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Dates of Special Interest:

- April is Children & Youth month
- April 7th—CWF Week
- April 16th—18th National Oratorical Contest
- April 17th—Veteran Walk-A-Thon
- May 1st to 2nd—NEC Spring meetings
- May 9th—Mother's Day
- May 15th—National Veterans Assistance Day
- May 31st—Memorial Day
- June 15th—Flag Day

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by David Bishop

Fellow Sons Members

My fellow Sons, as always I want to say once again what a great privilege and honor it is to be representing you as your Detachment Commander. I have just finished up with all of our county visitations. I was able to attend all but one of the visits. I was not able to attend the Niagara county visitation due to the commitment I had in Washington for the lay of the wreath ceremonies at the Iwo Jima, Korean and Vietnam memorials as well as at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Two days later I had the honor of laying the New York wreath, at the base of the New York column of the WWII memorial in the honor of my father's service and all New York Veterans who served our nation during WWII

As we approach the final quarter of the 2009-2010 administrative year we still have much to do. We have to stay focused on membership as we try to reach our 100% membership goal. As mentioned in the previous newsletter a high percentage of retention will be the key to achieving this goal. So I ask all membership chairmen to form a strong membership committee to go after those renewals.



Scholarships, the deadline for the scholarships' that the Detachment offers are due by April 30, 2010. Those scholarships are the Cerrulo Memorial Scholarship, the LT Michael Lewis Scholarship, and the William O'Connell memorial scholarship, for more information on these scholarships, go to the Detachment web site at www.sonsdny.org and click on the link for programs and then click on the link for scholarships. Please take advantage of these scholarships.

We also have to make sure that all squadrons turn in the consolidated report form. **Continued on page 3 ...**

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

by Robert J. Avery

Gentlemen,

Since most Squadron elections take place in May, I would like to remind all Adjutants of their very first task when the voting is over.....**submit an Officer Certification Form (OCF) to Detachment Headquarters!** This **MUST** be done even if Officers remain the same. The form is included in the Convention Call mailing, also is in the Detachment Manual, and also can be found at our Detachment website 24 hours a day in a convenient fill-able format at www.sonsdny.org. Why do you need to do this every year one might ask? For starters, the Detachment does not recognize your Squadron as being an active Squadron without a current OCF on file. Secondly, you will not receive any communications from the Detachment since we have no contact information, as far as we are aware you don't exist. Finally, your Squad's 2011 Membership Cards will **NOT** be released until your OCF has been received at Albany HQ. I know we are improving in compliance with OCF submittals but it still continues as a

problem each year. Let's make this year a banner year and to help make that happen, we need the support of ALL Squadrons. We also need the support of the County and District levels in following up with the Squads in their respective areas. Yes...there are certain Squadrons that simply do not know, they may be brand new, may have all new Officers, or may not have experienced members passing down information to younger members..i.e. mentoring. **Also PLEASE provide a contact email address for your Squadron since most of our communications are through that format.**

All Squadrons are **ALSO** requested to submit the CSR so that your man hours and donations can be compiled and totaled with others to show everything we do in support of America's veterans, children and youth and assistance within our local communities. It is hard to imagine that your Squadron doesn't donate to a program or expend man-hours in support of a program. Our numbers that are totaled each year are impressive,

but guess what? I wonder how much more remarkable they would be if we had 100% of our Squadrons reporting? This is not to be thought of as a cumbersome task with no purpose. Even if your Squadron is small and can make only modest donations of effort and dollars that is GREAT thing! But please report it. Don't forget that these total figures are brought before Congress each and every year in support for The American Legion's requests to assist our Nation's veterans. **So yes, your efforts are greatly appreciated and they do make a difference....that is why we need to know about them!**

On behalf of the Detachment of New York, I thank all the Squadrons for their support of our Nation's veterans...the reason we are here! I also thank you for your continued involvement in your local communities and numerous other projects!

For the GOOD of The American Legion Family,



Commander from page 1

Last year we had an increase of over 30 reports and it would be great to see that trend continue. The CRF is probably the most important form that needs to be filled out. The CRF is what gives us all the information on what our squadrons are doing for our veterans, children, and our community, state and nation. After these numbers are combined with the numbers from the American Legion that is what we have to present to our representative in Congress. To show them what we do as an organization. These reports along with

our membership numbers are what gives us the strength to lobby for our veterans and our veterans' issues. So please make sure you fill out the consolidated reports forms. The deadline for this report is due by April 30th as well.

