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Commander's Message



The end of a long trail we set upon last June is drawing near its conclusion. It has been a great honor and privilege to have been the 52nd Detachment of New Jersey Commander for the years 2013-2014. Having been installed at last year's Detachment convention by National leading Candidate and current National Commander for the Sons of the American Legion, Joe Gladden has been a dream come true.

I would like to thank Department Commander Jim Amos and Department President Charlene McConville for making this a special year for me. It was truly an honor working with both of you.

I started my terms with what I thought was a fair expectation of what the road ahead held for me. I ended up overwhelmed at how wonderful the reality of everything you do truly is; and with expectations exceeded.

We thought we were challenging you all when we adopted Veterans Haven North as our project. As it turns out; you have challenged us this year to comprehend the sheer magnitude of giving that goes on because of the Sons of the American Legion. To my officers, committeemen, Past Detachment Commanders, and every member of the Sons of the American

Legion I thank you all for your support and hard work.

The Sons of the American Legion at every visit were justifiably proud of their many projects. They displayed them all with enthusiasm, generosity, and seeming endless devotion. At the same time I witnessed countless acts of charity where our members served to support critical need to people in difficult circumstances. The lives of many were made better for having an American Legion nearby.

I attended several meetings, clambakes, pig roasts, roast Beef dinners; chili cook offs and played Bingo at all four Veteran homes. I attended High Point, several Veteran Day services, and as many Testimonial Dinners as I could make. I attended the Vietnam Memorial in Homdel, New Jersey to lay a wreath. The SAL Watch fire... we were unable to make use of the beach because of hurricane Sandy and the Seaside fire, but Tom Marsden did an outstanding job putting it all together including Dave Page's breakfast on the beach.

Kent Heal also did an outstanding job at the Veterans Haven Pig Roast. We all "Came together for our veterans". We played horse shoes, danced to a DJ and had plenty "homemade" food to eat. Thanks to the generous Legion family who attended. We even had left over for the residents to share later in the night.

I attended the Fall NEC meeting in Indianapolis and completed the Commander's course. I was proud to attend the Military Review in Sea Girt on the same day that Gov. Christie signed a bill to have Veterans Status put on their drivers Licenses.

To this date "Josh Dog" committeemen Jackson Coles collected over \$4,000 for the Josh Dog project, and speaking of "Projects" we are well on our way of meeting our goals. Thank you all who have supported this

project and we look forward in visiting the premises to see just what we all accomplished. Thank you again for all your support.

I would like to thank my Detachment officers and committeeman for doing an amazing job, and to my Post/Squadron #227 Totowa Borough Memorial Post for the support and help that you have given me through the years, To Gary Cittrich Jr., my S.A.L Commander, Jim Both the American Legion Commander and Aux. President Coleen Breen-Lopez for your their help and support. The Passaic County Committee for doing an outstanding job, Post #174 Legion Rider's for supporting me in my ventures. To all my family and friends, I thank you for your encouragement & understanding. To my wife Denise, thank you for your understanding, support and love. Thank you for taking this ride with. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. To my dad, who is an Army veteran thank you for my eligibility in the Son of the American Legion.

In August, in Charlotte North Carolina, the Sons of the American Legion will nominate, elect and install the next person to serve as National Commander. I look forward to Congratulating him and supporting him down the road.

As for Denise and I, the task of properly expressing an appreciation to the many who made our travels, visits, and programs so successful is particularly daunting. Our wish for you all in the Sons of the American Legion is continued success. May the road ahead be a good one leading to even better places for us all. We are after all "distinctively American" always looking forward to better times ahead.

To the incoming officers, chairmen and committees I wish you all a successful year.

For God and Country
Amel Belega Jr.
Detachment Commander

Welcome Home Sgt Bowe Bergdahl



Bowe Bergdahl, the last American soldier held captive from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, is on a long journey home after being freed in exchange for five Taliban detainees who had been held at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



Locustwood: Annual Memorial Service

The members of the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion joined together on Sunday June 1st 2014 continuing a 79 year old tradition to honor their fallen comrades at Locustwood Cemetery.

Established in 1903, Locustwood Cemetery in Cherry Hill, New Jersey is located 10 minutes from the Cherry Hill Mall and down the street from what was once the Garden State Racetrack.

