



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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Commander J. Bruce Ruthven
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RE: Official Communication from the Detachment Adjutant

Adjutant's Summary of the 42nd Annual Detachment Convention July 13-16, 2016 Vestal, NY

Our 42nd Annual Detachment Convention has just concluded. Many thanks go to Commander Joseph L. SantaCroce who presided, and for his hard work and dedication in serving as Detachment Commander this past year. Congratulations to all Officers, Committee and Commission members and especially to all of our blue cap members on a terrific year! Hopefully all delegates enjoyed this year's Convention and had a rewarding and educational experience.

The following Detachment Officers were elected to serve in the 2016-2017 Administrative Year:

Commander	J. Bruce Ruthven
Vice Commander (1/9)	William Clancy III
Vice Commander (2/10)	Peter DeAngelis, Jr.
Vice Commander (3/4)	Clarence Ike Bosford
Vice Commander (5/6)	Christopher Burtch
Vice Commander (7/8)	James Coates
Chaplain	James Parks
Historian	Timothy Van Patten, II

The various Detachment Officers, District Commanders, Commission and Committee Chairmen gave their reports. Accomplishments, donations and hourly totals for our programs were provided, along with the various Squadron award winners. Actual certificates will be presented at the upcoming Fall DEC Meeting.

Other items of interest:

- We were honored to have as our guest National Commander Kevin Collier from the Detachment of Alaska who addressed not only our Convention, but the Auxiliary and Legion Conventions as well. Great job this year Mr. Commander! The Convention gave their full support to Jeff Frain from the Detachment of Arizona for National Commander and also to Joe Korba from the Detachment of New Jersey for National Vice Commander. Both of these gentlemen hope to be elected at next month's National Convention in Cincinnati.
- It was reported that Commander SantaCroce had received a total of \$18,434 in donations for NEF, Legacy Scholarship and Operation Comfort Warriors over the year. This money was presented to the Department Commander at the Legion Convention. As for the VA Walk-a-Thon, a total of \$18,547 was raised, one half of which was presented to our co-fundraiser The American Legion Auxiliary at their Convention.
- The Annual Convention CWF Golf Tournament and associated raffles raised \$2,054, and the Detachment Public Relations Commission raised \$1,375 at the Convention which was donated to Twin-Tiers Honor Flight.

- A resolution submitted by Cassadaga Memorial Squadron #1280 calling for the eternal duty of the Sons of The American Legion to carry on for God and Country in support of The American Legion and it's principles was passed unanimously.
- The Fall Meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee will take place at Seeley B. Parish American Legion Post #457 in Phelps, NY on Saturday October 15, 2016. Later that day will be the Official Visitation Dinner to the 7th District by the National Commander of The American Legion.
- Commander Ruthven's Project for this year is the National Emergency Fund. Just as a reminder, donation checks can be presented directly to the Commander at your County Visitation Dinner. Squadrons may also mail their donations directly to Detachment HQ in Albany.
- John Sampson was elected as Department Commander and Deborah Kryczkowski was elected as Department President.
- The 43rd Annual Detachment Convention will take place next July in Syracuse. More details will be made available.
- The 2016-2017 Directory will be available as soon as possible, as well as the Official Call to the Fall meeting.

Have a great summer!