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- Nov 15th—35% Member-
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- Nov 23rd—Thanksgiving
- Nov 24th—National Blood
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- Dec 7th— Pearl Harbor
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- Dec 13th— 45% Member-
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- Dec 15th—Bill of Rights
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by Albert J. Deichler

It is a great honor being the Commander representing the Sons in this 75th anniversary year for the Great Empire State of New York and I wish to thank everyone again for the privilege of being your Commander. I am realizing the remarkable potential we have in the Sons for carrying out all of our programs as well as assisting our parent, The American Legion in all its endeavors. As I travel this great state and visit with members of The American Legion Family, I am astonished by the wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm of all that I have met. While starting in the 2nd and 10th Districts and then traveling to the Northern region of New York I have been able to see how other Squadrons take part in their Post activities and the community. While in the Fourth District I spoke with Legionnaires of a county that have no Sons county level and brought an interest to them to help the Squadrons of their area form a County level organization. This will not happen overnight, but it is a start as to how the family can work together on common goals and come together in greater heights and strengths. I am sure that this County organization will be on its way. As I traveled through the Fourth District, I was able to visit New York Power Authority, also celebrating their 75th anniversary, started in 1931.

How better than to start in the Fourth District than to be able to visit such a place with a shared birthday. After having a small rest, I returned to the Fourth District to finish the visitations out and then off to the Third District for one



Detachment Commander Albert J. Deichler

visit. Again, after getting a bit of rest it was off to the Fifth District to start out and that is where I am right now so look in the next newsletter for some info on the Fifth.

It has been great visiting with everyone but there are some items I need to talk to you about.

First, I would like to start with membership. As all should know this year, I have changed the membership committee to a 10-member committee so each District has a representative to assist Squadrons this year. I hope all members give these committeemen the respect and considerations they deserve as their position is not easy and some might even feel as if they can be aggressive, well this is why they are there. Continued on page 7....

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

by Robert J. Avery

As we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Sons of The American Legion, it only makes sense to learn how it all began.

Requests for a youth group for the sons of veterans began in various parts of the country even as The American Legion was in its early years. As early as 1921 at the 3rd National Convention of The American Legion in Kansas City, the organization of a youth group for the sons was being proposed, but because so few Legionnaires had yet to become families, the idea had little national appeal. But through the 1920's, individual Legion Posts were starting to sponsor their own groups variously known as "Legion-Heirs", "Junior Legion", "Sons of American Legionnaires", and "Sons of World War Veterans". As more and more of these organizations were being formed, their collective voices calling for a formal organization began to be heard. At the 12th National Convention held in Boston in 1930, a committee was formed to study the feasibility of a youth organization for the sons, and at the 14th Annual Convention held in Portland, Oregon in September of 1932, the following "REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR LEGION ACTIVITIES" was submitted by Chairman Joe Blythe, of North Carolina:

The 1930 National Convention of The American Legion held in Boston, created a committee to study the feasibility and ad-visibility of The American Legion sponsoring and propagating a Junior Legion. Following that Convention a committee was appointed by the

National Commander to make a survey and report it's finding. That committee convened in Detroit in 1931 prior to the National Convention held there, and made the following recommendations to the Convention, which were approved.

First, that the National Organization of The American Legion approve, encourage, and foster organizations of sons of members of The American Legion.

Second, that each Department Commander be urged to include this activity in his program.

Third, that a national committee on this activity be continued, and that said committee prepare definite recommendations for a uniform constitution, by-laws, program, and ceremonials, under which various units of this activity might function.

In formulating its recommendations, your committee felt that suggestions from the various Departments on the subject would be helpful at arriving at definite conclusions, therefore, letters were sent to the various Department Commanders asking for an expression on the subject in its entirety.