I want to wish you all a great spring and hope to see you all at convention. May God bless our veterans, may God bless the men and women who serve our great nation and as always may bless America.

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



News From Around the State

Squadron #805 Cohocton supports E.A.R.S. Lifeline.

The Sons of the American Legion Post 805 in Cohocton continues to support seniors living throughout their service area by helping to keep them safe and secure at home. Following their Third Annual Lifeline Golf Tournament, a donation of \$4,054 was recently made to the E.A.R.S. Lifeline Program at Noyes Memorial Hospital. This donation will be used to pay the monthly monitoring fees for over 22 Cohocton area



Seated: Bucky Austin and Bob Carey from Cohocton Sons of the American Legion Post 805 presenting \$4,054 check to Gloria Swain, LPN, E.A.R.S. Lifeline Program Coordinator

Lifeline subscribers, as well as the one-time installation fee for all Veterans.

Patty Piper, Director of Community Outreach Services at Noyes Hospital states, "In the past 27 years that the E.A.R.S. Lifeline Program has existed, I think the work the Cohocton American Legion does for their community is one of the most admirable efforts I've seen because their support directly benefits the seniors in their community. We repeatedly hear how appreciative the Cohocton area subscribers are to have their Lifeline service covered."

Americanism Commission by James Coates, Chairman

First of all I apologize to everyone for not being able to be with you at Mid-Winter. I would like to thank Christopher Birch for taking over and carrying on for me.

All of the materials for the Americanism Flag Education program for each District have been sent to the District Commander or appropriate Detachment Vice Commanders. Please make sure to distribute these materials for squadrons

to use in Flag Education Programs. These materials include the following.

A scripted flag education program that our squadrons can use in their flag education programs. Each District Commander can distribute these to squadrons in your district. There are enough scripts, flags, and brochures for several flag education programs.

This has been a significant investment on the part of the Detachment so let's make it pay off by getting the materials out there to squadrons that will use them.

I have already received some Essays to be judged in our "What America Means To Me" Essay contest. Information for this

contest can be downloaded from the web site, www.sonsdny.org. We have received many good comments about this program from teachers participating. The deadline is May 1st, 2010.

I have also been receiving some scholarship applications for the Lewis and Cerullo Scholarships. the deadline for these scholarships is April 30th, 2010.

We will also be purchasing Flag Lapel pins for Boys State again this year.

And, finally, I encourage all squadrons to submit a consolidated report this year. Support Boys State, Scouting, take part in a flag retirement ceremony, report your members hours of community service., Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities and all of the many other activities that The Sons of The American Legion do throughout the state.

The Americanism Commission for the Detachment of New York



Flag Education Program—2009
Midlakes Primary School

American Legion Baseball

American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair.

The league still stands atop the traditional values upon which it was founded nearly 85 years ago. Since 1925, American Legion Baseball has taught hun-

dreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of wealthy bankers' and industrial workers' sons, and erasing any social divide between them. Most importantly, American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who

have gone on to raise families or play the sport at the highest level.

Legion Baseball also has a reputation for serving the young people who play for it. In college scholarships, the league annually awards a total of \$51,000 - \$1,000 for a player selected from each department based upon leadership, character, scholarship and financial need.

V. A. & R. Commission

by Thomas Kurk, Chairman

Greetings from the Detachment of New York Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, Spring is here and this commission has presented to the members of the Detachment of New York Sons many projects to benefit our veterans and their families. First of all our annual "They Marched For Us, We Walk For Them" Walk-a-thon scheduled for April 17, 2010 looks like a huge success for this year. Donations have been sent to our Detachment Headquarters and I have received many phone calls and e-mails from across our Detachment that they will hold walks. With this kind of response we have a great chance of making our goal of \$124,000 to go toward the rehabilitation of our veterans. A special thanks goes out to the members of Department of New York American Legion Auxiliary for joining us in this endeavor.

May 15 is National Veterans Assistance Day. Let's show our appreciation to our veterans in our communities by taking this Saturday in May and make it an awarding day for everyone involved.

This Commission has asked all year for members of the Sons to step up and register to become Representatives or Deputies at one of the thirteen VA Medical Centers here in New York. We are getting closer to

reaching our goal of having at least one member in each center. Congratulation's goes out to Robert Cox of Robert J. Hydon Squadron #239, Onondaga County as being approved as the sons Representative at the Syracuse VA Medical Center. Applications have been sent in to the American Legion office in Washington D.C for James Coates of Frances M. Dalton Squadron #282, Livingston County as the Deputy at the Canandaigua VAMC and I as the Representative at Canandaigua. That gives us representation in four of the thirteen centers in the state. At our Squadron, County and District meetings let sit down and discuss this and let's see if we can come up with a volunteer or volunteers to fill the remaining openings. Please contact any of the Commission members for any assistance.