In 1932, The Locustwood Cemetery Association deeded 400 gravesites to the American Legion, Department of NJ for use of Legionnaires and their spouses. Since then every year, the united legion family gathers on this site to honor those Legionnaires who have been entered in the post everlasting.

The ceremony began at approximately 1:30, the sun shown down on the rolling greens as honor and color guards lined up for a solemn parade to the section of the cemetery dedicated to the American Legion.

As full honors and respects were paid, a short prayer was given by Rev. Robert H Horn, chaplain of the American Legion. Amongst the honored guests were, James Amos Commander Department of NJ, Charlene McCon-

ville, President Department Auxiliary President, and Amel Balega Jr, Commander SAL Detachment of NJ.

A collection of patriotic songs were performed by the Bonsal Blues band.

The grounds are nestled in a serene setting of beautifully landscaped lawns and stately trees, with four stately Doric columns overlooking the reflection pond that was part of an exhibit at the 1939 World's Fair in New York.



Rights of Membership

"Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" These are the words that start the preamble of our organization."

Through our membership we honor our fathers and grandfathers; we carry on the legacy of their deeds and the term of service they gave to our county. Many of them had no choice but to serve, and when their nation

sent out the call they answered. Without their personal sacrifice we would have no right to membership.

This past year, the Detachment struggled to meet its membership per-capitas, by May we were about 1000 members short of our goal and 25th in the nation in membership. Membership renewal is pretty much a no brainer.

Were you aware that your membership card was more than just a piece of paper in your wallet, it opens many doors and membership has benefits. Many of the benefits offered to the American Legion Legionnaires is also extended to members of the Sons of the American Legion, discounts on Car rentals, Hotel rooms, Insurance Drug and medical coverage, as well as Dell and Apple computers.

But you need to be a member to take advantage of these discounts. So next time your membership chairman don't hold back. Because not only can you take advantage of a number of discounts, you also get the pride of belonging to one of the nation's largest veteran's organizations and honoring your father's legacy.



Homeland Security: Summer Safety

Summer means warmer weather, more time outdoors, and fun in the sun. But it also means we're at greater risk for health problems such as heat stroke, dehydration, and skin cancer. Don't be sidelined by bad pasta salad or a serious sun burn — take steps to protect yourself.

Excessive Heat Outlooks: are issued when the potential exists for an excessive heat event in the next 3-7 days. An Outlook provides information to those who need considerable lead time to prepare for the event, such as public utility staff, emergency managers and public health officials. See the mean heat index and probability forecasts maps.

Excessive Heat Watches: are issued when conditions are favorable for an excessive heat event in the next 24 to 72 hours. A Watch is used when the risk of a heat wave has increased but its occurrence and timing is still uncertain. A Watch provides enough lead time so that those who need to prepare can do so, such as cities

officials who have excessive heat event mitigation plans.

Excessive Heat Warning/Advisories are issued when an excessive heat event is expected in the next 36 hours. These products are issued when an excessive heat event is occurring, is imminent, or has a very high probability of occurring. The warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life. An advisory is for less serious conditions that cause significant discomfort or inconvenience and, if caution is not taken, could lead to a threat to life.

Summer Driving and Pedestrian

Safety:

When driving during the summer days, workers need to be aware about staying alert, focusing on the road, and not rushing. These are some key elements workers need to know about.

Working Outdoors:

When working outdoors, workers may encounter hazards such as, hot weather, falling debris or material, poisonous vegetation, pest and animals or coming into contact with sharp objects. Find out what you should know about outdoor hazards and how to protect your workers.

Sun and Heat exposure:

Working outside in the sun and heat can expose you to hazards such as heat stress, skin cancer, exhaustion and dehydration. Learn how to prepare for, and stay safe during the hot summer months.

Pet Safety:

Consider your pet's housing. If they are kept outdoors, do they have shade and fresh water access at all times? If you live in a warm climate, it is a good idea to hose down the dog before work, at lunch or whenever you can to provide extra cooling (if your dog is not overheated in the first place).

