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*Note: There has been a delay from National as far as sending out the 2023 Membership Cards. Although we stress renewals, please wait until the cards are in to your Squadron before renewing. Please **DO NOT** submit your renewals in to the State or National offices.*

Inside...

This spring and summer have been quite busy. Many photos are featured of our Detachment and Squadrons in action.

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Officers and Committee Chairmen. We wish them the best of luck and promise to give them a hand to do the best job they can.

Some of our new Officers and Committee Chairs have yet to update their information on our Detachment website: www.njsal.org. Please bring your information up to date so we know your current projects and as well as contact information.

We were fortunate to be able to meet at Convention once again after the pandemic of the last couple of years. But that doesn't mean we can let our guard down. Keep those buddy checks ongoing.

For God and Country,

Gary S. Crawford PC Sq 346, Editor *SALute*

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Commander's Message



MARK it Down...

SAL Members:

My Name is Mark Natale. At our last convention in June I was elected the Detachment Commander of NJ. I am truly honored to serve at such a high level.

This is not **MY** year, this is **OUR** year, together as a team to take the Detachment to new heights, and to work on membership - not only by renewing membership but by recruiting new members as well.

Membership is our life blood, to continue to push the programs of the American Legion and to support and help our great Veterans. It's not just about the present but it is also about the future of our great organization.

We are **TEAM CHALLENGE**

Cohesiveness

Honor

Achieve

Leadership

Learning

Education

Navigation

Goals

Encouragement

We all need to be challenged. We all need to push each other to be better
Following this theme will form a true brotherhood – One United Team.
The detachment of NJ has so much potential. We need to tap into that potential.
By doing so this will take us farther then you can possibly ever imagine.

We are all in this together. My door is always open. I look forward to working with all of my Brothers in the Detachment of NJ and I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

For God and Country,

Mark Natale, Commander, Sons of the American Legion Detachment of New Jersey

New Jersey American Legion Family Officers for 2022-2023



SAL Detachment Commander Mark Natale
American Legion Auxiliary Department President Colleen Breen-Lopez
American Legion Department Commander Steven Fisher

Detachment Vice Commander County Assignments 2022-2023

Jeremy Baratta – Rochelle Park Squadron 170 - Bergen
Hunterdon, Mercer, Sussex, and Warren Counties

Keith Barnes – Englewood Squadron 58 - Bergen
Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, and Union Counties

Richard Hodum – Lakewood Squadron 166 - Ocean
Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Ocean Counties

William Murphy – Brick Squadron 348 - Ocean
Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, and Salem Counties

Stephen Sangemino – Belleville Squadron 105 - Essex
Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Monmouth, and Passaic Counties



NJ Detachment Committee Chairs for 2022-2023

Internal Affairs Commission
Thomas Marsden

Membership Committee
Jeff Hicks

Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Joe Korba

Public Relations Committee
Gary S. Crawford

Convention Committee
Jeff Hicks

SALute Committee
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SAL College Committee
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Internet Committee
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Detachment Commander's Project Committee
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Dean Staknys

Legislative Committee
Patrick Gallagher

POW / MIA Committee
Richard Hodum

Son of the Year Committee
Nicholas Wingler

Boys State Committee
Stephen Sangemino

Girls State Committee
James Noble

Child and Youth Committee
Russell Myers

Special Olympics Committee
Nicholas Wingler

Child Welfare Foundation Committee
William Murphy

COTA Committee
Gregory Shaffer

Young Citizens Award Committee
(None Selected)

Veterans Service and Rehabilitation
Commission – Patrick Gallagher

Veterans Employment Homelessness and
Education Commission – Henry Hasselhan

*Contact any Committee Chairman if you
are interested in working on a committee.*

Locustwood Cemetery Highlights, 5 June 2022:



SAL Marching Unit - Commander Henry speaks - Jane Babli, Henry Hasselhan, and Dan Dunn salute



Some of those attending the annual Locustwood ceremonies



Monmouth County marches in – American Flags posted – Post and Squadron Flags posted

Great turnout



Sons of The American Legion Squadron # 352

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Honoring our Past Detachment
Commander [Henry F Hasselhan](#).



LtoR: SAL Chairman Tony Gladden, PDCs Bob Bascou, Carl Alber, Joe Korba, Lenny Free, Incoming Commander Mark Natale, Outgoing Commander Henry Hasselhan, Vice Commander Rich Hodum, and PDCs Bob Phillips and Gary Nelson.



In the neighborhood? Stop by and say hello! Henry's Post 311, 2225 Atco Ave., Atco NJ

Convention Highlights 9-12June2022



Incoming Officers for 2022-2023: Chaplain Charles Taylor II, Historian Wil Fetherman, Adjutant Carl Alberne Jr., Sgt-at-Arms Darryl Cunningham, Finance Officer David Page, Vice Commanders William Murphy, Jeremy Baratta, and Richard Hodum. Past Commanders John Gillman, Matthew Thalasinis, and Robert Bascou in rear.