The latest issue of the National Update newsletter was entirely devoted to VA & R. We hope you had a chance to read this issue as we had several articles submitted by members of the Detachment of New York. One of the articles pointed out the delay or denial of benefits by the Veterans Benefits Administration due to veteran's military records being lost or misfiled and another gave some examples what the members of our Detachment are doing for our veterans.

Similar to the National Suicide Hotline VA Secretary Eric Shinseki announced last year his goal of ending veteran homelessness. VA took a step toward helping that cause earlier this week with the launching of its National Call Center for Homeless Veterans.

VA also launched an online Homeless Veterans Chat service, which can be accessed at VA's Homeless Veterans Web page. Homeless Veterans Chat provides an outlet for veterans, their families and friends to go online and anonymously chat with a trained VA counselor. The online feature is intended to reach out to all homeless or at-risk veterans regardless of whether they are enrolled in the VA health-care system.

April 30, 2010 is the day your Squadrons must have your Consolidated Report Forms in to Headquarters. We need to have all Squadrons take the time to fill out the report and submit it on time. Our veterans depend on your volunteer hours and monetary donations when these figures are reported to congress. Also due on April 30th is submitted applications for the William P. O'Connell Memorial Scholarship.

In closing from all the members of the Commission we thank you for what you do for our Veterans, They Are Our Greatest Resource!



Legislative Commission

by Thomas Kurk, Chairman

On-the-Hill Day, Washington, DC February 27 - March 3, 2010 the Detachment of NY was well represented with nine members present: Commander David Bishop, Adjutant Robert Avery, Vice Commander Kenneth Kraetzer, Legislative Commission Chairman Doc Gibbs, NEC John Bogart, ANEC Ray Jarvis, and Legislative Committee Member David Perry. SAL National Legislative Chairman (Detachment Finance Officer) David Lee was also present. The Chairman's daughter, auxiliary member, Kristen Gibbs, also fully participated in our legislative efforts.

All members received packets upon arrival containing the American Legion Legislative Priorities, a booklet of the 700+ bills that are being monitored by the Legion and their stance on each, a schedule of the appointments for visitations of the members of Congress, a pre-made thank you letter they could mail out when they went home, as well as contact information and a map during their stay on Capitol Hill.

On Sunday we took the bus tour of the monument sites and the wreath laying ceremonies. National SAL Commander laid a wreath at the Iwo Jima USMC Memorial. We then went on to visit the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, and the Women's Service Memorial. Fifteen wreaths had

been slated for presentation that day. The bus continued on to Arlington Cemetery. We visited the Kennedy gravesite and went on to the Tomb of the Unknown. We watched the changing of the guard and many members had the opportunity to go below the monument and see the guards' barracks and hear the explanation of how the operation is regularly carried out 365 days a year.

Ken Kraetzer spent additional time locating the monuments for past members of his town, Pelham, NY. We also saw Chaplain Hill where Ken has been busy gaining support for the addition of a marker honoring the service of the Jewish chaplains.

On Tuesday, Detachment Commander Bishop gave a brief speech and laid a wreath at the NY pillar of the World War II Memorial in honor of his father and all those who sacrificed during World War II. The group went on to tour the National Archives building where the Declaration of Independence is kept prior to going up on the hill. Pre-appointments had been made for visitation to Congressmen for Tuesday, March 2nd. The following Congressmen were visited by our SAL Detachment of NY

personnel: Brian Higgins, Eric Massa, Paul Tonko, Maurice Hinchey, William Owens, Anita Lowey, and John Hall. Materials were also dropped off at several Congressmen's offices that we did not have appointments with but were in our general jurisdictions.

The main focus remained along Legion guidelines: support for the Flag Amendment, reducing the VA claims backlog, legislation supporting long-term VA care, repealing the Disabled Veteran's Tax, repealing the Widows' Tax, continued support of the advanced appropriations for veterans health care, as well as a pouch to get veterans health care reimbursement through Medicare to the VA.

All members reported positive outcomes from their meetings. They were well received, well briefed, and helped to educate the Congressmen and Senators on the American Legion perspectives to several issues and left professional materials that could be referenced beyond their visits. We all felt the visitations were worthwhile and yielded positive results.



