



# Sons of the American Legion

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## **“Sons of the American Legion attending Spring meetings in Indianapolis**

**Commander: Henry Cleveland**

**Sr. Vice: Steve England**

**No. Area Commander: Elwood Bourne**

**So. Area Commander: David Hendee**

**Adjutant: Don Tetreault**

**NECman: Harold Trombley**

**Alt NECman: John Waite**

**Sgt-at-Arms: Randy Cleveland**

**Historian: Dan Buckley**

**Chaplain: Bruce Gideos**

# Commanders Message

## Detachment Commander

### News letter June 2016

*Hello Squadron Commander and all squadron members as your Detachment Commander I hope you all are having a great Spring and I can see winter does not want to let go. Well here comes the last two months of my Commandership and I can honestly say I'm so proud of what our Detachment team does everyday. All the squadrons are doing an unbelievable job working with your legion family's supporting our Veterans, Children & Youth and Community Thank you for all you do. Always remember our Detachment team includes every member. From now until Convention will be the hardest part of what we do making sure we get the last few memberships in, installations, end of the year reports, directory page, and the officer roster for your squadron .If there is anything that I can do for you to help with any one of these end of the year programs let me or any of your Detachment team know.*

## Membership

*I know with a little more help we all can get our 100% membership in time convention on June 25<sup>th</sup>. If you could please try to get these dues in, we have had a great year so far 100% by convention would be awesome. Our Sr. vice Commander Steve England is our membership chairman, if you would like help from our Detachment team we will come to do a **mailing or maybe a call- a- thon**. If you could get the phone numbers of your members we will come and make the call with you. **Congrat- ion's** to all the Squadrons that now have their 100%:*

*#28,#7,#10,#31,#5,#19,#3,#13,#39,#90,#25,#63,#13,#50,#67and#37 nice job. Also we as a team for the Detachment are at 94.67% thank you all for your hard work.*

*The drawing for Squadron Membership Cookout Challenge was drawn and Squadron #3 Montpelier was the lucky Squadron and will get a great meal on us.*

*All we need is for each squadron to send in 4 members this week and next week and we would be at 100% for Detachment*

## Convention June 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

*Killington, Grand Hotel, Killington Vermont*

*Summer Convention will come up fast and the rooms at the Killington Grand Hotel go really quick so order your rooms soon. Mid-Winter was one of the highest attended that we have had in years, let's keep this going for Convention. Always remember if you are coming to Convention try to bring someone new, what a great way to get them more involved in your Squadron by showing them all the great things we all do.*

*Please bring any Donation for CWF, Dodge House, Our Commanders Project, National Guard Emergence Assistants Fund and any other program that your squadron can give any help with would be greatly appreciated. Detachment Golf tournament was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> a great day was had by all. The weather was the best we have had in years. All 25 teams had a lot of fun and raised a lot of money for our programs .Congratulation go out to Team Ludlow #36 winners of the tournament John Taylor, Amy Taylor ,Peter Girouard and Suzanne Augar nice job. I would like to Thank PNVC John Waite and Dave Gipson they were Co- chairmen, for the golf this year. Thank you for all your work on this!!!!!!!!!!*

## ***Our Commanders Project Vermont Wounded Veterans Wish***

*I would like to take this time to thank all the Squadrons that have sent in there donation for this project. Proud to say that we are at over \$20,000 so far, Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have been getting in some Application's in the mail which is great. So I'm reminding all the squadrons if you have someone in mind for this get them to send the application by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Call me for one or you can get one off our web site salvermont.com*

*Make sure when you are ready that you contact your District Commander and they will come and install your squadrons team of officers, Looking forward to working with you all again next year. If there are any squadron members that would like to be a Detachment officer please let me know and we will work you in to our team.*

*Once again let me thank you for all you do every day, always remember to have some fun in the Sons and that Veterans are our Heroes. I'm so proud to be your Detachment Commander and if there is anything I can do to help your squadron please give me a call.*

***Detachment Commander Henry Cleveland***

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# SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

From the Sr. Vice-Commander,

We are in the last stretch of our year and still have some work to do. I am proud to say that we have 15 Squadrons who have hit their 100%, and a number who are very close. Please make those calls and let us know how we can help. Your Detachment Officers are here as part of the Team and will do whatever we can to see you reach your goals.

Congratulations to SQ. 3 Montpelier, the Winner of the Membership Cookout Challenge! We are looking forward to great day of camaraderie and fantastic food. Thank you to all who made the effort to get in the running. We are considering a similar format of next year and will keep you posted. But maybe we'll change it up? We're always open to new ideas.