As a result of the committee's study and recommendations made to it from various Departments, we wish to submit our report in the form of the following resolution:

Whereas, Every boy whose father is an ex-serviceman is proud of that fact. He seeks

recognition as the son of a man of honorable war record. His dad is a pattern of a man. In the propagation of an organization for such boys lies a plan to mold the boy's future around a fine idea, and assist in bringing out the best type of citizenship; and

Whereas, An organization of this sort will bring the father closer to his son and make a better Legionnaire of him; and Whereas, The National Policies Committee has approved of this idea in principle; be It Resolved, One, that The American Legion officially propagate, recognize, and sponsor an organization to be known as "Sons of The Legion"; and be it further

Resolved, That the membership in such organization be extended to all male descendants of men or women having served honorably in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps in the service of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918; and be it further

Resolved, That this Convention hereby create a permanent committee consisting of five members to direct and guide the affairs of the Junior organization. The members of this committee shall be appointed by the National Commander, and the term of membership on said Committee shall be for a period of five years, except in case of original appointments as follows:

The incoming Commander in the year 1933 shall appoint one member to serve one year, another to serve two, another three, another four, and another five. The member appointed to the one year term shall be chairman,

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and each year the National Commander shall appoint a member to take the place of that member whose term expires, the senior member, that is, the member with the earliest expiring term, shall be chairman; be it further

Resolved, That this committee be charged with writing the constitution and by-laws for the Junior organization, designing and designating the official emblem of the Junior organization, and formulating a definite program of activities for the organization, and with the responsibility of assisting the various departments in organizing local units and that it submit to the 1933 May meeting of the National Executive Committee, a full and complete plan in detail to carry out every phase of inaugurating this movement

on a National basis; and be it further

Resolved, That for the time being, and until such time as this organization shall be self-maintaining, the administrative function of this committee be carried out by the National Adjutant, who will be ex-officio secretary of the committee; be it further

Resolved, That the National Executive Committee has full and complete authority to accept or reject recommendations of this committee, and shall at all times be the final reviewing authority on its action and activities.

This report was adopted by the Convention, and so began our organization. At the May 1933 meeting of the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, a constitution and by-laws were approved and an annual national membership fee of \$0.25 was established.

The very first charter was issued to Bruce F. Robinson Squadron No. 133 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Membership card #1 of that Squadron was issued to John P. Ragsdale, Jr. His brothers, Edward M. and Robert D. were issued cards #2 and #3. The charter and first membership cards were issued on June 6, 1933. John Ragsdale, Jr. was killed on a aerial mission over Germany in 1943, and the sponsoring post officially changed its name to Robinson-Ragsdale Post No. 133 in 1946.

At the 1933 (15th) National Convention held in Chicago the official name of our organization was changed from the "Sons of The Legion" to the "Sons of The American Legion", and the initials of SAL were authorized.

.....to be continued

Herold-Tierney Squadron 1039 from Central Islip, NY got the attention and compliments from Post members and community.

"The caissons go rolling along" was the theme for the Memorial Day Parade held in Central Islip this past May. SAL members sponsored the restoration of a WWII era caisson, a military cart that was used to bring vital supplies and ammunitions to key outposts during the wars. The caisson was acquired for ceremonial use, still bears the metal plated stamp listing it's construction date of 1936. Three vintage ammunition boxes have been bolted to the top of the caisson, and each bears a plaque adorned with the names of past Legionnaires and

dedicated "In Memory of Our Fallen Comrades and Absent Friends". Although initially horse drawn or attached to a vehicle when in service, the caisson was hand pulled by SAL members right behind the marching Color Guard who headed up the parade, an impressive sight that garnered a considerable amount of attention.

"Squadron Commander Awarded"

At a wreath laying ceremony at the conclusion of the Parade, Post Commander Steve Funk presented SAL Commander Bill Gaskell with a commemorative plaque in recognition of his fund raising activities. Bill had spent months prior to the parade visiting businesses and merchants, requesting

donations. Steve Blindbury, Squadron Adjutant also received a plaque for his participation in acquiring and making the caisson functional.



Americanism Committee Report by Tim Casselman, Chairman

The focus of the Detachment Americanism Committee this year will once again be on the importance of Flag education. With the Flag Amendment failing to pass by only one vote, it is imperative that we, as Sons of The American Legion rally round the symbol of our magnificent country and promote the significance of Old Glory. By conducting Flag Education Programs, Flag Disposal Ceremonies and Rallies in your local schools and communities, we can continue to teach and inform our citizens on the significance of our flag.