Children & Youth Commission by Bill Lutz, Chairman

As the military deployments continue, it is becoming increasingly apparent that New York needs to reach out and support our Military Families of Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve.

New York State is home to three Active Duty Army installations - Ft. Drum, West Point, and Ft. Hamilton. Ft. Drum houses the 10th Mountain Division with three brigades (16,000 Soldiers) and is the most deployed Army Division in the

15,000 geographically dispersed National Guard and Reserve Soldiers in New York State - living in our backyards, not on military installations. More often than not they live where they do not have easy access to an Active Duty installation. Compounding the deployment issues there are financial losses being incurred, military services not easily accessible, and schools not prepared for the "out of norm" student stressors (i.e., safety of a parent, parent unable to attend a special

provide geographically dispersed Military Families with meaningful, comprehensive and effective family readiness and care before, during and after deployment.

There are 40,000 kids in New York State affected by deployments. Approx. 10,000 of those reside in Jefferson County (Fort Drum) which isn't surprising, but, there are over 30,000 kids NOT in the Fort Drum area, which means our efforts are needed STATEWIDE. I ask that you go to their website:

<http://www.operationmilitarykids.org/public/home.aspx> to see how



country. In addition to the constant state of deployment at Ft. Drum, most Soldiers and their Families reside beyond the gates in communities that are often as far as 70 miles from the installation - away from the key Military Family supports.

Furthermore, there are over

event). There is a general lack of community awareness and support, too much war dramatization by the media, and child care is not always available or does not meet the needs of the family. Consequently, NYS National Guard's Adjutant General has identified the need to

your squadron can assist in the efforts of this fine program.

In New York state the coordinator is Sara Kessler for more information call: (315) 788-8450 ext 232 or omk-ny@cornell.edu.

American Legion Racing

The next ARCA race for Team Johnson and the #76 Freedom Car is April 16 in the Rattlesnake 150 at Texas Motor speedway. The race is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and will be televised live on SPEED.

The American Legion/David



Law Firm 76 Freedom Car race team is a program of The

American Legion, for the purpose of raising awareness of the programs conducted by The American Legion across the country in support of veterans, our nation's military and their families. The racing program is also geared to attract the next generation of American Legion members.

7th & 8th District News

Since our last Liberty Newsletter, I must say that this has been a year of great prosperity so far. I have had the chance to travel with our Department officers and what a wonderful experience it was.

As an organization, all of us made great choices in electing our leaders, American Legion Commander Bill, American

Legion Auxiliary President Karyn, and our own Detachment Commander David. They represent our organization with professionalism and reaching out to our members with their messages. It was truly an honor traveling with them in the 7th & 8th District.

I also had the privilege to attend the 8th District ROTC

Scholarship Ceremony at St. Bonaventure University. It was absolutely beautiful.

There is so much going on in my Districts. It has been wonderful and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

God Bless everyone and their families.

Vice-Commander

Ross W. Polson

District 8 Updates....

We are closing in on the May 15th deadline for the Kim Huson Memorial Scholarship for a high school senior from 8th District. This scholarship is for \$250 and is named in memory of a past SAL Commander of Matthew Glab Post in Lackawanna and one of the founding fathers and past 8th District Commander.

The 7th & 8th Districts of the Sons of the American Legion have combined efforts and set up an award honoring a student from a ROTC program in each district. We are pleased to announce that this represents the fifth consecutive year we are able to award this honor.

This award is officially known as "The Sons of The American Legion William P. O'Connell Memorial ROTC Award".

This year the ceremony at St. Bonaventure is slated for Sat., March 27 and the ceremony at RIT is scheduled for Fri., May 14, 2010.

The award is given to the cadet that best demonstrates the following criteria: fostering and perpetuating a true spirit of Americanism; inculcating a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; and safeguarding the principles of justice, freedom and democracy - words taken directly from the Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion.

These principles were exemplified in the life of William P. O'Connell and he continues to serve as a role model for service and commitment. Members of the O'Connell family have attended every award



presentation. A financial award will also accompany the plaque. A perpetual plaque will be housed on

both the St. Bonaventure University and Rochester Institute of Technology campuses indicating all the recipients of the SAL ROTC Award for years to come.

The 2010 year's recipients are Cadet Zachary S. Wise from St. Bonaventure University and Cadet William Smith from the R I T battalions.

