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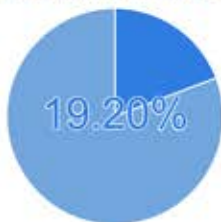


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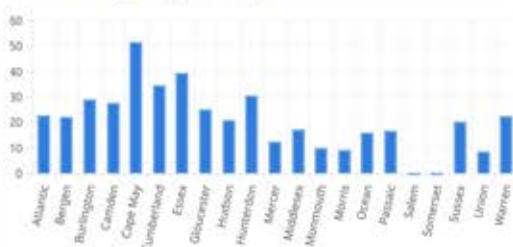
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NEW JERSEY MEMBERSHIP

Membership percentage



Percentage by County



Membership

by Duke Haring

Congratulations to our new Commander, Jeff Hicks and his newly elected officers, Committee Chairmen, and appointees.

Membership is our priority for our organization, as of 7/30/2018 we were at 97% in our Membership, like years in the past, eventually we do go over the top in membership. The reason for that is everyone works very hard to retain and promote membership.

There are some Squadrons that are sick and tired of paying for their deadbeat members, a couple of examples:

Squadron 129, was down about 18%, that comes to about 98 members short of last years total.

Squadron 139 is another that had to do the same thing as my Squadron.

You can't keep paying for the deadbeats, it puts a hardship on many Squadrons. We hear your concerns, since this is happening all over, we must try something different.

The membership committee needs at least two members to assist from opposite parts of the state, one from the North and one from the South. Potentially with two volunteers, we would like to have a re-vitalization in membership in assigned counties. The plan is to get a list of squadron memberships and find out who has not been paying their dues, call them and determine why they haven't payed their dues, have they fallen on hard times, had something happened within their squadron that can be fixed or had they just forgotten.

It is our responsibility to remind them what a wonderful organization we are. We can then ask them if they know of anyone else that would like to join The Sons of The American Legion. We are always trying to get to that 10,000 membership mark. A goal that was almost achieved last year, we fell short by only 100 members. It is very disappointing and hard to absorb. We have been trying to do this for such a long time. We have our work cut out for us; for those squadrons who had to cut out their deadbeat members, go after them, be relentless! Get those members back and more. Lets stay the course and do a better job in retaining and promoting membership.

It would be great to get that elusive 10,000 membership for our Detachment, for our Veterans, for our 100th American Legion anniversary, and most of all our newly elected Commander, Mr. Jeff Hicks.

Thank you N.J. SAL Detachment Membership Chairman, David(DUKE)Haring-----cell#732-597-2604



Remembering Past National Commander Chris Huntzinger

This past September, The Sons of The American Legion gathered to celebrate and remember the life of Past National Commander Christopher Jon Huntzinger.



On September 18th, Chris passed away suddenly while on vacation in Ocean City Maryland. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of over 20 years, Kathleen (Kat) Huntzinger.

Commander Huntzinger first became a Charter member of Squadron #730 back in 1990, within The Detachment of Pennsylvania. He earned eligibility thanks to the service of his father a Korean War veteran, and grandfather who fought during WWII.

From 2012 - 2013, he became the face and cheerleader of the Sons of the American Legion when he was elected National Commander. He ran a platform focused on Education, the Four Pillars, membership and spreading information about the organization through communication.

His Project worked to successfully earn, \$6 million dollars for the Child Welfare Foundation.

This is a loss that has been truly felt by people all across our great country.



Commander's Call

by Commander Jeff Hicks

Greetings Fellow NJ SAL Comrade,

On Friday, June 8th at our annual Detachment Convention in Wildwood, the detachment delegation in attendance unanimously elected me as your new Detachment Commander. It was a delight to be subsequently installed by our National SAL Adjutant, Anthony W. Wright, from the Detachment of Pennsylvania. Thank you for the high honor to serve you and the rest of our Detachment membership across the Garden State as your presiding officer for the 2018-2019 administrative year. I am deeply humbled by the faith and trust that you have placed in me to move our Detachment forward into the future. Rest assured, you have my utmost pledge to serve the Detachment with my best efforts.

