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COMMANDER’S CORNER

BY TOM DEAL

It’s hard for me to put into words how I feel now that I am Detachment Commander. It always seemed like the light was far away and now suddenly here I am. I am honored and very excited about getting started with all the programs. I want to congratulate Jr. Past Commander Gilbert and the Detachment of Maryland for another outstanding year. From the Commander to the officers, chairmen, committeemen to the blue cap members, I salute you all for stepping up and making it another fantastic year. I know everyone was not able to be at convention, but if you were I think we had a great one at a great hotel. The SAL National Commander Mark Arneson and his family were able to attend the convention with us and were very impressed with everything Team Maryland does. I want to thank my family who was able to attend as well as

Post 135 Legion family. Special thanks to my Squadron who made me an Honorary Life member, that was truly special. I want to thank American Legion National Vice-Commander Dr. Gordon Browning for rearranging his schedule so he could install me, I know he had a lot of commuting to get there, thanks again.

I am very excited about this year. I am excited to be working with the Department Commander

Mike Mooney and Department President Patti Lach this year promoting the legion family. We are signing up for the Polar Bear plunge under the American Legion Family Team and are looking forward right now to cooling off. I am inviting everyone to join us to plunge and or sponsor one or all of us. I plan to travel to as many events as I can. If you are having an event and would like me to stop

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ADJUTANT’S CORNER

BY BILL MATOSKA

D.E.C./Seminar: The first meeting of this administrative year is scheduled for September 12, 2010 hosted at the Harry White-Wilmer American Legion Post No. 82 located at 6330 N. Crain Highway, La Plata, Md. 20646. The post home phone number is 301-932-1399. This session will begin at **Noon**. Commissions and

Committees will meet at 11:00 A.M. to outline and develop plans to implement this year’s goals and objectives. This year’s training at the seminar will be conducted by the Member Training & Development Chairman, PNC Bill Sparwasser and his team of Past Detachment Commanders. This session will be a prelude to the

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CRABBIN' FOR MEMBERSHIP BY BUDDY MASTIN

Congratulations to Commander Deal for all his hard work on membership last year, but it is now time to put all the Winos out to pasture and let's start "Crabbin' For Membership". As you can tell our membership theme is "Crabbin' for Membership". It is time for everyone to get out their traps, poles and lines and haul in those crabs (members). And remember, we even keep the small ones. The goal of each crabber (district) is to have a full pot of crabs (members). The contest to fill your pots with members will be based on percentage as posted on the last Friday of each month starting in August and ending in May. The crabbers with the highest percentage will get 7 points, 2nd place 6 points, 3rd place 5 points, 4th place 4 points, 5th/6th/7th places 3 points each. The first crew to have zero goose eggs will get 3 bonus points. And, the first crabber to reach 100% will get 3 bonus points. The

winning district will get a bushel of crabs. As of Aug. 27th, Southeastern Shore is in 1st place. Make sure your pots and nets are in good shape and no crabs (members) get out of your pots. All Squadron Officers should be leading by example and have already sent in their membership. All goose eggs should be gone. Upcoming Membership Target dates are: Sept. 9th, 2010 - 10%, Oct. 20th, 2010 - 25%, Nov. 17th, 2010 -35% and Dec. 8th, 2010 – 45%. I need your help to make Maryland a 4 Star Detachment this year under my watch. So, get out your traps and poles and Let's Go Crabbin' Hon.

Edward 'Buddy' Mastin
Membership Chairman
1st Vice Commander
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ADJUTANT'S CORNER

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training sessions that will be available and hosted by any district or squadron upon request to PNC Sparwasser and brought to the Blue Cap Member on the local level.

Directions: From any part of the state north of La Plata, make your way to US-301 heading south which is Crain Highway. From I-97S take the MD-32 W/Md-3 S exit which is Exit 7 and head toward Bowie/Odenton and merge onto Crain Highway. After approximately 44.5 miles you will need to make a U-turn and head north on Crain Highway. The post is .1 mile on the right after making the U-turn.

Charlotte Hall: On Saturday, September 11, 2010, Commander Tom Deal will be taking a tour of the only Maryland State Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall. Anyone interested in accompanying the Commander and Charlotte Hall Liaison, Buddy Mastin, are to meet at Post #82 at 3:30 P.M. and car pool to Charlotte Hall which is approximately 20 minutes away from the post home.