LtoR: Incoming Commander Mark Natale takes the oath of office, along with Vice Commander Stephen Sangemino. PDC Nick Wingler speaks of outgoing Commander Henry Hasselhan's year, with Tom Marsden seated at left. Nick Wingler announces John J. Germano of Squadron 232 of Barnegat as 2022 Son of the Year, as previous SofYs Tom Mardsen, Matthew Thalasinis and Stephen Sangemino look on.



Commander Mark Natale w/ Lisa Natale. Outgoing Commanders Dan Dunn and Henry Hasselhan 3rd, with Henry 5th looking on.



The traditional “Wrecking” of the outgoing Commanders. King Henry the Third (along with Prince Henry the Fifth) along with Brother Dan prepare to face their public. Newly elected Commander Mark bows down in awe to King Henry (just before Mark orders the guards to seize him and take him away.)



(Left:) Comdr Mark Natale, Past Comdr Henry Hasselhan, National ANEC “Dickie” Huntley, PDCs Lenny Free and Robert Phillips Jr. (Right) Rusty Myers and Greg Shaffer discuss parade strategy.



Traditional post-convention Past Commanders' Luncheon.



Comdr Henry presents a \$21,000 check to Comdr Dan toward Dan's Commander's Project as Commander's Aide assists.



Belleville Squadron 105 in the parade.



A convention project was to place Flags at a nearby cemetery.



Outgoing Legion Department Commander Daniel Dunn addresses the delegates.

High Point - 26June2022:



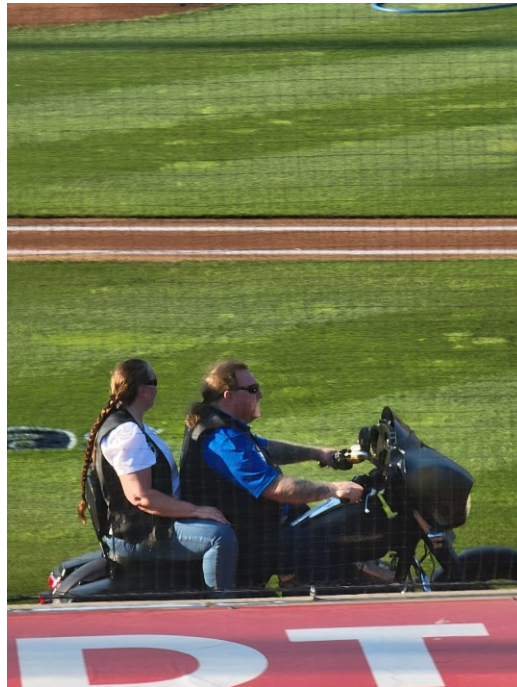
Commander Mark Natale addresses the attendees.



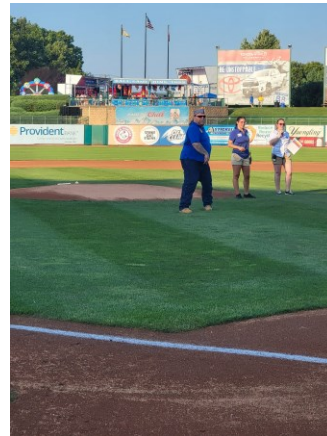
Paul Williams Sq. 346, Monmouth County Comdr Mary Jo Burkhard, and Post 346 Comdr John Warhurst, along with Post 266's Color Guard. Gary Crawford and Wil Fetherman find shade.

The monument was built to honor war veterans, through the generosity of Col. Anthony and Susie Dryden Kuser, who also donated the land. Construction began in 1928 and was completed in 1930. At the top of the 220 feet structure (the base is 34 square feet), observers have views of the ridges of the Pocono Mountains toward the west, the Catskill Mountains to the north and the Wallkill River Valley in the southeast. At the top of New Jersey's tallest knob, the Monument is an obelisk monument similar to other war monuments, such as the one located on Breed's Hill in Massachusetts.

At Jersey Shore Blue Claws – American Legion Night - 22July2022:



(Left) Monmouth CP MC Boyle, Legion Comdr Steve Fisher, and SAL VC Rich Hodum with Buster. (Right) Rich Hodum tries to beat the 90+ degree temperatures at the game.



. Steve Fisher, MC Boyle, and Rich Hodum try their luck at pitching.



Around the State:



Flag Retirement at Neptune Post 346, 14 June 2022. SAL PC and Vice Commander and *SALute* editor Gary Crawford places more Flags on the fire. PDC Carl Albern Jr. blows “To the Colors” in salute.