In case you are not familiar with my personal background, I belong to SAL Squadron #526 in Southampton Township, Burlington County. 2018 marks my fourteenth (14th) year as a proud SAL member. My membership eligibility was earned by three (3) generations of veterans in my family - my maternal great grandfather, the late Legionnaire Guy W. Doron Sr. a U.S. Army veteran of World War I; my maternal grandfather, the late Legionnaire Edward B. Cliver, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II; and my father, Legionnaire Francis B. Hicks, a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and Commander of Post #526. Like you, I am a proud possessor of a priceless heritage! Every day, I thank my veteran family members for their selfless service to our beloved country. May God bless ALL our veterans and active duty military personnel.

My theme this year, as noted on my lapel pin, is SAL - "Service, Ancestry, Legacy." **Service** is what we as SAL members do, we selflessly give of ourselves to make the lives of others, better. Through our volunteer service, we enrich the countless lives of our nation's veterans, children and youth, and our fellow citizens in need. **Ancestry** is who we honor, our veteran family members, who earned our SAL eligibility. **Our actions as SAL members should always give honor and respect to our ancestors' military service: we should never dishonor it.** And **Legacy**, how we hope to be remembered as SAL members once we leave this earthly existence. Hopefully that legacy is inspirational for our future generations. If not, you should probably re-evaluate your motives for being involved with the SAL. **We should never settle for anything less than honorable service as an SAL member!**

As your Detachment Commander, I have set several ambitious goals for the Detachment to achieve this year. These goals are designed to raise the bar on our performance - motivators to enhance our Detachment's legacy. It is my hope that the Detachment can meet or exceed 10,000 members for 2019 by time I leave office in June. Our SAL National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs of New York would like to see New Jersey achieve 100% membership by January 31, 2019! The Detachment leadership will strive to meet this goal by implementing "Membership Round-ups" across our state. Stay tuned for more information on this initiative. Another goal for the Detachment is to exceed our charitable giving across the board (NEF, CWF, Special Olympic, etc.) as compared to the 2017 - 2018 administrative year. And finally, to raise at least \$25,000 for the Detachment Commander's Project this year. For more information on my project, please refer to the related article in this edition of the SALute. With your help and continued dedication to the Detachment, WE CAN and WE WILL achieve these goals!

In closing, as we approach the end of 2018 calendar year, I extend from me and my family to you and yours, a heartfelt blessed Thanksgiving and a joyous winter holiday season! Cherish the special time spent with friends and loved ones. Be safe and stay healthy.

And if your schedule permits, I encourage you to attend our next regularly-scheduled Detachment meeting to be held on Saturday December 8th at the Trenton War Memorial Building starting at 9:00AM. Hope to see and greet you then!

Jeffrey E. Hicks

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Detachment Commander, 2018-19



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2018 - 2019 Detachment Commander's Project

Submitted by Commander Jeff Hicks

Each year, a new Detachment Commander is elected and spearheads a Detachment Project for the benefit of veterans in the state of New Jersey. This year, Commander Hicks has agreed to work on another joint American Legion Family project along with Department Commander Ray Miller and Department President Fran Derin.

Commander Miller has selected the following items, which have been approved by the Department Executive Committee, to comprise the Department Project for Legion year 2018 - 19. The following is a synopsis of the 2018 -19 Department and Detachment project:

- 1) \$25,000 - TOM KENNEDY HOBOKEN POST #107 (6 HOMELESS VETERANS BEDROOMS)
- 2) \$25,000 - DMAVA (EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF VETERANS)
- 3) \$16,000 - VETERANS HAVEN NORTH (CAFETERIA AND MEETING ROOM FURNITURE)
- 4) \$30,000 - VETERANS HAVEN SOUTH (15 PASSENGER VAN)
- 5) \$16,000 - BRIGADIER GENERAL DOYLE CEMETARY (RENOVATION OF CHAPEL RESTROOMS)

THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS ARE \$112,000.

