt Thalinos' by-line. This is partially due to its omission from the original copy, and my personal oversight. I plan to try to be more careful towards these small matters. Each officer's position should be noted and honored. Their time and contribution to the Detachment is generous and selflessly donated.

As your editor, and staff of the Salute, we are grateful to all who have supported us by submitting articles. However, it appears the same five people are providing the meat of this newsletter. We have five (5) Vice Commanders, but have only heard from one on a regular basis. The Commissions and committees should be proud and honored of all the work they are doing. Yet we have not published many of these accomplishments. Does this reflect on lack of progress, or time to submit anything?

Had it not been for Testimonials, Homecoming Dinners and Dance advertisements, this edition would not have met my six (6) page standard, which is disheartening. This publication is a newsletter and not an ad book, and we value these events, but do not want to lose focus on the the other accomplishments within the detachment.

Next edition is one away from our Convention, alot of programs will be summing up the tallies for the year, and we will begin to be introduced to our new candidates for office. I hope to recieve bio's and photos of all major players who will be stepping up to the plate and fill the offices in our Detachment, (ie: Incoming candidates for Commander, Vice Commanders, and any National Officers who are considering appointments). This information will be reprinted again in our convention edition as well. This is a great way to introduce yourselves to the rest of the state.

It is our hope to have an edition available for each Detachment meeting henceforth for the remainder of the 2018 - 2019 term. Therefore the following deadlines are being posted :

APRIL 6TH DEADLINE ..... RELEASE DATE APRIL 27TH

CONVENTION ISSUE:

MAY 24TH DEADLINE ..... RELEASE DATE JUNE 13TH

Send Submissions via email to [Tony713c@gmail.com](mailto:Tony713c@gmail.com) Subject: SALute. Thank you

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