Detachment Travel Club: On Saturday, September 11, 2010, the first gathering of the travel club for this administrative year will meet at Post #82 for an evening of karaoke, refreshments, and camaraderie. Travel Club Co-Chairman, Joe Gladden will forward details via e-mail.

Hotel: Post #82 host, Dave Tatman, has secured a block of rooms for the Sons of The American Legion on September 12th at the Best Western La Plata Inn. The hotel address is 6900 Crain Highway, Route 301, La Plata, Md. 20646 and their phone number is 301-934-4900. The hotel is approximately one mile south of Post #82. The hotel web address is:
www.bestwestern.com/laplatainn.

National S.A.L. Appointments: Congratulations to the members from the Detachment of Maryland who were chosen to serve the National Headquarters' Organization. They are as follows: Bob Trueblood on the Americanism Commission, Larry Ford on the Internal Affairs Commission, Thomas Deal on the Legislative Commission, Ken Jenkins on the Homeland Security & Civil Preparedness Committee, and Bear Weinzirl as Vice Chairman on the Public Relations Commission, and a special congratulations to Joe Gladden on his election as National Vice-Commander for the Eastern Region. Additionally, The American Legion National Internal Affairs Commission has approved the appointment of PNC Chuck Gannon to the National Commanders Advisory Committee and PNC Bill Matoska to the National Committee on Committee's.

Resolution: The resolution to change the office of the National Chaplain from an elected position to an appointed position, which originated and was passed by the Detachment of Maryland Convention body at our convention this past June, 2010, was submitted to the National Organization for their consideration at this National Convention in Milwaukee. After much debate on the convention floor the resolution won passage with the required two-thirds majority by a roll call vote. The two-thirds vote was necessitated due to the National Constitutional & By-Laws changes required to facilitate this resolution. For those in attendance this was a great learning experience observing the legislative process that took place surrounding the passage of this resolution. Yours In Service,
Bill Matoska
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CASEY CARES BIKE RIDE BY BEAR WEINZIRL PDC

On Saturday July 31st, motorcycle enthusiasts from around the state came together for the SAL Detachment of Maryland's 6th Annual Ride and Poker Run for Casey Cares. The weatherman cooperated with a beautiful day and the ride was a huge success as we raised over \$5,700 for critically ill children and their families. This year's ride was the "Ride For Ian", a 5 year old youngster battling Leukemia who was on hand for the opening ceremonies. Ian then got to watch as the 60 participants took off from Harford Post 39 on their ride around Harford and Cecil Counties.

Special thanks go out to all who rode,

especially The American Legion Riders and to all of the SAL members who volunteered their time to help out. Special thanks to Harford Post 39, Slate



Ridge Post 182, Mason Dixon Post 194, Susquehanna Post 135 and Joseph L. Davis Post 47 for hosting stops and for

their generous donations of monies, food and beverages.

I am very proud to be a part of this great organization! You have proved once again that "The American Legion Family is alive and well in Maryland" and continues to assist those less fortunate than ourselves!! On behalf of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Maryland and the Casey Cares Foundation..... THANK YOU ALL!!!

Bear

Larry "Bear" Weinzirl
*Past Detachment Commander
 Casey Cares Board Member/Ride
 Chairman*

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER BY JEFF SEILER

Taps . . .

The Following people have moved on to a better peace. Please keep their friends and family in your prayers:

Yates Murphy Past Squadron Commander Former Charter Member of Squadron 191

Ronald Withey Past Squadron Commander of Squadron 243

Please keep the following people in

your prayers for guidance on their path to recovery from their surgeries and illnesses:

Past Detachment Commander Mark Gilbert's Wife Maria Gilbert - Get well soon

National Commander Mark Arneson's Father-Vern Arneson - Follow the path to wellness

NCD Commander Alan Walls will be going in for surgery.

Prayer

Hear us, merciful Lord, in these our humble prayers, which we offer unto thee in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

For God and Country
 Jeff Seiler
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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by and see what you are doing just let me know and I will do my best to get there. My project this year will be the Wounded Warrior Project. The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project is to honor and empower wounded warriors, To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, To help severely injured service members aid and assist each other, and To provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of severely injured service members. My slogan this year is "Saluting our Wounded Warriors".

My Commander's Project Chairman this year will be Don Hall, JR. I know he will do a fantastic job. But he will need your support, you have always seemed to take on every project and make it a success and I know you will be there again this year. JR wanted to get started raising money right away and designed and had T-shirts made with the project logo on them. JR did a great job making this happen. He started my project off right after I was installed selling the T-shirts for \$15 each. We will have more available at the DEC meeting for anyone who wants one.