Commander Hicks has set a goal of \$25,000 towards the overall project. The Detachment is respectfully asking for your support. Please consider a donation to help complete this very reachable goal for a very worthy endeavour.

Aside from donations received from Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units and Sons of The American Legion (SAL) Squadrons, donations from other sponsors are always welcome.

All donations are tax deductible since The American Legion, Department of New Jersey, of which the SAL is a program of, is a tax exempt organization.

Checks should be made payable to : Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of New Jersey. On the memo line please note: Detach. Cmdr. Hicks Project.

please send your donations to: Detachment Project Chairman Mr. Robert E Phillips, Jr., 11 Heritage Rd., Marlton, NJ 08053. Thank you for your consideration and generous support!

SAVE THE DATE
Commander Hicks' Testimonial Dinner
Sunday March 10, 2019: 1:00PM - 5:00PM
Venue: Indian Springs Country Club
115 South Elmwood Road
Marlton (Burlington County), New Jersey 08053



POW - MIA

provided by Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced on Nov. 1st that a U.S. serviceman, accounted-for from World War II, was being returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

Army Staff Sgt. Karl R. Loesche, 22, of Monroeville, New Jersey, accounted for on Sept. 13, 2018, will be buried November 17 in Elmer, New Jersey. On Dec. 8, 1941, Loesche was a member of the 3rd Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands. Intense fighting continued until the surrender of Bataan on April 9, 1942, and of Corregidor on May 6, 1942.

Thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members were taken prisoner; including many who were forced to endure the Bataan Death March, en route to Japanese prisoner of war (POW) camps, including the POW camp at Cabanatuan on the island of Luzon. Loesche was among those reported captured after the surrender of Corregidor and who were eventually moved to the Cabanatuan POW camp. More than 2,500 POWs perished in this camp during the remaining years of the war.

According to prisoner records, Loesche died on Nov. 16, 1942, and was buried along with fellow prisoners in the Cabanatuan POW camp cemetery. Following the war, American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) personnel exhumed those buried at the Cabanatuan cemetery and relocated the remains to a temporary U.S. military cemetery near Manila. In December 1946, AGRS again exhumed the remains at the Manila cemetery in an attempt to identify them. Due to the circumstances of the POW deaths and burials, the extensive commingling, and the limited identification technologies of the time, all of the remains could not be individually identified. One set of remains, designated X-882, was reburied as an Unknown in the present-day Manila American Cemetery and Memorial.

On Nov. 2, 2016, after thorough historical and scientific analysis, X-882 was disinterred from the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial. The remains were subsequently sent to DPAA for identification.

To identify Loesche's remains, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis, anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial and material evidence.

DPAA is grateful to the American Battle Monuments Commission for their partnership in this mission.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died during the war. Currently there are 72,784 service members (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II.

Loesche's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery, an ABMC site along with the other MIAs from WWII. Although interred as an "unknown" in Manila American Cemetery, Loesche's grave was meticulously cared for over the past 70 years by the American Battle Monuments Commission. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

pictured Army Staff Sgt. Karl R. Loesche, 22.
All gave some, Some Gave all.



The Need For Change:

One assessment of how to increase our numbers

by Matt Thalasinis, Barnegat Squadron 232

One of the most articulated concerns throughout the state is the need for more of our younger veterans to join our posts. My opinion about why this is happening is that the image of what an American Legion building hosts to the average person isn't one that is very flattering. If you ask people that aren't Legion Family members what goes on in our posts you'll find that most assume it's just a place where a bunch of old veterans drink around a bar sharing war stories. This perception needs to change.

Most of our younger veterans returning home from duty who have a partner or family aren't familiar with what we're about so there's no incentive for their coming into our posts. Our goal should be to make the image of our organization a more family-oriented one and show that we do a variety of activities for the betterment of our community, state and nation.