Missing In America: Honoring those who may be forgotten

Unclaimed, forgotten, silently occupying the shelves of mortuaries and state hospitals across the United States. The cremated remains (cremains) of veterans, many indigent, many more forgotten through loss of family and friends wait for someone to remember them.

Today, the Missing in America Project – called MIAP for short – is seeking out what could potentially be tens of thousands of unburied veterans who served in wars throughout the past century.

Their stories have begun to emerge from the shadows of society's forgetfulness. The American Legion, partnered with MIAP, want to see them honored and given a final resting place.

The movements founder is Vietnam veteran Fred Salanti of Grants Pass Oregon. While working as a regional facilitator for the Patriot Guard rider, Salanti became involved in conducting monthly services at regional and state cemeteries for veterans with no family and no money.

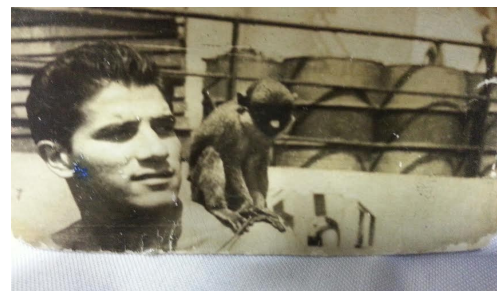
It was then that he stumbled across the unrecognized need to bury indigent and forgotten veterans, who's cremains have been languishing on the shelves of funeral homes, mortuaries and state hospitals across the United States for decades.

MIAP, with the help of the American Legion, will meet that need.

The MIAP guidelines call for assisting funeral homes with researching all cremains in their possession to find veterans, submitting the cremain's records to the Veterans Administration Cemetery System for screening and eligibility for burial and notifying funeral homes of cremains eligible for burial.

The funeral homes must then follow the requirements for submitting the cremains to a VA cemetery. From the MIAP will coordinate a full military Service with the cemetery involved.

Jack Bandazian: 1925-2014



This year the members of the SAL Detachment of NJ had the privilege to meet a true American hero in Sgt. Jack Bandazian, a WWII merchant marine, who participated in the honor flight program.

Jack has always been an advocate for veteran's rights, and was an active member of Bill Pascrell's Veterans Committee, as well as serving as the Legislative Chairman of the American Merchant Marine Vets. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Navy League and a proud Mason.

Jack sadly passed away, on Saturday May 31st, 2014 and enters into the Post Everlasting after battling cancer.

On behalf of the Sons of the American Legion, and the Philadelphia Honor Flight, we send our deepest condolences to the family. May he Rest in Peace Eternally.



Carl Albern Candidate for Detachment Commander

Carl Albern, Jr. is a 24-year member of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 346. He establishes his eligibility through the service of his father, Carl Albern, Sr., a Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Navy. Carl is a graduate of Rutgers College of Engineering with a degree in Computer Engineering. He has worked in various technical roles in television production, including technical-director and manager of a production team in the late 1990s. Currently Carl works as an IT professional, working with various corporate clients,

including Minolta, The New York Times and Emerson Industrial Automation.

Carl comes from a Legion Family. In Monmouth County, his father is a past Department Executive Committeeman, Post and County Commander. His late mother is a past Unit and County President. His sisters and niece all belong to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346, and his brother-in-law and nephew are members of Squadron 346.

As a member and officer of Squadron 346, Carl worked to bring new members to his squadron, increased participation of the members, and pushed to expand the programs that the squadron participates in and donates to. For his continuous work and dedication to the programs of the S.A.L., his squadron awarded him life membership in 1999.

Carl has been involved in the Detachment of New Jersey since 1996, and has held the offices of National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Vice Commander, Adjutant and Judge Advocate. He has chaired many committees including the Internet Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Detachment Commander's Project and Community Service Committee. Whether serving as an officer or Committee chairman, Carl always looks to ensure our members are informed as to the actions of the Sons of the American Legion, whether on the National or State level, so that they can effectively move forward the programs of their squadrons, counties and the Detachment. Nationally, Carl is a former member and Vice-Chair of the National Community Service Committee. Carl regularly attends the National

Executive Committee meetings in Indianapolis, the S.A.L. National Conventions, and the Eastern Region conferences.