Finally I thank you all for having trust in me to elect me Commander

this year. I am asking each of to work *with* me for The American Legion organization, help us make a difference to the community, state and the nation. In closing, always remember all of our troops in harm's way serving all over the world. God bless our service members and God bless America.

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AMERICANISM REPORT

The Americanism Commission has kicked off a new year of supporting the many programs within the focus of this commission, and we look to the members of this great Detachment to help where they feel most comfortable. Our success this year will be through the continued support we provide to our Community, State and Nation. Continue to follow these articles for suggestions on what has been successful for others within the Detachment.

Flag Replacement Program

The Detachment continues to sponsor an award to the top Squadron for Flag replacement. Make sure to track your efforts, and keep a record of the replaced flag as indicated on the replacement form, (3x5 flags will count as 5 points and smaller flags will count as 1 point). If you are also looking for a Flag Retirement program/ceremony, please contact committee chair. Chairman Jim Alexander
Email: JKJ44@AOL.COM

Community Affairs

We're once again coordinating the many undertakings of this program, by asking for your support throughout the year. This program is very broad in range, and is one of the best ways to reach out to your local area and show them the many benefits The American Legion provides. So if your squadron helps clean up a local park, adopt-a-highway, participates in a church fund raiser, or sponsors a local scout troop, it is considered supporting your community and is part of this committee.

Yours in Service to Legion Programs,
Bill Hill
Americanism Chairman

BOYS STATE

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American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high

school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion post, a local business or another community-based organization.

Boys State is conducted annually at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. The American Legion is asking for our support for either sponsoring a young man or becoming a counselor. If you or your squadron is interested in this, please call me at 410-829-9974 or email me at jkj44@aol.com.

Yours in Service,
Ken Jones

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FOUNDATION BY KEN JONES

Our Preamble to The American Legion Constitution says it best...devotion to mutual helpfulness." This phrase is more than just mere words on paper; it's our pledge of support to our distressed comrades. The American Legion has been activity involved in meeting the needs of both the community and individual Legion family members in the wake of disaster.

The National Emergency Fund has provided over \$6,000,000 in direct

financial assistance to Legion family members and posts. The National Emergency Fund has kept posts from closing and enabled Legion family member to begin to rebuild their homes and their lives.

We gave an obligation to assist those less fortunate members when the need arises, and we do - through our donations to the National Emergency Fund. All contributions to this fund are deposited in a special account and are used exclusively to

meet our members most urgent needs. Not one single contribution dollar is used for fundraising, administrative costs or fulfillment.

If your squadron could contribute for each of your members, it would go a long way in helping our fellow comrades.

Yours in Service
Ken Jones
NEF Chairman

WESTERN MARYLAND TRIBUNE

Greeting from your new District Commander;

Congratulations to all the squadrons who made 3 & 4 Stars status last year. Also, a job well done goes out to Past

Commander Mike, during his year.

Congratulations to all the new officers & the new Detachment 2nd Vice Commander Bill HILL of Squadron #191 & Chaplin Jeff Seiler

of Squadron #11

Yours In Service
William Spurrier
WMD Commander

COMMANDER'S PROJECT

BY JR HALL

Well let me first say Thank You to everyone who has already purchased a Wounded Warrior t-shirt, which helped us kick off Commanders Tommy's project with a Bang. And if you haven't got yours yet, send me an e-mail and get yours ordered NOW!! The shirts are a great way to show your support of a great project, and help us raise money at the same time.



Now, let's learn more about the "Wounded Warriors Project". The mission of the "Wounded Warrior Project" is to Honor and Empower wounded Warriors. The project got started by a group of veterans that were saddened one night while watching TV and hearing the difficult stories of the first wounded service members returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq. They realized then that something

needed to be done for these brave individuals beyond brass bands and ticker tape parades. They wanted to help in the healing of these soldiers mentally and physically, so they started visiting the Wounded Warriors in the hospitals and would give them backpacks with things they would need and would help them pass time. Today they still give the backpacks, but they do so much more. They are a non-profit organization that helps our Wounded Warriors in the mental and physical healing needed by helping them get back to as normal of a life, as they may have. The "Wounded Warrior Project" now has its very own training center to help our Warriors learn different trades to get them working and back to doing things on their own. Sometimes it's a simple project that may just send some of our Wounded Warriors to a football game, or another event that they may enjoy, or it could be training them to use a new leg or arm. The "Wounded Warrior Project" does so many different things for our injured soldiers and you can help them along the way. Commander Tommy has set a goal of \$40,000.00 for this year's project but I know we can do more. If everyone would hold a fifty-fifty raffle once or twice for the project I know we can top \$40,000.00 and help Commander

Tommy pay tribute by "Saluting our Wounded Warriors" in any way we can.