We can accomplish this goal in a variety of ways. My favorite is the placing of a swing set by the post if the property is there to do so. Based on accessible areas, games such as horse-shoes, a small half-field for t-ball or soccer, a basketball hoop, etc. can be utilized to draw younger veterans and their families in. If your post's insurance doesn't cover everything which occurs on your grounds, an investment in some indoor games can be pursued.

I believe posts should have a sign board where activities that go on in the post can be advertised to the community. One American Legion Post Commander I spoke with firmly believes in this and his post sign is constantly changing to reflect the activities that go on in his post.

We can also look at our buildings and grounds and spruce things up a bit. Painting a building, pulling weeds, and ensuring that handicapped accessible areas are kept up are just a few ideas to make our posts more attractive and also show to our communities that "something" is going on.

The addition of younger veterans in our posts would also help our squadrons grow as they would bring in their friends as well.

As The Sons of The American Legion, we can help our parent organization grow. Remember...

We help serve those who served.

This is just my opinion.

Chris Huntzinger

Presented by James Noble, Past National Chaplain



...Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
will always cause me pain
but you're forever in my heart
until we meet again



The Ernie Wilson Scholarship

by PDC, Amel Balega JR

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce this years recipient awarded to Steven Elliot McHugh Jr. from Blue Ridge Squadron 164 Warren County.

The Ernie Wilson Memorial Scholarship is a one (1) year \$3500 scholarship awarded to an individual Son of The American Legion based on the criteria of Charecter, Americanism / Community Service and Leadership.

Steven's hard work and dedication to the Legion family and the community has not gone unnoticed, his participation within the Post is to organize service projects within the concession stand, doing repair work on the post, as well as flag replacement in the local cemetery. He has served his Squadron as Vice Commander from 2014 -2016 and currently is the Commander.

In 2014 Steven received the Five Star Award, in 2016 Steven was ordained as a youth elder, in 2017 Steven attended Boys State.

The volunteer work that Steven does is exemplary for a young man putting in over 400 hours of service within the church as well as his community. Steven's time has impacted many lives that he has crossed in the 19 short years of his life.

We hope you follow the cardinal principals of The Sons Of The American Legion as you travel down life's road.

The scholarship committee and I wish Steven Elliot McHugh Jr. The best of luck in his future endeavors, wherever that road takes him.



Boy's State

by Robert Lasky

The Detachment of NJ sent two delegates to American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) this year as recipients of the William H. Breen Memorial Boys State Scholarship. This year, Morris and Ocean Counties were represented. Let's learn a little about them:

Our first delegate, Anish Balamurali, hails from Parsippany,

Morris County, and attends Parsippany High School and was originally recruited by Post 249 also from Parsippany, Morris County. His hobbies include music, art, and athletics. Outside of school, he plays piano and has attended two competitions. He plays clarinet for his high school's marching band. His school sports include swimming in the winter and tennis in the spring. He has aspirations to enter the medical field in the discipline of neuroscience.

Our second delegate, James Buba, lives in Allentown, Monmouth County and attends Allentown High School and was originally recruited by Post 455 in New Egypt, Ocean County. He plays soccer for both his school and club. He is part of the National Honor Society and Science Honor Society. He is a tutor at his school for both math and science. Every year, he participates in the New Egypt Relay-For-Life as a co-captain. He volunteers at St. Raphael's School in Hamilton, Mercer County helping students with their homework. One of his hobbies is weightlifting. He has aspirations of becoming an Orthodontist – his dream job.