Past Detachment Commander Jeff Jordan, Past Detachment Vice Commander Lefty Caldwell, District 7 Commander Jerry Shepard, Detachment Vice Commander Ross Polson, Detachment Legislative Chairman/District 8 Commander Doc Gibbs, District 8 VC, Ron Kuczenski, along with members of Bill O'Connell's family - SAL member Jacob O'Connell, daughter Kathy O'Connell and widow Kaye O'Connell attended the March ceremonies at St. Bonaventure University.

Submitted For the Good of the Sons,

Greg "Doc" Gibbs,
District 8 Commander

News From Around the State

SAL Squadron #291 Greenville

Our small but mighty Squadron #291 is once again planning their "Honor Our Vets Luncheon" for Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2010. We invite all of our veterans from our

Post and the community for a homemade hot lunch together with music and gifts for all. This luncheon is funded completely by the SAL and is free for all veterans. We are very proud to be able to honor all of our heroes.



Photo of our luncheon from last year where we served about 60 veterans.

Squadron #203, Beacon, NY which was newly reactivated, will be participating in the Detachment Walk-A-Thon April 17th. Participants will have two options, (1) the Riverfront Park participates will collect for each lap around the waterfront park or (2) The Riverfront pathway will have walkers go from the park to the Bear Mountain Park entrance. This route can be up to 8 miles long and participants will collect by the mile. We will leave this walk for our younger or more athletic group. We are look forward to a good turn out and hope to raise many dollars for our hospitalized veterans.

Squadron #468 Greece, NY

The Sons of The American Legion from Greece Post 468 presented their 2010 USO Show on Saturday, March 6th to a packed house and no one left disappointed. Hosted by our

own Phil "Moe" Burke kicked off the show at 6pm with the welcoming veteran members and guests.

Phil introduced our DJ Danny "Blues" Liposchak who entertained the crowd with music ranging from WWII to present day. Since the theme was the Korean War, most of the music was from the late 40's to early 50's. Danny also provided his usual sense of humor as shown by his dress attire.

Most of the night's entertainment was provided with vintage military pictures of Post 468 veterans as well as some comedic sketches shown on our large screen TV. Snacks, sandwiches and desserts were provided throughout the evening.

Our incoming Post 468 Commander, Dave Taylor even got in the spirit as shown with two



of our USO Girls, Terri Brooker and Shannon Wood.

The Show came to a closure around 11:30pm with all of the SAL members gathering for a photo.



Phil "Moe" Burke with our USO Girl, Amanda Marvin

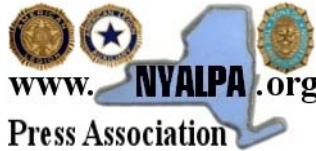
The Legion Press Association membership is made up of Legion, Auxiliary and Sons. We have the largest state membership. Yearly, we award a Scholarship and several 'Best Papers', for Newsletter, Editorial, Web Site. More info. and full details are on our web site at www.NYALPA.org.

First, I would like to see more sons members in the Press Association, (application below) especially officers who are the communicators of our organizations, the Adjutants, Historians, Newsletter and Web Site Editors. You can even have your squadron be a member. **Thank you** to those who joined at Midwinter.

Second, please consider making a donation towards our

scholarship, (yea, I know, someone else asking for a donation) but, even \$10 or \$25 is plenty, then have someone apply for the scholarship!

KevinHarrington@Juno.com,
President NYALPA



Who Should Join? Any Member of the New York State American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion involved with communicating with their membership or the general public and our leaders that promote our goals and are the organizations news-makers.

Benefits of Joining. Mem-

bers receive periodical National and State newsletters informing you about what is going on in the Association and information

on how to publish a newsletter for your own organization, public relations and annual contests.

You will also receive valuable press cards and pins that will admit you to places that others would be restricted.

How Can You Join? Complete this application, enclose a check and mail to the above address.

Members are encouraged to join both National and New York State Press Associations to receive the full benefits of membership, but it is not required.

NYALPA Application

PO BOX 650

EAST AURORA NY 14852

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

I wish to join the: American Legion's

New York Press Association - \$10 _____

National Press Association - - \$10 _____

Renewal _____ NYALPA Pin - \$5 _____

New Member _____ NALPA Pin \$5 _____

I am a member of:

The American Legion _____

The American Legion Auxiliary _____

The Sons of The American Legion _____

Post / Unit / Squadron # _____

Membership Card ID # _____

County _____ District _____

Please make checks payable to NYALPA and sent with completed application to the above address.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT FORM

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

Listed below is an explanation of the line items under VA&R on the Consolidated Report Form. It is very important to be accurate with your totals that you record under each category.