The Americanism committee has started a new project this year. We e-mailed State and National Congressional Representatives and Senators, mayors and public servants. We e-mailed college students and schools, friends and families and asked them "What Does Americanism Mean To You?" The first to reply were, of course, veterans. We would like to ask for

your help now by asking you please to offer a few words on what "Americanism" means to you, and to pass this along to those in your communities. All remarks will be compiled at the end of the year and placed on a CD; copies of which will be available to you free of charge. Please send your submissions to:

Sons286@yahoo.com

Or, mail to Tim Casselman; 129 Phoenix St.; Canandaigua, NY 14424 Re: Americanism

The committee will also be launching a statewide essay contest for School children grades 1-5 entitled "What America Means To Me." The winning entry will receive a one hundred dollar United States Savings Bond and a Pizza Party for their classroom. It is essential that our children have a fundamental knowledge and understanding of their own great country. All information on this project will be sent to your Squad-

rons.

Please keep in mind that Americanism also includes such outstanding programs as Boy's State, Oratorical, Scholarships, Scouting, Legion Baseball, and the Commander's project, and others. Please encourage your Squadron members to promote and sponsor all these outstanding programs, and to record and report everything that you do!

Yours for The American Legion Family

Detachment Americanism Committee

Tim Casselman and James Coates



1st Grade Students at a Flag Education Ceremony— Midlakes School 2005

To: All Squadron Members

From: Ted T. Armbrust, Sixth District Membership Task Force for Detachment

Re: Membership

Dear Member,

I was recently reading the membership report when I noticed that your membership for 2006-2007 has yet to be renewed. I am writing this letter to find out why this has happened. Why haven't you paid to renew your membership for 2006-2007? Belonging to the Legion Family, this great or-

ganization that represents the veterans of the United States, is an honor. With your membership, you are not only

receiving bar privileges. More importantly, you are representing the heroes of our country.

The dues that you pay each year are not a large amount, compared with what you receive in return to belong to this organization. I am asking you to please consider paying your 2006-2007 dues as soon as possible, in order to keep your

membership current.

My goal is to have everybody at 100% membership by January 2007. Together we can make this happen, if everyone distributes this letter to all unpaid members. If you have any questions, or if I can help you to renew your membership, please don't hesitate to contact me. My address is: 82 North Street; Johnson City, NY 13790. Phone: (607) 727-3414. Your Squadron Finance Officer will be able to help you with this also.

7th District Commander's Report

National Commander's visit to the 7th District on Oct.

The 7th District is off and running. We held our first District meeting in September and have put our plans and goals together.

My travels are starting. I attended the DEC meeting in Long Island, which was a very constructive weekend. (Eisenhower Park was just awesome).

I am putting together my county visits and will be attending the

28th.

Our membership has started out slow but look out everyone; the "Super 7th" is coming on fast.

Many of the "Super 7th" Squadrons are very busy with projects to assist with the many American Legion Family programs.

As Commander, I am encouraging all of my squadrons to work together with their post and auxil-

iary units. Working together as The Legion Family, we can make all of our organizations stronger.

I am looking forward to seeing the squadrons again this year during my travels throughout the "Super 7th" You are the best.

I hope to see you all at the next 7th District meeting on December 14th at 1 p.m. at The American Legion Post #286 in Newark (my home Post).

Bless you all,
Ross Polson, Commander

3rd District Commander's Report

OCF, so membership should pick up soon.

Membership for the 3rd District has been coming in slowly this year. Therefore, I am contacting all Squadrons to inform them not to hold on to membership, but to send it in as soon as possible. Only two Squadrons have not turned in their

I attended the first Department visitation to the 3rd District in Schoharie County on Oct 3rd. It was a pleasure to hear Commander Al Deichler speak on our behalf. Commander Al did an outstanding job and represented our organization

with great honor and respect. We have a terrific commander as always.

There is not much to report on squadron activities at this point and I hope to have more information for the next newsletter.

For the good of the Sons
Dave Bishop Sr., Commander

CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT

Gaither E. Espey, Chairman

The Children & Youth committee would like your Squadron to keep in mind our children for your programs and projects for the coming year.

By now, your programs for the 2006-2007 year should be well underway. Our CWF and CMN chairmen have big plans for their programs as stated at our fall D.E.C. meeting. For more information on these please contact Jerry Ketchum (CWF) or Bill Lutz (CMN).

There are many other programs that Squadrons can support. Just to name a couple our Detachment

is always a big supporter of Camp Good Days. How about Special Olympics, Boy / Girl Scouts or youth sports? There are so many different programs that your Squadron can support the list would go on and on. Look in your area for a program or a community project that your Squadron supports, you can keep funds raised locally, which is fine.

When you do a function take an extra 15 minutes at the end and write up a quick summary. This will make filling out your Consolidated Report Form much easier.

