



**PRE-SUBMITTED REPORTS**

**TO THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
DETACHMENT  
OF  
NEW YORK**

**MID-WINTER MEETING**

**JANUARY 21 – 22, 2017  
RADISSON ALBANY - COLONIE, NY**

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*District 2*  
*Commander Michael P. Rodriguez*

October 2016- Could Not Attend the Fall Conference because of my son got married that same weekend.

November- made preparations for the Kings County American Legion Oratorical Contest which is to be held December 3, 2016

December 2016 - County American Legion Oratorical Contest was held December 3, 2016 at Floyd Bennett American Legion Post #1060, please note, for the past 3 years , this has been a joint effort conducted by the Kings County American Legion Family. Santa's Gift Giving was held December 14, 2016 at St. Finbars Heart Share School " First Step" program for children with various stages of Autism, 153 gifts were given to boys and girls in this program Mr. And Mrs. Claus ( Mike & Catherine Rodriguez ) , Past Dept. Detachment Joe Santa Croce and his wife Past Kings County President Marie Santa Croce, Kings County Squadron Commander Joe Hall and Kings County Vice Commander Mark Ventura were Santa's Helpers.

January 2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> District American Legion Oratorical Contest was held January 8, 2017 at Holy Rosary Church of Staten Island.

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*District 4*  
*Commander James Williams*

Along the holiday season the 4<sup>th</sup> district squadrons have been busy. Hudson Falls squadron 574 Christmas for the kids as Big Dan doing a Great job as Santa (as always). Squadron 337 doing a Great job with Don Gursej as Santa. Great donations for VA Christmas party from squadron 1450.

Wreaths across America at the Saratoga National Cemetery our goal was to place wreaths on every Hero's grave as we fell short our goal is to be over 10,000 next year and it was a group effort.

With motorcycle groups from around the area legion rides from post 1644, post 337 and other motorcycle groups that include Goat Brothers , Veterans MC. And many others. One Cause One Goal.

Membership around the 4<sup>th</sup> district we sit in 7<sup>th</sup> place at 51.11 % understanding we have a lot of work in front of us, as always get the word out need to be at a 100% by convention.

*District 5*  
*Commander Dennis George*

- Membership: 5<sup>th</sup> District Sons continue to meet designated quotas. 4 of the 6 counties are meeting the quotas. As of 1/5/17, 5<sup>th</sup> District is 5<sup>th</sup> in Detachment @ 57.78%, with 304 new members, 4005 paid members, and 4 squadrons @ 100% or above, with Squadron 1361 Tipperary Hill @ 144%.
- I attended Onondaga County Sons meeting at Skaneateles Post 239, on Oct. 13, 2016. Approached by Legionnaires from Knifeton Post, in Camillus, about the process of forming a squadron. The interest appears to be very good. I have forwarded information to the Legion contact from the S.A.L. Handbook.
- I attended Fall DEC at Seeley B. Parish Post in Parish, on Oct.15, 2016. Met with members of the Americanism Committee to outline this year's initiatives.
- I attended Oneida County Sons meeting at Kelley-Phillips Post 569 in Oriskany Falls, on Oct. 16, 2016, at New Hartford Post 1376 on November 20, 2016, and at Oriskany Post 1448 on December 18, 2016. The Squadrons are actively working and supporting their respective Legions with various fundraisers. They voted to donate \$100 to President Debbie's project – "TAPS". I presented the awards for membership for 2015-16. Oneida County Sons voted to donate \$200 to the "Committee to Elect Doc Gibbs" Oriskany Squadron 1448 voted to donate \$200 to the "Committee to Elect Doc Gibbs".
- I attended Oswego County Sons meeting at Prior-Stock Post 1552 in Hannibal, on Oct. 18, 2016. The meeting was very well attended. The Squadrons were very busy with various activities and fundraisers. I reminded them to be sure to log these activities and submit them on their CSR's.
- I volunteered at a children's Halloween Party at The Stanwix Veterans & Men's Club, on Oct. 22, 2016.
- I attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony, on November 5, 2016, sponsored by the Oneida Indian Nation. The keynote speaker was Colonel Bryan J. Laske, Garrison Commander, United States Army Garrison @ Fort Drum.
- I was invited and attended a joint meeting of the Eastwood Post 1276, Syracuse, Legionnaires and Sons on November 30, 2016.
- I volunteered at 2 children's Christmas Parties at The Stanwix Veterans & Men's Club, on Dec. 10, 2016.
- At the 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting, on December 11, 2016, members voted to donate \$500 to the "Committee to Elect Doc Gibbs".
- Oriskany Squadron 1448 had a winter clothes drive in December, and donated 25 winter coats, as well as other clothing to the Veterans Outreach Center in Utica, NY.
- Installed 2017 Officers at the Stanwix Veterans & Men's Club on January 3, 2017.

***District 6***  
***Commander Wayne Ainslie***

Commander Bruce Sons Members and Guests

I apologize for not attending the Fall DEC Meeting in Oct. but my 6<sup>th</sup> District Visitations began the very next day on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at The Bentley-Trumble Post 442 in Horseheads N.Y. when I attended a luncheon for our National American Legion Commander Charles Schmidt from Oregon.

After that the Dept. Visitations started Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> with Madison County 1<sup>ST</sup> Followed by 5 more Counties, Chenego, Cortland, Otsego, Delaware, & Broome Oct.21<sup>st</sup> thru Oct.25<sup>th</sup> with Broome County having the largest in attendance and costing me the most in fines when I when up to do my introduction without putting my cover on, I'll never do that again, O'well it all went to good causes after all. After having a mere 2 days off I finished off with the last 4 Counties with Chemung, Tioga, Schuyler, & Tompkins Oct.28<sup>th</sup> thru Oct.31<sup>st</sup> making it to all 10 County Visitations in my District. I had a great time with Dept. Commander John, Dept. Aux President Debbie& Det. Commander Bruce all of them had a great message to give to all of the Legion Family Members who attended. I want to thank my 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Det. Vice Commander Chris Burtch for all his help during my District. To sum it up it was 10 Counties in 12 days & 1500 miles a lot of travel in a short time but well worth it.

Membership as of 1/10/17 in the 6<sup>th</sup> District is mere 46.26%, 8<sup>th</sup> in the state with 1609 paid members out of a 3478 target goal. On a good note we have 3 Sq. at 100% them being, Sq. 758 Frank A. Johnson, Sq. 1492 Johnson Rogers, & Sq. 1567 Hartwick great job guys. But on a bad note we have a total of 14 Sq. at 0% with is something I have to work on at my next District meeting which will be on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> right before Mid Winter hopefully theses numbers will change.

In closing I would like to thank everybody who has helped as The 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander to Discharge my Duties To God & Country.

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***Commander's Advisory Committee***  
***PDC Joseph L. Santa Croce***

There is nothing new to report at this time. The Commander continues to do an outstanding job and no issues have arisen.

Yours For The Sons