Both delegates represented the Detachment extremely well. Anish – although not running for offices – was appointed one of the highest positions in his city as Public Defender. With this appointment, he had to defend all of the statesmen who were brought up on charges during Wednesday Night Court for minor offenses such as walking on the grass, sleeping in meetings, etc. He also stated that his experience has shown him that he may not want to be in the field of politics, but ALJBS taught him to be active as a citizen at the local level by exercising his right to vote and keeping track of the candidates and the issues. James was elected Councilman in his City and served very well. He also ran for Freeholder, but unfortunately did not win in the primary. He stayed behind and helped his City with the City Manual and passed ordinances. James was very grateful for the Detachment sponsoring him and had a wonderful learning experience. It was also a pleasure to have Detachment Commander Hicks visit Rider University twice during the session. On Sunday, he was joined by Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms Barry Conaway and Detachment Historian and PDC Robert Bascou as well as by Detachment ALJBS Boys State Vice-Chairman and PDC Thomas Marsden along with me to help at registration – PDC Marsden and I are on staff at ALJBS full time throughout the week. On Friday, Commander Hicks returned for the ALJBS Family Day celebration and ALJBS Graduation ceremonies along with Department Commander Raymond Miller.

Boys State is one of the best programs that the American Legion has to offer teaching civic responsibility, leadership, politics, patriotism and ethics to the bright young men about to become the future of this nation. I applaud this program as is evident in my three decades-plus devotion to it. I personally want to thank Ed Ryan from Post 455 out of New Egypt, Ocean County for sending me to ALJBS when I was a junior. I can't imagine what my life would be like had I not gone. RIP Mr. Ryan and thank you for your service and your dedication to ALJBS!



Religious Emphasis

by William Odom, Chaplain

Greeting Comrades,

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Bill Odom, an ordained minister and a stage four cancer survivor. It is an honor to serving the Detachment as Chaplain for a second year.

"When things are difficult, Keep FAITH in God."

As Chaplain it is my job to be here for support your religious needs, to aid in comforting our sick and bereaved members and their families in times of crisis.

In order to fulfill my purpose within the detachment, it is important that the lines of communications are open. We can not send our condolences or well wishes to those suffering, if we are not notified. This information can come from our Commander, Adjutants, as well as squadrons and extended legion family.

It is heartwarming to see the response and coming together of the legion family for so many events, including the memorial services at High Point and the Carranza wreath laying, or the tribute we hold vigil over for our missing brothers and sister known as POW's and MIAS; during our annual watchfire.

We need to leave this world a better place than we found it, that's why remembering our four pillars; Veterans and their Rehabilitation, National Security, Children's Welfare, and Americanism is so important. I am here to support our Detachment in any way possible and welcome your suggestions and support.

You can contact me via my email : bodom65@gmail.com or call (732) 621-6708

God Bless.





Internet Committee

by Carl Albern Jr. PDC

The Detachment Internet Committee has been working hard for the past several years to make the Detachment's website more of a place that the membership can go to exchange information and interact with the officers and committees. The committee, consisting of Chairman Carl Albern, Jr. and Site Co-Administrator Michael Arner have worked to keep the site affordable to the Detachment while keeping it alive and active.

In years past, the site has been more of a static bulletin board for announcements about upcoming meetings and committee reports. These days, websites need to be as interactive to their members as possible. This is what the Committee has been striving to turn the site into.

To that end, the Committee is happy to welcome Tony Clapsy as a consultant on developing the user interfaces for the website. He will be tasked with giving valuable input regarding the interfaces for both the public-facing and administrative sides of the website. Carl will continue as the main developer, using input from Tony to allow the site to become more functional, and less difficult to use. Usability and less need to "contact the administrator" are the goals that we are striving for.

As it stands right now, there are interactive elements to the Detachment website, (but most of the interactivity from the site has been implemented in the back-end,) where the officers and chairmen log in to update their online reports. Also, the amount of useful information was relatively limited.

In this world of smartphones and high-speed Internet, people are used to getting a lot of information with relatively little effort from a glance at their phone. The Detachment Android App was a step in the right direction, though it is essentially a "second screen" to the Detachment website, with only a small amount of information available to be displayed. The current features of the site limits its usefulness to the officers as well as to the regular members. What the members need is more information about what is going on within the Detachment- squadron and county membership, events, officer and chairman contact information- all in an easy to get to manner, as well as the ability to inform the officers that work within the Detachment to serve the Detachment of New Jersey Internet Committee.