Number of Visits and Total Hours of these visits to Veterans Homes: This is the Number of visits and the total of volunteer hours accumulated by a Squadron makes to one of the five (5) New York State Veterans Homes. Located in Jamaica; Batavia; Montrose; Stoney Brook and Oxford.

Cash Donations to Veterans Homes: This is the total amount of cash donations made to the New York State Veterans Homes by a Squadron. Merchandise can be included in this total. Convert the amount of merchandise into an actual dollar amount and add it to your actual cash donations.

Number of visits to VAMC's: This is the total amount of visits a Squadron makes to one of the thirteen (13) Veterans Administration Medical Centers here in New York State.

Estimated dollar amount of items donated to VAMC's: This is a total monetary amount of cash donations and items donated to VA hospitals in your area or any other VA Medical Center.

Field Service Hours: Field Service Hours are hours earned through work done on behalf of veterans in state or community based nursing homes/soldiers homes, contracted veterans homes, day care centers, halfway houses, hospices, homeless shelters or stand downs.

Home Service Hours: Home Service Hours are hours earned through work done in your home for the benefit of homebound sick or injured service members or veterans. These items might include sewing, mending, babysitting while the veteran attends medical appointments or rehab. **Providing these services to a family member or relative cannot be counted.**

Fisher House Hours: This is the total number of volunteer hours donated to the Fisher House at the Stratton VA in Albany. **Cash Donations to the Fisher House:** This is the total amount of monetary donations.

Support for the Troops Hours: This is the total amount of hours donated by the members of a Squadron in support of our active duty troops. This may include organizing rallies for troops that are being deployed, welcome home parties for returning troops. Also included in this are sending care packages to our troops that are stationed overseas who would truly appreciate toiletries and other items that are not readily available to them.

Cost of Support of our Troops: This is the total cost that a Squadron has spent in Support for the Troops for any of the above projects.

Family Support Network Hours and Cost: Many families of our active duty veterans need help at home while their family members are serving our country away from home. We can help by volunteering to do errands, household chores, shopping and or babysitting to help out these families. The total number of hours and total monetary cost that a Squadron contributes to this would be reported under Family Support Hours and cost.

Other VA&R Projects: This is any other projects that are done in support of our active duty veterans and veterans who have served in the past.

Total Number of Hours for other VA&R Projects: This the accumulative number of hours donated for other VA&R projects such as our Detachment Walk-A-Thon, meals served to our veterans at our Post Homes and other events or projects that are not previously listed above.

Total Cost of other VA&R Projects: This is the total cost spent throughout the year on other VA&R Projects.

National Veterans Assistance Day—Squadron Participation in National Veterans Assistance Day: This is answered Yes or No. You either participated in this or your Squadron did not.

Number of Veterans Helped; Total Hours; and Total Cost during National Veterans Assistance Day: The total amount of veterans your Squadron helped; total number of hours; and the total amount of funds that were used by either doing tasks for our veterans or serving meals for our veterans in our communities.

Detachment of New York

elected officers for the 2009—2010 year.

- David Bishop, Sr - Commander
- Kenneth Kraetzer - Vice Commander
Districts 1 & 9
- John Rogers — Vice Commander
Districts 2 & 10
- Robert Myrtle - Vice Commander
Districts 3 & 4
- John Knapp, Sr - Vice Commander
Districts 5 & 6
- Ross Polson — Vice Commander
Districts 7 & 8
- James Coates- Chaplain
- William Lutz - Historian
- Fred Merscher— Master Sgt-at-Arms
- John Bogart— N.E.C.
- Raymond Jarvis—A.N.E.C.
- Randall Lewis— Judge Advocate



Cadet Zachary S. Wise from St. Bonaventure University receives this years SAL 8th District ROTC award

Public Relations Commission

The Detachment Public Relations Commission 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.

We are looking for you to brag about what is going on in your Squadron, County or District. What have you been up to, a service project, fundraiser, outstanding member or are you chartering a New Squadron? Photos tell a good story!

Please send your news articles into the Commission for the Convention issue **by June 5, 2010**

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Sons of The American Legion member are being asked to get on board and participate with the fund raising efforts to elect New York states very own Fang A Wong National Commander.

For information on how you can join the campaign committee contact Robert Avery at (585) 889-3670 or click on the link at sonsdny.org.