Carl has utilized his knowledge as a graduate of the National Management Institute to structure the advanced class that is taught at S.A.L. College in Sea Girt each year. As chairman of the Detachment Internet Committee, he has crafted tools for the Detachment officers and committee chairmen to use to inform our membership with as little delay as possible. Carl's work ethic can be seen in the work he performed as chairman of the Detachment Constitution and Bylaws meeting, updating our Detachment's Constitution and Bylaws to be more applicable in the current times. His work ethic is also visible in the continuing advances he makes on the Detachment website as chairman of the Internet Committee. Carl has consistently added more features and information to the site through the 13 years he has worked on the committee. He has also taken much of his own free time to develop an Android App to further simplify obtaining information from the Detachment's website.

As Detachment Commander, Carl looks to have his officers and chairmen perform their duties and better inform the members of the Detachment of New Jersey. He looks to provide an example to our chairmen and officers, that they can push their committees to new heights and break new ground. He encourages listening to feedback and expanding participation. Carl hopes that you will support him in guiding the efforts of our Detachment, in aiding our veterans and our children and in furthering all the principles of our organization



Gary P Nelson Candidate for National Executive Committeeman

Gary P Nelson receives his eligibility from his fathers term of service as a WWII Army veteran. A charter member of Squadron 365 Fairview, Gary has served as Commander for 3 years, Adjutant, and financial officer.

As a county Commander, his county almost doubled in membership.

A 2 term Detachment Vice Commander. In 2004-2005, Gary held the office of Detachment Commander for New Jersey. As Detachment Commander, Gary was to bring many achievements: all time high in membership, special Olympics, #1 in Child Welfare contributions, #1 in per-Capita in the Eastern region. The Detachment also received awards for the SAL newspaper and was honored in Hawaii by bring back the #1 squadron in Nation and Americanism Award.

Gary's promotion of the Legion Family has proven him to be a dedicated member of The Sons of the American Legion and is most worthy to continue to serve as National Executive Committeeman for the Detachment of New Jersey.



Joseph A Korba Candidate for Alternate National Executive Committeeman

Joseph a Korba has gained his eligibility through his fathers service in the US Navy during WWII.

Joe served as Commander of the Detachment of New Jersey 2010-2011. During his time membership reached a high of 9201 and placed NJ 14th in the country for membership growth.

Joe partnered with New Jersey Department Commander Bob Looby for his Commander's Project. The project was to furnish a new addition to Veteran's Haven, a veterans home that provides training and counseling to homeless veterans in order to move them into productive roles in society. The project was one of the most successful American Legion Projects in the state and nation raising almost \$170,000 for the home.

Jo's commitment to the four pillars of the American Legion and his leadership ability make him an excellent choice for Alternate National Executive Committeeman for 2014-2016



Robert Phillips Jr. Candidate for Detachment Vice Commander

Robert Phillips Jr. is an eight year charter member of Murray-Troutt Squadron 262 Audubon, Camden County. At the Squadron level, Robert has held the office of Commander and Adjutant.

He also takes part in the Color Guard and is active with fundraisers.

On the County level Robert has held the office of Chaplain, DEC, Vice Commander and Commander for two years.

At the Detachment level Robert has held the office of Historian for Commander Phil Boyd, and this year as Chaplain.

Robert has attended both the basic and advanced courses of the SAL college and the Chaplain course of the American Legion College.

Robert's eligibility is through his Father Robert Phillips Sr. and his grandfather Edwin Phillips who served during World War one.

If elected, I will work with all of the elected officers and committee chairs to make the year a successful one for the American Legion Family.



Robert Bascou Candidate for Detachment Vice Commander

Robert gained his eligibility through both his father, Perry Bascou, Jr., who honorably served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War era, specifically the Cuba Missile Crisis, and his grandfather William Sorenson who honorably served

in the U.S. Army, in Japan, during WWII.

Robert has been a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #371, for nine (9) years and is a recipient of the S.A.L. Five-Point Program of Service (A.K.A. Five Star Award). He is a graduate of The American Legion Extension Institute Course (both original and newly revised edition), The American Legion Leadership College's Basic, Advanced, and Chaplain's courses, The Sons of the American Legion College (Basic and Advanced courses), and The Detachment Commanders National Instructional Institute course.

