



THE SALUTE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY



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NATIONAL IN NASHVILLE

155 strong, New Jersey delegates for the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons took over Music Valley August 26-September 2. Everyone was together at Marriott's Courtyard. First came general meetings, area caucuses, and a parade as daily business at Gaylord's Convention Center in the Opryland Hotel. Then came food, drink, and New Jersey hospitality served up Legion Family style. A big thanks to host Cmdr. Behr for everything!

The parade from Opryland Mall around the Opry Land complex was well attended. After that delegate-marchers Kent Hehl, Robert Hehl, Tom Marsden, Sean Howarth, Gary Nelson, Luc Marsden, Carl Alberm, Mickey Berhardt, and Jim Noble, took time out to have a picture taken with a Kentucky woman recruit.

Representatives from 48 delegates to the 33rd SAL National Convention elected Michael Deacon (IA) commander, Thomas Smallcomb (NY), James Roberts (FL), Michael Adreon (MO), Abel Silva (TX), and Carl Armbruster (AZ) vice commanders, and Anthony Morgan (VT) chaplain.

The convention was dedicated to U. S "Udie" Grant, WWII veteran and long time chairman of the Child Welfare Foundation. He was a good friend, staunch supporter, and promoter of the Sons. He will be missed. pm

BITS & PIECES

Sq. 72 Brooklawn's Frank Keilti is Son of the Year....Sq. 133 Woodbury took first place, Sq. 252 Williamstown second in color guard competition....The 10th county Gloucester is up and running....2004 membership is 8,326; 2005 renewals 1,120....80 of 157 squadrons in New Jersey went OVER THE TOP.

The Monmouth County Testimonial honoring Legion Cmdr. Gilliam, SAL Cmdr. Arner, and Aux. Pres. brought together the whole Legion Family. What a way to go! Plus Mr. Arner gave a generous donation to the CMN program.... Post 346's Clambake September 19 was a big success....Post 133's Pig Roast and Bergen's Beef and Brew (both September 25) were sellouts.

Kenny Esposito and Kermit Reilly have been under the weather. From your comrades, "Get Well Soon!"

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WILDWOOD 2005

Patrick Gallagher, Convention Committee Chairman

Hello. If anyone has any comments about the 2004 convention, please forward your suggestions on to me. We would like to know what we can do to make the convention faster, more effective, and better.

The committee is asking for help in getting ads for the convention book. The SAL has been asked to get more ads by going around to local businesses and getting them to take ads out.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the committee, please let me know. County commanders, I am asking you to send someone from your county to sit on the SAL Convention Committee. The next SAL Detachment meeting is October 30, 2004. So far the next SAL Convention Committee meeting will be at 8:45 A. M. before the state meeting.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Across New Jersey the Legion Family took time to remember. Monmouth County conducted a well attended ceremony September 11 at Freehold Raceway. Many squadrons organized their own memorials for the victims of the carnage at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the airline takeovers. Remember them in your prayers.

America continues its fight against terrorism. Three years ago President Bush declared war. Over 1,000 of the U. S. Armed Forces have died in Iraq fighting against Osama bin Laden's "unholy jihad". Support those who serve for you and your country. pm

PDC ENLISTS

To let my fellow members of the Detachment of New Jersey know, I will be leaving on the 27th of September for Great Lakes, Illinois. I will be attending United States Naval Basic Training. After its completion, I am being sent to Pensacola, Florida, for five weeks training in Aviation Structural Mechanics--Hydraulics. Good luck to all and have a great year.

For God and Country,
Lukasz A. Marsden
PDC 2002-2003



EDITOR'S DESK

Correction: The SALute incorrectly listed the name of Cmdr. Nelson's father. It is Ralph Nelson.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Almost 1/4 of the year has gone by and we are off to a great start. Donations have already been coming in for C.M.N., Special Olympics, Detachment Commander's Project, and a record for this time of year \$4000.00 plus for Child Welfare.

Remember we must send in our membership cards and the per-capita which is \$4.00 a member. Next year for 2006 cards it goes up to \$5.00 per member. Please do not hold the cards. We are trying to obtain a goal of 10,000 members for the year 2005. With a little work from each squadron we can make this prestigious goal by recruiting 11 new members.

A delegation from New Jersey went to Nashville, Tennessee for our National Convention. Jim Noble and Convention Chairman Kent Hehl will report about this at our next Detachment meeting Saturday, October 30.

A reminder for my Detachment Commander's Project: We are trying to raise \$40,000.00 to go directly to the veterans at the Paramus Veterans Home. We are going to buy outside patio furniture, so they can go outside to smoke or have visitors or family outside for privacy and fresh air. Also we are going to put in some new patios, 6 new recliners for the day rooms, 3 low beds for patients who tend to fall out of bed or can not get into a regulation bed. We also going to buy 2 special bed scales which are specially made to keep track of patients weight who cannot get out of bed.