Of all the reports received last

year, only 50% had anything listed under the Children & Youth programs. I find it hard to believe that only 50% of reporting Squadrons do something for children.

I made a challenge to all District Commanders at the fall DEC meeting. Let me clarify some details of the challenge as pointed out to me. The District Commander with the largest percentage of Squadrons reporting under children & youth will win a free dinner for two. Now help your District Commander by recording and reporting your events under Children and Youth on the consolidated report form.

Thank you for your support and wishing you and your members a successful year in your Children and Youth programs.

Membership Report

by Ross Pulson, Chairman

The membership committee has been very active already in making the Detachment of New York better than ever. This year, the National Membership theme is "Cultivating Membership". My responsibility as the "Head Farmer" is to work with all of my co-op members. The Detachment vice-commanders have the title of "Regional Supervisors". They will be assisting the "District Managers" aka Commanders to help them achieve their goals. To also assist the Head Farmer, is the co-op recorder, Mr. Robert Avery. We have already experienced some rough ground and we haven't had all of the necessary tools to work with so that we can accomplish our goals.

Each Regional Supervisor will have a green cap. The Regional Supervisor with the lowest percent of goal will have the blessing of wearing the Pink Cap until he can pass it on. In order to pass the "Pink Cap", after each target date, the Head Farmer will take the numbers recorded and pass them on to his recorder. In return, he will send out an e-mail and let everyone know how they are doing.

The "owner" of the Pink Cap will then mail said cap to its new owner for the duration until the next target date. The process will then start again. The "owner" will wear this cap at his District and County visitations and explain why he has this honor.

As you can see, we are going to have some fun, but most importantly, it explains how everyone must be involved in order for us to grow.

As of this writing, we are way behind the October 12th National goal of our 25% goal.

Of course, if your OCF has not been mailed to headquarters, your Squadron's membership cards are sitting in Albany and you are not able to pay your dues. I am asking every Squadron that is still outstanding to please send in your OCF so you can receive your new membership cards.

Membership is truly everyone's concern. By working together, we can all meet our goals.

I really feel that the November 15th target date of 35% is obtain-

able if we all do what we need to do.

Also from every member and officer in the Squadrons to the Detachment, I am asking you to cooperate with your membership committeeman in your area. They are there to assist and follow-up, and by working with each other, it helps to make your District stronger.

If anyone needs any assistance, you can always contact me either by phone or email. The Membership Committee and the Detachment of New York is a team. By working together, we can meet our goals.

I want to congratulate the following Districts that are leading the Detachment as of 9/28/06:

2nd District 23.85%

1st District 15.00%

10th District 11.48%

Keep up the good work. Remember: please don't sit on any transmittals. Mail them in now.

God Bless all of you and your families and our veterans of the past and present.

Remembering Pearl Harbor

It's been almost 65 years since Pearl Harbor was attacked. This is one of the most important chapters in U.S. history. But sadly, many of the stories surrounding the attack could be lost.

The Pearl Harbor Survivors Project's goal is to preserve as many stories of the attack as possible. It

has already collected an impressive amount of stories. They're told by military personnel as well as civilians.

You can browse the stories and the photos, and if you're a survivor, I urge you to sign up to tell your story. It is important that future generations remember Pearl Harbor.

<http://www.pearlharborstories.org>



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They are accountable to their Chairman to get the membership in and find out why Squadrons still do not have OCF's sent in at this time. This committee is intended to eliminate the delinquencies we have had and to expedite the renewal rates. The membership committee chairman, Ross Polson has requested email contacts for the Squadron so they can make contact in a quicker manner than though regular mail. I personally believe this is the future and also believe that the emailing of information is vital to the continuous growth we need, I urge every Squadron Commander and Adjutant to supply to the committeeman of his area their email addresses. I would rather see Squadrons send their respective committeeman as many of their members' emails so all members can receive the information they send out.

On to the second issue, I am addressing this year and that is Legislative. Here is another vital attribute of our organization. As I travel, I have been speaking about Legislation and ask-

ing The American Legion members to mentor their Sons members so we can assist in the common goals of The American Legion Family. Being involved in the Legislative process, we, as a whole, can get more accomplished for our veterans. I will be speaking more about this in the next newsletter.