If you need any information on the project feel free to contact me and I will help out in any way I can. I will see you at the podium as you drop of your donation.

Serving Our Veterans,
J.R. Hall
Project Chairman
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NORTHEASTERN SHORE GAZETTE

Congratulations are in order for the newly elected Squadron officers. Let's hope and work together to make this our best year ever. Keep in mind that membership is our lifeline. "Retain and Recruit."

I hope by now everyone has received the meeting schedule for this year. Our next District meeting will be November 28, 2010, at Centreville Post #18 at 10:30 am. Please plan to attend yourself or have someone else sit in for you, there is no reason that I know of that your squadron advisor can't come. We would love to have them.

Our Commander Tom Deal's project "Saluting our Wounded Warriors" should be in the forefront of any project we plan to have. Keep this project in mind.

If you are having an event, let Bear know and he can put it on the web site. Remember, it's good publicity, seen by hundreds of people and best of all, it's free. His email is nesdsal@aol.com.

Yours in Service,
Ken Jones
NESD Commander
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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

BY JEFF SEILER

We will be going to Fisher House located at the Andrews Air Force Base on October 23rd 2010. We will be there for visitation. While we are there we will be doing a cook out for the Fisher house residents and some of the Wounded Warriors. The Wounded Warriors will be coming from Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Hospital. We will looking for people to participate in this

program. The date for the cookout in the spring at Bethesda Hospital is still being determined. More information to follow, any questions please feel free to call me, Jeff Seiler (301)695-4439.

Yours in service
Jeff Seiler
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SOUTHERN MARYLAND TIMES

Hello to Everyone,

Well installations are coming to an end, the organization's meeting are over and I hope everyone is ready to get to work. I am very excited to be the Sons of The American Legion Southern Maryland District Commander this year and I hope to make it a great year for everyone. I will be out to see what our Squadrons are doing in the district and want to know about your events and programs, so please take time and send me a e-mail at dhall1967@verizon.net and let me know about what your Squadron has planned for the year.

All Squadrons have been assigned DECmen and should be making contact with each other, so everyone gets the information needed to be able to succeed in our District and in our Detachment. If you do not know who your DEC rep is, contact me and I will let you know and I will make sure they contact you. I feel we can work together and

get so much more accomplished then working as individuals. I would love to see more faces at our District meetings, so try to make it out and hear for yourself, what is going on in the District and Detachment.

Our District Seminar will be held on Sunday September the 19th at 1:00 at Wheaton Post 268 one week after the Detachment Seminar at Post 82 on the 12th. Try to make it out to these seminars and learn all you can about what's going on in our organization

Again, I am very grateful for the chance to serve as the Southern Maryland District Commander and I hope you will be a part in a great year. Don't forget to get your membership in and help Southern Maryland District fill our bushel basket to the top.

Always Remember our Soldiers, Veterans and Children,
Don "J.R. Hall JR
Commander, dhall1967@verizon.net

NORTHERN CENTRAL NEWS

As the newly elected Commander of the Northern Central District, I am looking forward to a great year.

My Commander's Project for the year is The McVets Center and the Loch Raven VA Community Living Center (formerly the BRECC). These facilities provide much needed support for our veterans who have fallen on hard times or are in need of medical care. I hope I can count on the support of all the NCD Squadrons in helping me provide needed funds for these centers. I know the economy has hit our comrades hard and money is rare commodity, but if we all give just a little or have just one fund-raiser we can make a difference in the lives of less fortunate veterans. I will be getting around to visiting all the Squadrons to explain the District's programs and ask for feedback.

Please make use of your DEC-man for information. If you haven't seen your DEC-man please contact me or the NCD Adjutant, Bill Stem, and we will find out why.

Our first project will be the Perry Point Carnival on September 18th. We will be serving hamburgers to the patients. We could use any donations to help defray the cost. We are also looking for help. If you can assist or you would like to donate, please contact J.D. Saunders NCD 3rd Vice at 443-528-7456.