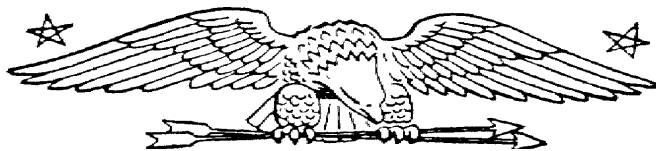
A letter will be sent out to all Posts, Units, and Squadrons sometime in September. If you would like to send any donations, please make the checks or money orders payable to: Detachment of New Jersey. You can mail them to either:

Gary P. Nelson P.O. Box 2095 Cliffside Park, N.J. 07010(201) 370-1365 (Commander) or Bob Valania 144 Maple Avenue W. Paterson, N.J. 07424 (973) 277-8160 (Detachment Commander's Project Chairman) or bring them to any Detachment meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing as many Squadrons, Counties, as possible and also looking forward to seeing you all at the next Detachment meeting.

For God and Country

Gary P. Nelson
Detachment Commander



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall N.E.C.	October 9-10
Columbus Day	October 11
2005 25% Membership Date	October 13
Detachment Meeting Trenton 9:45 A.M.	October 30
2005 35% Membership Date	November 10
Thanksgiving	November 25
POW-MIA Tree Lighting	TBA
2005 45% Membership Date	December 8
Detachment Meeting Trenton 9:45	December 11
Christmas	December 25
New Years Day	January 1
2005 60% Membership Date	January 12
For God and Country Service Lakehurst	February 3
2005 75% Membership Date	February 9
Washington Conference	February 27- March 2

2004 CWF GRANTS AT A GLANCE

Our SAL in New Jersey has achieved all time high donations to the Child Welfare Foundation for the last five years. To start this year off, Chairman Mike Arner (2001-present) presented National Commander Warneke with \$4,051. Let's keep up the excellent work.

Incidentally, if anyone is curious where the money goes, the 2004 CWF grants at a glance were given to:
Advocates for Youth (Washington, D. C.), Parents: Its Time to Talk 2004 Calendar
American Humane (Englewood, CO), Families Make the Difference
Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc. (Orlando, FL), Birth Defect Research for Children Family Outreach
Center for Coordinating Action for Children's Health (Naperville, IL), CoACH Care Plans
Connect for Kids National Foster Care Coalition (Washington, D. C.), Foster Care Technical Assistance Bulletin
EveryChild, Inc. (Austin TX), Family for Every Child
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (New York, NY), Why Me Adjusting to a Diagnosis of Juvenile Diabetes
Kartini Foundation (Portland, OR), Diagnosing Childhood Anorexia
Mercy Medical Airlift (Virginia Beach, VA), Child Patient Access to Distant Specialized Medical Treatments
National Children's Cancer Society (St. Louis, MO), Mountain You Have Climbed: Parent's Guide to Childhood Cancer Survivorship
PKU Action Group - Univ. of WA (Seattle, WA), Maternal PKU: Choices You Can Live With
ProjectOZ, Inc. (Bloomington, IL), Animal Assisted Psychotherapy - Using Dogs and Horses to Help Children Heal
Toledo Children's Hospital (Toledo, OH), Injury Protection Booklet for Children with Special Health Needs._{pm}

MEMBERSHIP

Ken Esposito

The Membership Committee met before the August 21 meeting in Trenton with Det. Cmdr. Gary, Vice Chmn. Pat Gallagher, five vice commanders, and other Sons. This meeting is open to all SAL members.

Strategies for the year were discussed as well as the goal set by Cmdr. Gary of 1,000 members this year. We need the help of everyone in achieving this. Remember your squadron can help by either signing up eleven new members, renewing eleven former members, and/or retaining all your present members.

Your cards were issued in July. Please don't wait until January to send them in. The first target date is October 13, for 25% of total membership for the year. The rest of the dates are November 10, 35%; December 8, 45%; January 12, 60%; February 9, 75%; March 9, 80%; April 13, 90%; May 11, 100%; and July 20, 105%

IMPORTANT: Please note. It has come to the attention of the Detachment that squadrons are sending \$5 per member to Trenton this year. The \$1 increase passed at the 2004 Convention does not take effect until 2006--next year.