DEC Rusty Myers, Detachment Vice Commander and Squadron 105 Commander Steve Sangemino, and Detachment Commander Mark Natale making the Essex County rounds. They visited Caldwell Post 185, Belleville Post 299 (whose SAL is reactivating) and Nutley Post 70 before heading back to Belleville Post 105. (Right) Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home thanks our heroes.



Lodi Post 136 put everyone to work placing flags. Legion, Auxiliary, Squadron, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the general public.

Saddlebrook Squadron 415 placed 1274 Flags in St. Mary's Cemetery, and 1452 in St. Peter and St. Paul's Cemetery.

New Jersey contributed to the 1.4 MILLION American Flags placed on Veterans' graves, our part in the Flying Flags for Heroes One Million Flags program, established by SAL National Comdr Michael Fox.



Murray-Troutt Post 262 celebrated 100 years in 2020. Current photo from July 4, 2022



On 16 June 2022, Detachment Commander Mark Natale was honored to represent The Detachment of NJ with Detachment Vice Commander Stephen Sangemino, along with PDCs Mike Arner and Patrick Gallagher for a very special ceremony for the unclaimed remains of 15 Veterans From WW1, WW2, Korean War, and the Vietnam War, all part of the Missing In America Project at the General Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Organized by The Vietnam Veterans of America, Shore Area Chapter 12, assisted by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Dept.



HERE IT IS, Veterans Haven South BBQ

It's time for the 20th Annual Sons of The American Legion Bar-B-Que and Horseshoe tournament at Veterans Haven South on Sunday at 12:00 noon July 31st sponsored by The Detachment of New Jersey. The horseshoes and washers will start at noon. Food at 1:00. Tours will be available. You may wish to bring a lawn chair.

All are welcome to come down and have a good time with our veterans, who are in need at this time, but wish to get back out there on their feet to be again productive members of our great country.

As you may well know this facility has been expanded to almost 100 beds for homeless veterans in New Jersey. The state of New Jersey has made their commitment, but we as an organization must help to keep this alive. Please help to continue a worthy cause, not just on this day but though out the year and forever, to take care of our own.

To get on with what's going on, at the Bar-B-Que the Detachment will be supplying:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Pork (pig)
- Condiments
- Paper products
- Soda
- Corn

Anyone wishing to bring a salad or a personal specialty is more than welcome. The veterans down here don't get home cooked food that often. Their meals come from the hospital (YUCK!). Not store bought! If you do bring something put it in an aluminum pan ½ size or full size so it can be heated or chilled and you can leave it. One will be enough with others bringing theirs.

Remember this is about the Veteran Residents at Veterans Haven; this is not about The Sons of The American Legion. Please take the time to talk with the residents, play horseshoes or washers with them do not just hang out with just the Legion family. There will be no long speeches or introductions. Dress comfortably, bring cap (does not have to be worn all the time) bring a chair, take pictures and have fun with the resident veterans. This BBQ is for the 2021-2022 year, Commander Henry Hasselhan's Year.

Always welcome are **gift cards (\$25) WAWA or (\$50) Walmart** these denominations make it easier to be distributed evenly.

Address

Go in first entrance off White Horse Pike (RT. 30)
**301 Spring Garden Rd
Winslow, NJ 08095-0080**

For God and Country
Kent Hehl, Chairman
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kehehl@aol.com



Veterans Haven South, Winslow NJ

Carranza Memorial Ceremony, 9July2022, Tabernacle NJ:



SAL Chaplain Charles Taylor II, Vice Commander Keith Barnes, and Commander Mark Natale are escorted with their wreath. They salute their wreath as it is presented for display.



NJ Legion ANEC Gene O'Grady, Legion Commander Steven Fisher, SAL Commander Mark Natale, and Mexican Deputy Air Force Attache' General Ernesto Rincon Huarota in front of the Carranza Monument. The wreaths presented from (LtoR) the American Legion Department of NJ, the SAL Detachment of NJ, and the SAL of Burlington County.

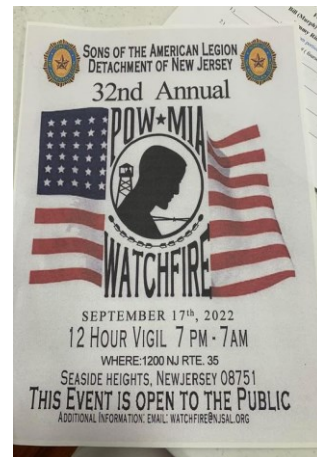


The NJ Legion Family in attendance.

See Mount Holly Post 11's website for a detailed history of the 94th Carranza Memorial Service, "Lost Treasure in the Pinelands". www.post11.org.

