



# Sons of the American Legion

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## **Our leadership participating in a Veteran's Walk**

**Commander: Henry Cleveland**

**Sr. Vice: Steve England**

**No. Area Commander: Bob McCann**

**So. Area Commander: David Hendee**

**Adjutant: Don Tetreault**

**Finance Officer: Norm Scolaro**

**NECman: Harold Trombley**

**Alt NECman: John Waite**

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

**Historian: Dan Buckley**

**Chaplain: Bruce Gideos**

**Asst Sgt-at-Arms: Justin Laundry**

# Commanders Message

## *Detachment Commander News letter February 2016*

*Hello Squadron Commander and all squadron members as your Detachment Commander I hope you all are having a great winter. Well the first six months of my Commandership has gone by and I can honestly say I'm more 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.*

### *Dodge House Donations!!!!*

*Thank you for your Dodge House Donation's keep up the great job that you are all doing for them. They need our support more than ever.*

*As your Detachment Commander I had the honor in giving them a check on November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day for \$ 9550.00. The Dodge House and all the Veterans that were there would like to make sure that you all know how much this means to them and to give you a great big Thank you.*

*If you have not been to the Dodge House please try to attend. One of the rooms at the Dodge House is dedicated to the Sons of The American Legion. If you have not made your donation, yet please send them in.*

### *Mid – Winter Conference*

*Our Mid-Winter Conference is now over , first let me say thank you to all the squadron members that took time out of there life to come to our meeting. We had one of the largest crowds that I have seen in years. This year we gave all the squadrons an information package that has all the forms you will need, end of year report, Detachment Golf sponsor and applications, visitation list and much more. If your squadron did not attend we will be sending this to you. We all had a great meeting and almost everything went great. But one thing I forgot to do was ask for pre-nominations for our Detachment officers. Please send them in we need the following Detachment Commander, Sr. vice Commander, Finance, Chaplin, NEC and Alt NEC.  
Send to Don Tetreault 3123 East Pittsford Rd, Rutland VT 05701*

*Sorry guy's I knew that meeting went fast*

*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. Also remember our Detachment Golf tournament to be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 at Neshobe Golf Club Brandon, VT. Last year we were filled up with all 25 teams. That is all we can have so get them in early. Remember we only make money on the Sponsors so please try to get some in for us. PNVC John Waite and Dave Gipson are the Co-chairmen for the golf this year...*

# *Membership*

First let me thank all the squadrons that are working so hard on your membership, it is the hardest thing we do but is very important to all of us. We call membership the life blood of our organization not because of the money it brings in, it's more about the people that sign up. You never know if the next guy you sign up will be the one to come up with a great fund raiser or maybe someday be your next leader of our squadron or even our Detachment. Please keep your membership informed about what you are doing. Many of them may come and help with your next function or just come to support you. **Congratulation's** to Squadron's # 28 North Troy and Squadron # 7 Hardwick for 100% Membership your Jackets are on order and you both have 40 more tickets in our Senior vice Commander Steve England Party giveaway. To all squadrons remember if you want some help with membership your Detachment team is here to help. Give me a call or one of our officers we will come give you the help that you need.

**Department Commander Fred LaTour** Has asked me to see if some of our squadrons would like to help out with his Commanders Project [ Veterans Helping Veterans ] he is raising money to help with Transportation and purchase of household furniture for Veterans that where previously homeless moving in to a new apartment . So please if you can help make checks out to Department of Vermont with Commanders Project in note. Mail to Department of Vermont PO Box 396 Montpelier Vermont 05601-0396

Once again we were asked to help a Veteran that needed Household furniture for his new apartment with the help of Squadron #7 and some money from Department Commander Fred Latour's Commanders Project we were able to give him everything that was on his list 3 days before Christmas. Special thanks go out to PNVC John Waite for helping to make this delivery.

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,

The Detachment is still doing well as far as our Membership targets. We are over 70%, next goal is 75% by February 10. I want to thank all the Squadrons who have been working so hard and keeping the momentum going. Many of you are close to your 100% and we know the last few are the hardest.

If you need help from any Detachment Officer, please let us know what we can do for you. We will do our best to assist you.

District and County Commanders, you folks should be in touch with your Squadrons to see how you can help them out. It's all about Teamwork! I think we're seeing a lot of that this year, really makes the job easier.

We have two Squadrons who made their 100% so far – SQ. 28 and SQ. 7 – well done folks! I am excited to see who's next – I'm looking forward to the Cookout.

Please let us know if the packets you got at Mid-Winter are helpful. There is a lot of information in there and should make it easier to get what you need turned in without having to look in too many places.

In regards to Mid-Winter, we had a really good turnout – great to see so many of you there. Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

As a reminder, you do not have to turn in Mid-Winter Reports, only Year End and Consolidated. Please do keep track of your Hours and Donations as you will need them for Year End.