I am also speaking about The American Legion Family this year, as I have in the past and I will always promote. I have seen over the years how much more we can all accomplish as a family working together in our programs. This is new to some Posts where we have just restarted a Squadron and have not had a Sons Squadron active in many years. What I would like to see in a situation like this, is for the area Vice-Commanders, District Commanders and County Commanders to assist the Squadron in helping them grow and become involved with functions at the Post level. Here we are back to that old word MENTORING, this has to be one of the most important words we hear and speak, but it is not just a word, it is the responsibility of all members to mentor a member so he can grow within our

organization.

In closing for this newsletter article, I would like to touch on the National Emergency Fund. As everyone is aware this is the project I have taken on this year as well as Department Commander Jim Casey's project. How better to support the Family then to assist our parent with their project? We need to support this project with the best of our abilities, as we have seen in the past year the local devastation that has occurred in New York with flooding. So when we "The Family" come to your area for our visitation, I would like to see some type of support for our project.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for your support in the past and the support I know you will give in the future. Hope to see many of you during this year's visitations and at our Mid-Winter Conference.

I remain For God and Country

Albert Deichler, Detachment Commander



I am pleased to announce that nationally the Sons of The American Legion have reached the 3 million dollar mark for total donations to CWF! A new poster has been

designed to commemorate this achievement, it is titled "3 Million is just the beginning", new flyers are now available and a new stuffed animal mascot, the CAT, can be yours for a \$5 donation. I had one to show at the Detachment Meeting in Elmont, and before I knew it, an auction ensued! The CAT went to the highest bidder, Gaither Espy for \$50! (What a great fund raising opportunity!)

So far this year the Detachment of New York is off to a good start towards our \$1 per member goal, because of the generous donation of

\$13,000. from the Detachment. Our total donations for last year were just \$5,148. If we could raise at least \$12,000 from our membership, we would be very close to the mark.

With all the tragedies the weather has caused in our nation, many children are left emotionally and physically scared. CWF helps the organizations that help these children cope.

My committee is asking your Squadron, County and District to set up displays at your meetings to help promote this great program and to educate your members. You may also, consider hosting a fund raising dinner, golf outing or other function, with the proceeds going to CWF. It would be a great way for you to achieve your \$1 per member goal!

Remember too, the Memorial Donations, a tribute gift of remembrance is a wonderful way to recognize and remember someone who has made a difference in your life!

Some of the grants awarded in New York this past year were, \$24,600 to the Institute for American Values in New York City and \$25,000 to the National Marfan Foundation of Port Washington, New York.

So, as we go into the new year, please put the Child Welfare Foundation in your budgets, or earmark funds with a fund raiser. You may send your donations to me at: Jerry Ketchum, CWF Chairman: P.O. Box #40: Honeoye, NY 14471 or mail to CWF directly at: American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc.; P.O. Box 1055 Indianapolis, IN. 46206.

Jerry Ketchum, CWF Chairman & CAT Member

VA & R Committee Report

by Thomas Kurk, Chairman

National Sons of The American Legion Commander, Earl Ruttkofsky has proclaimed this is the "Year of the Vet". What does that mean for us? We must be more active in our Veteran Rehabilitation programs. We can do this in many ways. We in the Detachment of New York have fourteen (14) Veterans Administration Hospitals, five (5) New York State Veterans Homes, and the Fisher House in Albany. Let's not forget the countless number of veterans who live in our communities that would greatly appreciate our help by taking them shopping, driving them to doctor's appointments, or just stopping by for a visit.

Volunteer opportunities are never ending. At our VAMC's, Fisher House and NYS Veterans homes, they are always looking for volunteers to help with activities, and are in need of many donations. Many of our veterans are confined to a wheelchair and we can help

transport these men and woman to various activities such as church and social functions. Many of the facilities need volunteers to drive the patients to off site doctor's appointments, or help with clerical work. Monetary donations are always welcome, but material donations such as local store gift cards, coffee, personal hygiene items and the like are always needed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about volunteering or making donations. Each of the Detachment Vice- Commanders received a packet with a complete list of needs and wants. These packets will be updated throughout the year.

We have two (2) National programs that we all can participate in. The first one is the "Tabs for Veterans" program. This program that recycles the pull tabs off our beverage cans. The second one is "Soldiers for Soldiers" program. Soldiers for Soldiers recycles used

cell phones and ink cartridges. Information on these programs can be found on the National Sons of The American Legion website at www.sal.legion.org. Click on Commissions and Committees. Go to VA&R and click on the VA&R Commission website. Look for the links for "Tabs for Veterans" and "Soldiers for Soldiers" You will find complete information about both of these programs.

