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Commanders Message

Detachment Commander News letter September 2016

Hello Squadron Commander and all squadron members as your Detachment Commander I would like to take this time to thank you for all the hard that you and your squadron do every day. The hard work and dedication that you give is unbelievable. Thank you for all you do. Our Commanders Project this year is Appreciation Gift Cards. We will be trying to raise \$10,000.00 so we can give out 400 to our Veterans @\$25.00 per gift cards. Some will go to the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, the Woman's side of VA Center White River, the Veterans Place in Northfield and some will be handed out to Veterans in need of a little help. The best thing is the Squadron gets to choose where they go. I will be going into more detail when I come to make my visitation.

2017 Membership

Now is the time to get to your membership team going. Plan early bird dinners; send out newsletters and renewal letters. Remember to tell them about the Prime Rib Membership Challenge our Detachment team will be cooking for one lucky Squadron. Our SR. vice Commander Steve England will have more information for you. Also do not forget about our last few 2016 members, we still need 68 more to get our 100 %. Please, please help us turn these in.

Fall DEC and Training meeting

Will be at Post # 14 Vergennes at 9:00 come and get some great ideas about how to get your membership in early and how to get your members more active. There will be some time spent on fund raising for large and small squadrons, how to work with your community's and your Post. Also if you have something to bring up at our meeting that will help with any of the topics please do so. All member input is welcome.

Dodge House Donations

Please send in your donation as soon as you can for the Dodge House we will be presenting a check to them on Nov. 11 on Veterans Day at 11:00 at the dodge House all members that would like to be there can come give us a hand and show them how much we care.

Remember the Dodge House is a Signature program for The Sons of The American Legion please support them as much as you can.

National Convention 2016

I wanted to let you all know how we did at our National Convention.

Our Historian year book won 1st place again this year. A great job done by our historian Dan Buckley. His score was 65 out of 65. Thank you for your hard work. The National Historian said Vermont should be proud of the great year we all had. Thank you all for being part of that.

Also our Detachment was 1st in the Eastern region for most donations to CWF per capita. Last but not least we were one of only 18 states to have over 90% renewal rate.

I would like to take this time to Congratulate John P Waite for his appointment to National Children and Youth Chairman. This chairmanship is one of the hardest chairmanships, I know he will do a great job. So let's all do a little more this year for our children & youth to make John proud of us.

If there is anything I can help you with please call, our Detachment Team is here for you!!!!

See you all at the meetings and remember to have some fun in the sons

Thank you all again in putting your trust in me to lead this great Detachment I know as a team we can all make a difference Commander Henry Cleveland

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SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

From the Sr. Vice Commander,

As we enter the Fall Season, it is good to still be enjoying some beautiful Summer weather. Let's hope this continues! Our Detachment team has started our Visitations and we are already seeing good activity in our Squadrons. Many are putting on Barbeques for their Posts, Breakfasts, or other events, which are always well received. A number of Squadrons are involved in major Community Summer functions and are an integral part of those functions.

The generosity of the Sons is always a focus as I have been at meetings, seeing the Squadrons donate to Dodge House, the Commanders' Project, and many Community requests.

I had the privilege of working with Squadron 63 over the Northfield Labor Day weekend with their Annual Chicken Barbeque. This is always looked forward to by the Post family as well as Community members and is a great meal.

Great job folks and Thank You for letting me be a part of that. Third District Commander Art Healey, JR helped out as well with their Childrens "Stuffed Animal" game booth. That went really well and raised some good funds to help with Squadron Donations throughout the year.

I encourage you to start getting those 2017 Renewals in as soon as possible. We really want to see how many Squadrons can hit that 100% by Jan. 7, 2017 – the Prime Rib Challenge is still on, and I would love to see as many Squadrons as possible qualify!

One of the best ways to do this is to send out a Newsletter and keep your members informed as to fun challenges like this. Email is also very effective, but the bottom line is the Communication. The more, the better.