Data, data, data! I cannot make bricks without clay!

-Sherlock Holmes

The more information and data the site can provide to the members and officers, the more use they can make of it.

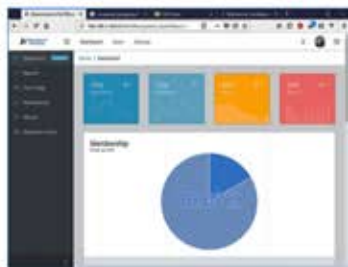
The Detachment Commander or a Detachment Vice Commanders should be able to determine at-a-glance what the membership of a squadron he'll be visiting is, as well as where he may need to concentrate his efforts

where squadrons may be having issues with membership. Upcoming squadron and Detachment events should be visible as well.

Sites like Facebook and Twitter have a home screen "stream" or "dashboard". We have begun implementing features such as these.



Current Detachment Site



Some of the Planned Updates

Internet Committee (continued)

Current Detachment Site Some of the Planned Updates

The Internet Committee's roadmap recently underwent an update to codify the new direction that the committee is taking with the site within the past year. With some new development tools at our disposal, the work is able to progress more quickly than it had in the past, where every feature had to be built from scratch. With the use of these new development tools and various open-source projects, it was necessary to adjust the roadmap to accommodate the use of these features at the expense of some time by rebuilding the base website in a new framework.

When the reward is that much greater and the maintenance workload is more reduced, it just makes sense.

Responsive design and reactive components are now the main building blocks for the site. Instead of one-shotting a new feature, they can be built with reuse in mind. This makes it easier to place the same information in multiple locations with less effort than previously.

Remaining issues with the Detachment website mostly remain with the contributions from the sitting officers and chairmen. Officers and chairmen tend to not provide useful information. Some leave the same information up for the entire year, without much change.

It is up to the officers and chairmen of this Detachment to make the site useful to our membership - to keep the information fresh and useful. Without this, there is little use for the site, and therefore, the committee has been spinning their wheels for the time they are holding office.

While updated pictures, layouts and functionality will keep the site fresh to a degree, the information needs to be consistently updated by the officers and chairmen. They need to roll such responsibilities into their regular schedule. If you can take the time to update your status on a social media site, you can do the same to keep the membership informed of what's going on with your office.

Legiontown.org

provided by: National SAL Liaison Ken George

In a world where Media and Communications are key, The American Legion has created Legiontown.org. All the hard work our squadrons are doing is not getting the national exposure it deserves.

There was a channel called "SAL Success Stories" that has been changed to "Sons of the American Legion." <http://www.legiontown.org/sons> This link is dedicated to you as SAL members events and activities.

Here are the rules and criteria to follow:

1. Post a photo and a brief paragraph, 2-4 sentences about your picture and event.
2. To be effective, you should include but not limited to the following:
 - a. Squadron #, Detachment of....
 - b. The number of participants, the names of members
 - c. Money raised and what for
 - d. What did your squadron or detachment do
 - e. Who hosted it, who are you honoring, etc.

Submitted content will not be post immediately. There will be a brief delay as all content must be reviewed and vetted by national staff first. Inappropriate content will be flagged and reported to your detachment or any other applicable authority.

Some hints when you are taking pictures especially when using your camera phone.

1. Set your camera to the highest quality setting
2. If there is a lot of nothing around the subject in your photo... ZOOM IN! The subject of your photo should fill almost the whole frame (like you would a selfie)
3. Make sure your pictures are clear and in focus.



Field of Flags

Courtesy of Westminster Presbyterian Church

MIDDLETOWN – For the fifth year in a row nearly 7,000 American flags were placed in the ground in front of Westminster Presbyterian Church on Tindall Road, one for each American military life lost in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The flags will stay in the ground for a month-long tribute and will be dissembled after Veterans Day.