The Detachment of New York VA&R Committee this year, which includes David Bishop Eugene Vanhaaren, and myself, are looking forward to a very successful year to help our Veterans. If it wasn't for our Veterans, we would not belong to the Sons of The American Legion. Let's get out there and show our appreciation for the dedication and patriotism these men and women gave so we could have the America that we know today. Last but not least, please **REPORT** all the good work you did for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

American Legion, SAL and Auxiliary participate in 9-11 Tribute hosted by the New York Mets At Shea Stadium

Pelham Squadron 50 in association with Post 50 organized the American Legion participation in the 9-11 tribute conducted by the New York Mets at Shea Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 10th prior to the Mets-Dodgers game that day.

The ceremony honored those lost on Sept. 11, 2001 included a joint service color guard and a bagpipe band representing the New York City Fire Department, the NYC Police Department, and the Port Authority Police who together lost in heroic service over 400 members

that day. The American Legion was led by State Commander James Casey, State SAL Commander AL Deichler, Queens County Auxiliary President Penny Walsh, and Westchester County Commander Richard Calbo.

Pelham Post 50 provided a color guard to represent Westchester County joining one from Moses Taylor Jr. Post 136 from Mt. Kisco, and a color guard from Elmont Post 1033 represented Nassau County. Pelham's 600 square foot American Flag was presented by

representatives of all three Legion organizations assisted by five members of the US Marine Corps based at [Naval Weapons Station Earle](#), located in NJ, and from the US Army 2LT Robert Thorne, Iraq veteran Sgt Timothy Coan from Suffolk County, and Sgt James Walsh.

"It was a humbling experience to be a part of ceremony remembering all those who were lost on 9-11, the many heroes of that day, and all those who have served in our military since that time. We appreciate that the New York Mets invited the Sons of The American Legion to participate", commented SAL State Commander Deichler.



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NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR

The National **Purple Heart** Hall of Honor is now in the final stages of completion and will officially open to the public on November 10, 2006.

This state-of-the art facility is located at the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic site on Route 300 in the town of New Windsor, New York. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will be the first

in the nation to recognize the more than 12 million Americans killed or wounded while serving in the United States Military.

All veterans' organizations are asked to make a concentrated effort to have their membership attend this historic event. The military ceremony will commence at 11:00 am on Friday – November 10, 2006. The United States Military Acad-

emy Band from West Point and the famed "Old Guard" Fife and Drum Corps from Washington, DC will participate.

Veterans are requested to wear caps representing their respective organizations and jackets or blazers if you have them. The general public is also invited to attend.

For more information contact: Joe Farina 845-562-3535
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Detachment of New York

Elected Officers for the 2006—2007 year:

- Albert Deichler - Commander
- Peter Booth - Vice Commander
Districts 1 & 9
- Robert Ganga — Vice Commander
Districts 2 & 10
- Arthur Maggy, II- Vice Commander
Districts 3 & 4
- Gary Denmon - Vice Commander
Districts 5 & 6
- Jerry Ketchum— Vice Commander
Districts 7 & 8
- Dean Williamson - Chaplain
- Vince Green - Historian
- David Downey— NEC
- John Bogart— ANEC

Volunteering is an American Legion tradition that has made an immeasurable contribution our communities, our organization, and individuals throughout the United States. Today's volunteers are active, dynamic, creative individuals who possess the skills, desire, patience, and time to accomplish a wide variety of tasks.

Sons of The American Legion members keep up the great job!

Public Relations Committee

The Detachment Public Relations Committee would like to thank every member for their contributions and support. Our goal to report all newsworthy items, to educate ourselves and others of the activities and programs of The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion.

Please send your news articles into the Committee

for the Mid-Winter issue **by January 5, 2007**

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To all Squadron members:

The Detachment of NY wants to let you know that there is a tremendous amount of information available to you on American Legion programs and projects at the Detachment website at: www.ny.legion.org/sal. All of the Detachment mailings are posted for you to read or print out. Missing a page in the Detachment manual? Download and print it out. Check out the Detachment photo's, the Detachment Newsletter, and many of the helpful links, that are on the website. We want you to be informed and educated as to who we are and what we are doing at the Detachment level. In turn we also want you to spread the word to other members, your post members and the community.

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