Please still keep working on those 2016 who have not renewed. We are very close to our 100% and can hit that target if we work at it. We have a great Detachment Team and have shown we can work together well. Thank you for your efforts!

We look forward to seeing many of you at Fall Conference in Vergennes on Oct. 15. This will be a great day of camaraderie, training, and encouragement.

I am looking forward to seeing more of you as we continue our Visitations. It is great to see how each Squadron serves the Veterans, their Posts, and their Communities. Each one has their unique way of doing that so it makes it very fun and interesting.

Thank you for all that you do for the Veterans,

Steve England

SR. Vice Commander

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Adjutant's Corner

Congratulations to the Detachment of Vermont, Sons of the American Legion for attaining the record donations for CWF for 2015-2016. When the going gets tough, the Sons of the American Legion step up to take on the task.

Vermont Detachment donated \$6,339.00 to CWF for a high of \$1.63 per member. That figure added to the Detachments nationwide totaled \$360,299.13 donated for this year.

A SLICE OF HEAVEN AS THE SONS HIT SEVEN

Nationally The Sons of The American Legion have raised over **7 Million Dollars** for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. It Is Most Fitting that it happened at the National Convention hosted by The Detachment of Ohio Sons of The American Legion

Don Tetreault

Department Adjutant

S.A.L.				September 1, 2016	
Membership Report		2017			
District: 1	Elwood Bourne				
Squad Location		Target	2017	% TgtNew Mbrs Last Trns	
1 St. Albans VT		302	18	5.96	4 9/1/16
12 Richford VT		32	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
14 Vergennes VT		137	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
19 Bristol VT		222	2	0.90	2 7/28/16
27 Middlebury VT		128	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
42 Enosburg Falls VT		104	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
60 Alburg VT		18	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
91 Colchester VT		234	18	7.69	2 9/1/16
District Total : 8 Squadrons		1,177	38	3.23	8
District: 2	Leo M. LaCroix				
Squad Location		Target	2017	% TgtNew Mbrs Last Trns	
7 Hardwick VT		151	27	17.88	7 7/21/16
21 Newport VT		66	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
23 Orleans VT		118	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
28 No. Troy VT		39	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
30 Lyndonville VT		70	12	17.14	0 8/11/16
47 Canaan VT		84	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
58 St. Johnsbury VT		88	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
District Total : 7 Squadrons		616	39	6.33	7
District: 3	Arthur J. Healey, Jr.				
Squad Location		Target	2017	% TgtNew Mbrs Last Trns	
3 Montpelier VT		118	54	45.76	2 8/18/16
10 Barre VT		126	55	43.65	4 9/1/16
59 Waterbury VT		148	15	10.14	2 8/4/16
63 Northfield VT		85	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
District Total : 4 Squadrons		477	124	26.00	8
District: 4	David Hendee				
Squad Location		Target	2017	% TgtNew Mbrs Last Trns	
13 Bennington VT		96	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
29 Readsboro VT		67	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
31 Rutland VT		141	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
39 Poultney VT		78	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
49 Fair Haven VT		57	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
50 Bomoseen VT		102	16	15.69	3 8/11/16
55 Brandon VT		58	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
69 Arlington VT		62	9	14.52	0 8/11/16
87 West Rutland VT		53	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
90 Pownal VT 05261		24	0	0.00	0 7/11/16
District Total : 10 Squadrons		738	25	3.39	3

District: 5	Gene H. Buckley					
<i>Squad Location</i>		<i>Target</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>% TgtNew Mbrs Last Trns</i>		
5 Brattleboro VT		98	7	7.14	0	8/11/16
25 Windsor VT		156	30	19.23	5	8/17/16
26 White River Jct VT		60	0	0.00	0	7/11/16
36 Ludlow VT		165	0	0.00	0	7/11/16
37 Bellows Falls VT		213	0	0.00	0	7/11/16
67 Chester VT		177	21	11.86	5	8/17/16
<i>District Total : 6 Squadrons</i>		869	58		6.67	
					1	
					0	
TOTAL:		3,877	284	7.33	36	