Support Your Local Post, Squadron, and Unit:

Every Other Sunday: Breakfast at Post 493, Mystic Island.
Every Sunday: Karaoke Post 170, Rochelle Park.
Every Friday: Karaoke, Post 105, Belleville.
Every Friday: Dinners and a DJ, Post 132, Franklin.
Every Second Tuesday: Clam Night, Post 289, West Milford.
Every Third Friday: Chicken Wings, Post 289, West Milford.
July 24 – Sept 5: Summer Barbeques, Post 109, Rutherford.
July 29: Neptune Post 266 Gala Centennial Celebration, Jumping Brook Country Club.
July 30: Summer Blast Pig Roast, Post 232, Barnegat.
July 31: 20th Annual SAL Veterans Haven South Bar-B-Q, Winslow.
Aug 10: ALA Unit 321 Annual Gift Auction, Post 321, Union Beach.
Aug 13: Legion Riders HoeDown, Post 289, West Milford.
Aug 14: Ocean County Legion Family Testimonial and Pig Roast, Post 348, Brick.
Aug 20: Leadership Fund Pasta Dinner, Post 211, Sayreville.
Aug 24: 1st Annual Golf Outing, Post 455, New Egypt.
Aug 27: BBQ Benefit Fundraiser for NJ Fallen Heroes, Gold Star Families, and the NJ Run For The Fallen, Elks Lodge 2151, Brick.
Sept 17: Annual Post 105 Picnic, Post 105, Belleville.
Sept 17: Annual Pig Roast, Post 414, Lawrenceville.
Sept 17-18: 32nd Annual 12 Hour Vigil – POW / MIA Watchfire, Seaside Heights.
Sept 21-25: NJ Run For The Fallen. www.njrun.org.
Sept 23: Bergen Co. Geo. F. Axt Memorial Fund / Nurses Scholarship Dinner, Post 136, Lodi



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From SAL National Commander Michael C. Fox



2021-2022 ALA Nat Pres Kathy Daudistel, Legion Nat Comdr Paul Dillard, and SAL Nat Comdr Michael Fox

YOUR THREE CENTS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Dear Sons of the American Legion:

It's been just over a month since I **challenged** all of you to once again make a difference in the lives of veterans and military families. Our goal as the Sons of The American Legion is to raise \$10,000 for the 100 Miles for Hope campaign. I want to thank all of you who have signed up to participate, or simply donated, to this third annual wellness/fitness campaign that also raises funds for The American Legion's Veterans & Children Foundation.

But we still have a long way to go, and a short time to get there. The campaign concludes Sept. 5.

There's an old expression about "putting your two cents in." I'm encouraging you to put your THREE cents in. Let me explain.

As of July 7, the Sons of The American Legion had 358,018 members. If every single member donated just three cents, we would easily surpass that \$10,000 goal.

But, of course, I would encourage us to raise more. Please go to [Legion.org/100Miles](https://legion.org/100Miles) to sign up to participate, or simply to donate.

I know what we, the Sons of The American Legion, are capable of. We're the biggest fundraiser for the Child Welfare Foundation. We volunteer thousands of hours each year. Let's make this year's 100 Miles for Hope campaign the most successful yet.

Sons of The American Legion, get up, get moving, and be part of this special challenge. Because we are #SALSTRONG.

There is no limit to the amount of good we can do. We are the Sons of The American Legion.

God bless our veterans.
God bless our military in harm's way.
And God bless the United States of America.

Michael Fox

SAL National Commander

"Leadership through action, not through position"

TWENTY-SIX A DAY IS TOO MANY

9 – 8 – 8

Help Is Out There!

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, please contact the national Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **9-8-8** press 1, text “STRENGTH” to the Crisis Text Line at 741-741 or go to www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

VERY IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT – Starting
Saturday, July 16 – 3-digit
number for Veterans Crisis Line
– **Dial 988, press 1**



The old number 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Press 1 will still be active.



The Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of the American Legion

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of all Wars, associate ourselves together as “**Sons of The American Legion**” for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in all Wars; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship, by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit, all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country; inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship, by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit, all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.



Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue.

SAL Detachment Commander Mark Natale, Leonardo Sq 338	
ALA Department President Colleen Breen-Lopez, Totowa Unit 227	
PDC Henry F. Hasselhan, Atco Sq 311	DEC Rusty Myers, Belleville Sq 105
PDC Carl W. Albern Jr., Neptune Sq 346	PUP Marcia Magathan, Neptune Unit 346
PDC Patrick Gallagher, Neptune Sq 346	Mount Holly Post 11
PDP Doreen Gallagher, Neptune Unit 346	SAL Detachment of NJ
PDP and CP Debe O'Rourke, ALA Bergen Co.	American Legion Department of NJ
CP MC Boyle, ALA Monmouth Co.	American Legion Aux Department of NJ
VC Rev. William Odom, SAL Monmouth Co.	VC Jim Morton, Am. Legion Bergen Co.

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