IN MEMORIAM

New Jersey's Sons of the American Legion remembered departed comrades at the 2004 National SAL Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. They include:

Frank Armory	G. Imhoff
Michael Angelo	Richard Janviewicz
Jerry Annuziato	Charles Jones
Paul Barela	Tom Kilmurray
Charles Berkman	John Kuchank
Albert Blakeslee	John Kwiatek
Chris Brown	Charles Littleford
Robert Brown	Scott Mackay
John Budd	John Mangano
Robert Buttell	Robert McNany
Joseph Carroll	Joseph Morton
Michael Caso	James Nolan
Robert Coughlin	Jeffrey Perrone
Robert Devlin	John Phair
Fred Doetsch	Leonard Sacco
Robert Elbes	Robert Sattazahn
Frank Evaldi	Ray Schempp
Robert Frandano	Darrell Shvaykas
Elmer Godown	John Tobey
William Graseck	Daniel Toles
William Heaney	Ronald Vanderveer
John Hoffman	Alfred Wyckoff _{em}

WATCHFIRE

Dusk through Dawn
September 17-18, 2004
Seaside Heights Shoreline

A trench symbolic of ones soldiers dug into reminds visitors of the casualties of war. The gigantic bonfire inside it is lit by me, Luc Marsden. It's a sign to those 100+ here of how lost troops separated from their comrades tried to find their way back.

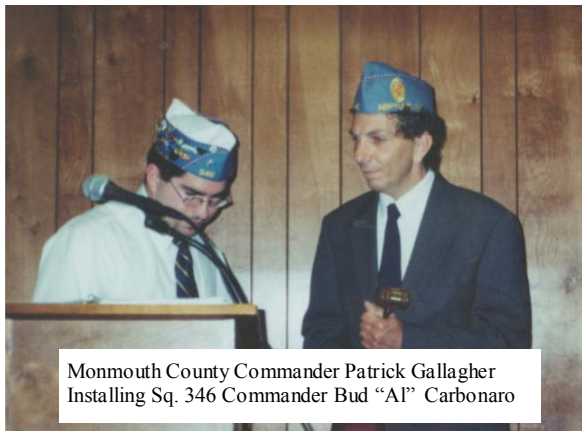
Hot, searing flames heat the night. The air threatens rain. Our circle of watchers do not sleep. We come together to send out a message to the world: *We have not forgotten. Bring them home.*

The night is a busy one. There is a benediction, service, POW-MIA table, speeches, flag retirement. We break bread together. We give away ribbon car magnets. Our shirts give visitors the numbers of those still to be accounted for. POW-MIA League of Families Region 2 National spokesman, Tom Cngkiterra, talks about what it means to be a prisoner of war.

I hope you return the third Friday in September next year for POW-MIA Recognition Day. This may be my last one for a while. I just joined the Navy. I'm sure my father and brother Ed who've attended all the annual watchfire will be back. I know even if I am not physically here, I'll be with them in my heart.

DEC Chuck Robbins, Post 351, Ocean County, and everyone else, thank you for your support.





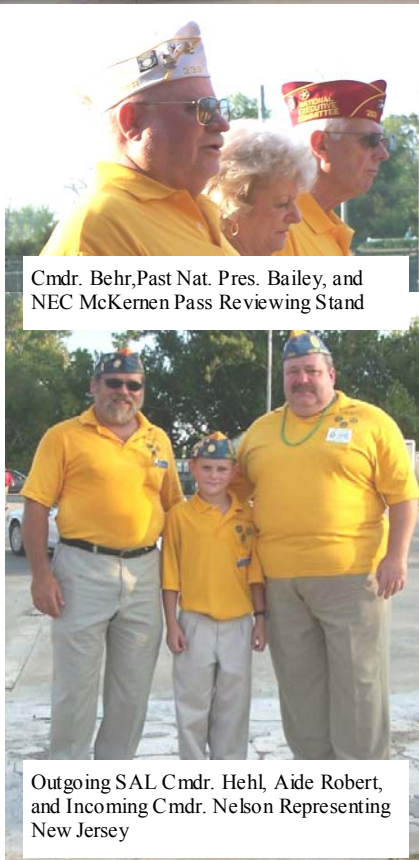
Monmouth County Commander Patrick Gallagher
Installing Sq. 346 Commander Bud "AI" Carbonaro



Carl Alber, Jr. Being Installed as Sq. 346 Adjutant/Finance Officer



Legion Family Line for Nashville, Tennessee's National Convention Parade



Cmdr. Behr, Past Nat. Pres. Bailey, and
NEC McKernan Pass Reviewing Stand



A Sincere Message to All Those Out There Who Participated



Luc Marsden Officially Lighting the 13th Annual
Watchfire's Flame

Outgoing SAL Cmdr. Hehl, Aide Robert,
and Incoming Cmdr. Nelson Representing
New Jersey

Detachment Sons Gathering Together after their Convention
at the Close of the Parade

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS OCTOBER 31, 2004.