Field of Heroes

courtesy of Hudson Reporter.com

The Bayonne Board of Education honored four veterans at its third annual Field of Heroes ceremony on November 1, including former Mayor James J. Donovan, former Mayor Richard A. Rutkowski, Jack Graham, and Andrew Szyposzynski, a social studies teacher at Bayonne High School.

The annual memorial service began in 2016. The school honors several veterans and installs hundreds of American flags on the

front lawn on Avenue A. The names of veterans are added every year to an engraved stone memorial in front of the flag pole outside Bayonne High School.

From the Editor

by Tony Clappsy



As your editor, and staff of the Salute, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of meeting deadlines. This issue of the SALute was plagued with delays, because submissions were not recieved on time. The original deadline for this edition was back on July 27, sadly the last article was received on November 10th.

This is your newsletter, it is distributed throughout New Jersey to communicate to our squadrons and our extended Legion family what is going on within our Detachment. Moving forward no-one is getting preferential treatment in regards to submission. The deadlines will stand. If submissions are not recieved, our newsletter will lose the integrity and quality you all have come to expect from the SALute.

We have received awards in the past for what we produce and we would like to continue that standard. True it is not about awards and recognition, but quality and quantity, all submissions are welcome.

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 :

JANUARY 12 DEADLINE RELEASE DATE FEB 9TH
APRIL 6TH DEADLINE RELEASE DATE APRIL 27TH
CONVENTION ISSUE:
MAY 24TH DEADLINE RELEASE DATE JUNE 13TH

We would like to continue publishing print editions of the SALute beginning in January. We also would like to begin working on an electronic email subscription, which is in discussion with Internet Committee Chairman Carl Albern. This will allow our publication to reach more individuals at a less expense to the Detachment.

Send Submissions via email to Tony713c@gmail.com Subject: SALute. Thank you

Never Forget

Beirut International Airport Marine Barracks Bombing



On October 23, 1983 at 6:22 am, a large delivery truck drove to the Beirut International Airport where the Marine Barracks was located. After turning onto an access road leading to the compound, the driver rushed through a barbed-wire fence, passed between two (2) sentry posts, crashed through a gate, finally crashing into the lobby of the barrack.

The driver detonated explosives with the power equal to more than 12,000 lbs of TNT. The explosion crumbled the four story building, crushing service men to death while they were sleeping.

This act of terrorism killed 220 Marines and 21 other U.S. service members who had been stationed there to help keep peace in a nation torn by war.

This is the bloodiest day in Corps' history since World War II, when Marines fought to secure Iwo Jima.

Give Thanks

by Tony Clappsy Sq19

On November 3rd 2018, Bayonne Squadron #19, hosted an early off station Thanksgiving luncheon for 25 plus veterans currently residing at Lyons VA Hospital in Lyons, New Jersey.

With the assistance of Post 19's Legion Family and Auxiliary Unit, our guests were treated to a Thanksgiving spread with all the trimming. The comradery shared with our veterans was heart warming and a welcome change. The affair was spearheaded by Commander James Newby Jr, along with PNVC James Noble, who lead the event with introductions and a holiday prayer befitting the occasion.

Our guests were sent home with gift bags and full bellies.

This event could not have been done without everyone's help and support...It shows that team work leads to success and Together Everyone Achieves More. On behalf of our veteran guests ,Squadron 19 would like to thank all who helped make this possible. Including but not limited to Mick Lanni for supplying our entertainment, Unit 19, Post 19, our local Shop Rite, and a Big Thank you to Mama Rosa Gormet and Brick Oven Pizza for not only cooking our turkey but donating garlic knots and stuffing.

Loud Friday Returns

Courtesy of Patrick Gallagher, PDC

On October 26, 2018, Squadron #346, Neptune NJ held another Loud Friday event . A night full of Music courtesy of DJ Carl Albern, PDC. Musical requests, trivia, 50/50's and more were all joined together to help support the Post # 346, which had taken on damages in excess of \$30,000 after being flooded.

Loud Friday is a reason to bring people into the Post's Members Lounge on any given Friday and to hear some good music LOUD.

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