Robert has worked his way up the chairs where he has served as Squadron Chaplain, Squadron 1st Vice-Commander, and Squadron Commander. On the County level, Robert has served as S.A.L. Camden County Committee Chaplain, S.A.L. County 1st Vice Commander, and is currently serving as S.A.L. County Commander. On the State level, Robert served as S.A.L. Detachment Chaplain and Religious Emphasis Committee Chairman, and is currently serving as Vice Commander assigned the counties of Camden, Gloucester, Mercer, and Somerset.

Robert is requesting your support, and vote, for election to the position of Detachment Vice Commander, 2014-2015



Thomas Flaherty Candidate for Detachment Vice Commander

Thomas is past Bergen County Commander 2012-2013, Past Vice. Commander for Bergen County 2009-2011, Past Sq. 310 Commander 2008-2009. He has also held numerous offices in his squadron over the years including:

Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer, Vice Commander and college scholarship chairman

Thomas was awarded Sons of the American Legion "Son of the Year 2012-2013".

Thomas assumed the Detachment Vice Commander position during the 2013-2014 term after a vacancy left when Vice Commander Don Early resigned the position.

As Detachment Vice Commander, he will continue to promote the Commander's Project, Membership, and the good of the sons throughout, Essex, Middlesex, Union, and Monmouth counties.



Mark Dodds Candidate for Detachment Chaplain

Matt has been a member of the Sons of the American Legion since the beginning of 2012. At the squadron level he is the current Commander of Edwin I Johnson

Squadron 370 in Magnolia 2013/14 2014/15. He has also held the position of Sergeant at Arms 2012/13 and have served on the Ways & Means committee

At the county level he has held the positions of Chaplain 2013/14 and currently Junior Vice Commander 2014/15 for the Camden County Committee

At the Detachment he holds the Sergeant at Arms position and am the current Ways & Means Committee Chairman.

Matt was also appointed to the recently formed Wawa Veterans Alliance with my employer.

If elected Matt looks forward to serving the 9000+ members of the Detachment of New Jersey as your Chaplain and fulfilling the spiritual needs of all members.

Gold Star Monument Dedication in Burlington County

A mother whose child had died in combat while serving in the armed forces of the United States were permitted to hang in their window a service flag with a gold star emblazoned on it.

The loss of a child in any circumstance is a grievous blow to a family, but, uniquely so to the mother who bore that child. One group of Mothers that especially stands apart from the norm are the Gold Star Mothers of America's fallen heroes. They are patriotic, loyal, and sympathetic. They understand our nation's freedom is not to be taken for granted. The grief and loss these women have endured never leaves them, yet the Mothers rise above their pain in tribute to life going on. The Mothers have collectively served millions of hours in vol-

unteer work, personal service in our nation's Veterans hospitals, and to the Veteran and his family in their community. In serving this way, the Mothers have turned their grief into a positive force.

On Friday, May 30th 2014, The Burlington County S.A.L. gathered with fellow Legionnaires and American Legion Auxiliary members in Veterans Park in Burlington Township to dedicate the Gold Star Mother's Monument.

The Gold Star Mothers Monument was conceived, designed and fully funded by the Burlington County S.A.L. committee of New Jersey. The committee decided it was appropriate to recognize the sacrifices made by countless mothers who have lost a son or daughter during their service

to the United Armed Forces. Up until now, no other monument has been erected in the Burlington County Veterans Park to honor Gold Star Mothers, and the members of the Burlington County S.A.L. are truly humbled to have had the opportunity to pay tribute to such selfless individuals.



Boys State: NJ S.A.L. Sponsors two

It is with great pleasure that the Detachment of New Jersey announces the names of the two young men being sponsored for this year's Boy's State.

Robert Paige of Cumberland county and Malcolm Luck from Essex county will participate in summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by the American

Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The participants elect state officials, such as governor, lieutenant governor, and other state-level officials mirroring their actual State. All along learning the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city,

county and state governments.

Boys/Girls State is typically staffed by Legion members, past participants, and/or community leaders who volunteer their time and effort. Administrative costs are defrayed by their the state Legion organizations and local businesses.

SAL Convention Wildwood NJ 2014

This June, the Sons of the American Legion will gather once again for their Detachment Convention. This is the 53rd annual SAL convention to take place in Wildwood New Jersey.