I'm looking forward to our next round of visitations – it is truly a privilege to see how much you all do for the Veterans and your Communities. I really enjoy getting to know each Squadron's personality – there are so many ways that you folks express your commitment and service.

Thank you for all that you do – we are Proud Possessors of a Priceless Heritage,

Steve England

SR. Vice Commander

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# Adjutant's Corner

- Directory Changes: Northern Area Commander—Bob McCann Squadron 91  
1st District Commander—Elwood Bourne Squadron 91  
Chittenden County Commander—Ryan Senna Squadron 91
- New resolution regarding reimbursement for NECman or Alternate NECman is in existence. If you are interested in this resolution, you will find it at [www.legion.org/sons/resolutions](http://www.legion.org/sons/resolutions)
- I have new badges for Northern Area Commander, 1st District Commander, Chittenden County Commander and for Senior vice Commander. I will bring them to the Finance Meeting on the 13th of February. Hats will be in within the next few weeks.
- 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.
- A new visitation schedule was included in your packet and you should familiarize yourself with it so you will be ready when the Detachment Commander arrives at your Squadron.
- Looks like we will hit the Target Date of 75% easily with the 191 recently mailed to National. Keep up the good work!!!!
- Make sure you get your teams in for the annual Golf Tournament. We can only field 25 teams and the list fills up fast. Applications were in your packets that you received at Midwinter.

## New Meeting Schedule

Mtg Date	Meeting	Squadron	Time	Attendees
2/03/2016	4th Wednesday	Montpelier #3	6:00	Henry, Steve
2/11/2016	2nd Thursday	Brandon #55	7:00	Henry, Steve
2/17/2016	3rd Wednesday	Creller Landon #60	7:00	Henry, Steve
2/18/2016	3rd Wednesday	Newport #21	6:00	Henry, Steve
2/22/2016	4th Monday	Bristol #19	7:00	Henry, Steve
2/24/2016	3rd Wednesday	Ballard Hobart #36	5:30	Henry, Steve
3/01/2016	1st Monday	Brattleboro #5	6:30	Henry, Steve
3/02/2016	1st Wednesday	Richford #12	7:00	Henry, Steve
3/03/2016	1st Thursday	Pierce Lawton #37	7:00	Henry, Steve
3/06/2016	1st Sunday	Lyndon #30	10:00	Henry, Steve
3/06/2016	1st Sunday	St. Johnsbury #58	11:00	Henry, Steve
3/08/2016	2nd Tuesday	West Rutland #87	5:00	Henry, Steve
3/09/2016	2nd Wednesday	Northland #47	7:00	Henry, Steve
3/10/2016	2nd Wednesday	Orleans #23	7:30	Henry, Steve
3/13/2016	2nd Sunday	North Troy #28	12:00	Henry, Steve
3/14/2016	1st Monday	Fair Haven #49	7:00	Henry, Steve
3/16/2016	3rd Wednesday	Barre #10	6:00	Henry, Steve
3/17/2016	3rd Thursday	Hardwick #7	7:00	Henry, Steve
3/22/2016	4th Tuesday	Bennington #13	7:30	Henry, Steve
3/24/2016	4th Thursday	Middlebury #27	5:30	Henry, Steve
3/28/2016	Last Monday	Green Mt #1	7:00	Henry, Steve
4/03/2016	1st Sunday	Crippen Fellows #50	11:00	Henry, Steve
4/04/2016	1st Monday	Sorrell Maynard #63	6:00	Henry, Steve
4/06/2016	1st Wednesday	Pownal 90	7:00	Henry, Steve
4/07/2016	1st Thursday	Enosburg #42	6:00	Henry, Steve
4/13/2016	2nd Wednesday	Windsor #25	7:00	Henry, Steve
4/14/2016	2nd Thursday	Arlington #69	7:00	Henry, Steve
4/17/2016	3rd Sunday	Walter L. Case #29	6:00	Henry, Steve
4/19/2016	3rd Tuesday	Rutland #31	6:30	Henry, Steve
5/02/2016	1st Monday	Chester #67	7:00	Henry, Steve
5/03/2016	1st Tuesday	Harry N. Cutting #59	6:00	Henry, Steve
5/04/2016	1st Wednesday	Winooski #91	6:30	Henry, Steve
5/04/2016	1st Thursday	J. Claire Carmody #39	6:30	Henry, Steve
5/12/2016	2nd Thursday	Vergennes #14	7:00	Henry, Steve
Not Meeting	1st Monday	Donald McMahon #64	7:30	Henry, Steve
Not Meeting	3rd Wednesday	Hartford #26	6:30	Henry, Steve