Thank you to those Squadrons who have sent their Officer Roster, Directory Page, and even Year End Reports already. It is very important to have these in as soon as possible, as we have a June 10, 2016 deadline in order to get to National on time.

I have had the privilege and fun of participating in some Detachment events for the first time this year. We bowled in SQ. 7s Tournament in Barre and shared lanes with SQ. 91 – it was a great time and a good way to remember N. Area Commander Bob McCann, who had joined SQ. 10 after moving from Essex, and had been such a big part of SQ. 91 for so many years. Bob had always looked forward to this event every year.

We also golfed in the Detachment Tournament at Neshobe this year. It was the first time golfing for me in about 30 years! I had a great time, and see why everyone looks forward to this event so much. Thank you to all who participated. Truly a "Fun in the Sons" event and a great Fund Raiser.

Congratulations to SQ. 1 St. Albans for winning the Caspian Arms Pistol Raffle! Thank you to all who participated and helped raise funds for all the beneficiaries this year.

I have really enjoyed visiting so many of the Squadrons this year. It is educational to see how each group has its own personality and how much they contribute to their Post homes and Communities.

We have a great Detachment who do things for the right reasons and truly honor the memories of those they joined under. Don't be hesitant to share with family and friends why you joined the Sons of the American Legion, let them know about the benefits that are available, give them the opportunity to enjoy serving those who served our Country, their families, and Communities.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Sr. Vice-Commander this year, and if elected, I will work hard again for you. We have had a great year for Membership and know we can continue to work as a Team.

I hope to see many of you at Convention next month. Again, a great time for camaraderie, training, and lots of fun. It is an important part of our S.A.L. year as we both wind up one year and start another. Participation from as many Squadron members as possible is a big part of getting us started strong together.

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I wish all Veterans and their Families a huge Debt of Thanks for your service to our Country as we honor Memorial Day this year. To all S.A.L. members, please take a moment to remember those who have paid the Ultimate Sacrifice for our Freedom. If you can attend a Memorial Day event of any kind, I encourage you to do that. Thank you to all who will take the time to show your support.

“Freedom is not Free”!

Thank you for all that you do for the Veterans, their Families, and your Communities

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# Adjutant's Corner

- A reminder to keep your hours and donations at the ready so you can transpose them to the new Year End Report that you received in your packet at Midwinter. These are used to do the Consolidated Squadron Report.
- I am looking for Officer Rosters and Directory Page from all Squadrons so I can update the Directory for 2016-2017. Ensure you send them to my address in Rutland. **See the last page of this bulletin, "X" indicates I have your report.**
- The following individuals have expressed a desire to be elected: Henry Cleveland for Commander, Steve England for Senior Vice, Bruce Gideos for Chaplain, Norm Scolaro for Finance Officer, Dave Hendee for Southern Area Commander.
- Legion birthday celebrations are being held this month and next month around the state. If you would like a Detachment Officer to attend a celebration at your Post dinner, send them an invitation to attend or call them and they will certainly let members know what is happening in the Detachment.
- Department Convention is June 23-25, 2016 and will be held at the Killington Grand Hotel in Killington, Vermont. Rooms are \$155.00 tax included per night. When you call for a reservation, make sure you ask for the Legion rate. 2016 Convention BBQ, Friday June 24th at 6:00 PM at the Killington Grand Hotel. Wear your best Red, White, or Blue. \$25.00 per person and you can get your tickets from Headquarters. Come join the fun around the pool!
- Registration for this Convention will be on Friday in the downstairs area of the hotel and on Saturday, we will register delegates inside our meeting room.



**NEW CWF PIN**

2016-2017

Midwinter Year End

Squadron	Installed	Officers	Donations	Report	Directory	Eval.
Green Mt #1		X				
Montpelier #3						
Brattleboro #5		X				
Hardwick #7						
Barre #10					X	
Richford #12						
Bennington #13	X	X		X	X	
Vergennes #14		X		X	X	
Bristol #19		X				
Newport #21						
Orleans #23						
Windsor #25	X	X			X	
Hartford #26		X				
Middlebury #27						
North Troy #28	X			X	X	
Walter L. Case #29						
Lyndon #30		X		X		
Rutland #31						
Ballard Hobart #36				X		
Pierce Lawton #37	X					
J. Claire Carmody #39						
Enosburg #42					X	
Northland #47						
Fair Haven #49						
Crippen Fellows #50						
Brandon #55						
St. Johnsbury #58						
Harry N. Cutting #59						
Creller Landon #60						
Sorrell Maynard #63						
Donald McMahon #64						
Chester #67						
Arlington #69						
West Rutland #87						
Pownal 90						
Colchester #91						