Delegates from all over New Jersey will join together to nominate, elect and install the officers for the upcoming term. On Thursday the first round of nominations will take place.

On Friday the second round nominations will come into effect

followed by the ceremonial installation of the new officers, as well as the naming of all new committees and chairmen.

On Saturday the traditional parade will take place where all officers past and present will pass the grandstand making the final changing of the guard.

We will be honored with the presence of National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Joseph Gladden as well as many other honored guests in attendance.

Veteran Haven

Be advised that July 19th we will be attending the dedication at Veteran's haven north.

Prior to the dedication, delivery of the furniture will take place. All hands available to assist will be greatly appreciated.

Look for updates on the Detachment website: <http://www.njsal.org> as well as the Veterans Haven North website <http://www.state.nj.us/military/veteranshavennorth/> for further details.

From the Editor:

The past 8 months it has been a honor to be able to work closely with the Detachment to provide you with information pertaining to the Sons of the American Legion and the programs in which we stand for.

I could not have done it with out the faith Commander Balega had in me to produce a publication worthy of the title. The support of the committeemen who provided with regular updates and accurate information.

Moving into the next year I expect the salute to reach every squadron. Remember to submit your officer reports so this periodical can be sent to the appropriate representatives.

Also if your squadrons are having an event, or has pictures from an event; you can promote it in the salute submit information to Tony713c@gmail.com prior to event and print deadline. **Next print deadline July 15th, 2014.**

This and That



VA&R: Getting Involved

By Lenny Free
PDC, VA&R Chairman

On April 19th a VA&R event was planned for the Lyon Hospital, the level of participation was very disappointing.

At the Detachment, we regularly visit many of the veterans home throughout the year and either play bingo, have pizza, or some other recreational event to boost the morale of those veterans and their spouses who remain in these homes.

But VA&R is not all about pizza and bingo, it's about letting our veterans know that they have not been forgotten. For some of these residents, there is no family to visit with them. The novelty of a one on one visit with any one of these veterans is a reward in human kindness as well

as a taste of one man or woman's personal history.

I was told of a story, regarding one Detachment officer who while visiting a veteran's home was asked to wheel a resident back to his dorm. As they were walking to the veteran's room, the veteran began talking to our officer and the stories he relayed were so heartfelt and full of history, that they prompted the SAL officer to return the following day to spend additional time with the veteran.

It is our duty not to forget about these men who served our country, either through the passage of time or due to the injuries they received, they now remain in these veteran homes. If you can spend a day with a veteran,

you both will reap the rewards for a simple act of kindness.

Local Veteran homes and hospitals are always looking for volunteers to assist in the care of their residents.

The American Legion offers a reward for volunteer hours dedicated to the support and rehabilitation of our veterans: **Charles B. Rigsby "Volunteer of the Year" Award**: This award is presented annually at the National Convention to one individual who is singled out as the best VAVS volunteer in the nation. A plaque and savings bond is given for this very prestigious award, which is named in honor of the late S.A.L. Past National Commander Charles Rigsby (1992-1993).

The Flag That I See

By Tom Penaskovic

*This great, big and beautiful
Flag that I see
The old red, white, and blue,
Is really for me.
As I think back in glory,
To the men I once knew,
Who young as they were
Gave their lives for it too.
Some gave their lives,
And others a limb,
I gave my mind
Is it a sin?
But, I think not forever,
Will all remain lost?
But to honor Old Glory,
There must be a cost.
So do not surrender,
The treasure that is dear,
As old glory will resound,
And dry up those tears.*

Thomas Penaskovic is a U.S. Marine Veteran from Vietnam: this poem is published in the National Library of Poetry, Washington D.C.

N.J. S.A.L. Donates Van to USO

May 22nd, 2014: Phillip Boyd; Past NJ Detachment Commander 2012–2013) along with project chairman Kent Hehl, presented the keys for a new service van to USO, Operations manager, M.J. Flammer.

The purchase of the vehicle was the Detach-

ment project during Commander Boyd's term and will be used to transport supplies, and other necessities to and from the airport our support the USO and their programs for our active troops. The USO is a nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization. The USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities.