Our next NCD meeting will be Sunday, September 19th at Harford Squadron #39 at 1:00 PM.

Serving Veterans In Need
Allan Walls
Commander
Northern Central District
410-256-9182

TIME AND PLACE REPORT BY BILL STEM

The 2011 Detachment Convention will be held once again at the Hunt Valley Marriott in Hunt Valley Md. The room rates are the same as last year. The activities and their locations will be confirmed as we get closer to the new year.

We are looking into future locations for Convention. If you have an idea of where we could have the Convention and need more information on the criteria, please contact me and I will send it to you. Myself or a member of the committee can be available to visit proposed locations for viability.

Your in Service
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT BY BILL STEM

At the Detachment Convention a resolution was brought and voted on to support HB-1 and SB-1 bills in the State Legislature. These bills are to increase the exemption from state tax on military retirement benefits from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

With the 2011 session, these bills will be re-introduced (probably with different #s) and we are looking for your support to get them passed this coming year. Please contact your legislator or with the coming election a viable candidate to support this measure.

The slots bill for veteran organizations statewide, will also be re-introduced and we are looking for the same support.

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VAVS VARIETY BY JR HALL

Let me start off by saying how honored I am to serve as the Detachment of Maryland's VAVS Commission Chairman. What a great job everyone does in our great detachment in giving thousands in donations and volunteering the hundreds of hours to all of our many different veterans programs. However, I know there is more we can do. If every Squadron picked at least one Veteran program this year and worked to give a donation of money or a great donation of time we could have an all time high this year. Try to stop by one of our Veterans Centers and visit with our veterans and let them know you appreciate all they did for our country.

We have some new members on our commission this year so let me share all of our volunteers names with you. Bob Filippi, Patrick Pounds, Gary Tennis, Bill Hill, Buddy Mastin and Larry Griffin will serve at all of our Maryland Veterans Centers and

DC too. If you need any information about any of the Centers contact any of them or myself and we will try to help you in any way we can.

Maybe this year at your post you can help out by putting out a collection box for one of our veterans Centers. You can collect toiletries, under garments, gloves ,hats, puzzle books and crosswords books and turn them over to our commission or deliver them yourself and do a visit at the same time. Again if there is anything any of us can do to help let us know. Let's all help take care of our "Priceless Heritage" our Veterans, if there is anything I can do send me an e-mail at dhall1967@verizon.net or call me at 410-365-7758.

Serving our Veterans,
J.R. Hall
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Loch Raven CLC

The facility will be hosting an OKTOBERFEST on Saturday Oct 16 at 12 noon. Currently they are looking for donations of the following items; Ice Cream, Soda, Hotdogs/Hamburgers, Cakes and Prizes. In addition they are seeking volunteers to run the various booths. If you or your Squadron is interested in helping please call Recreation Therapy, Sandra Otukoya @ 410-605-7000 ext 4649.

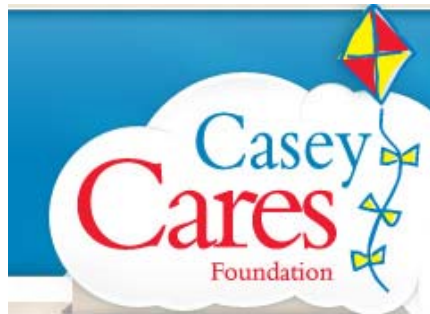
A very recent addition to the outside pavilion area is some great looking outdoor furniture. The old wooden furniture that has been there for about 10 years is gone. This area has truly been made a great looking outdoor space in keeping with the Community Living Center concept.

Bob Filippi
VAVS Representative

CASEY CARES BY DAVE HULLIHEN

Once again I have been given the privilege to be the Casey Care Chairmen this year and I am looking forward to surpassing the monies that we made last year which was over \$ 10,000.00. The only people benefiting from this would be the kids at Casey Cares, what a great gift that would be. I have already talked to Commander Tom and have ask him if he would mind if we had a rep and a family from Casey's and he said it sounded great to him. He said why don't we make this a children and youth meeting and make it all about the kids, so as for now, unless Bear tells me otherwise, please bring your checkbooks and open up your wallets to show Ca-

sey Cares how much we really care. I would like to take this time to thank Bear for all he does with this great project. He has already



kicked this project off with the 6th Annual Bike Run on July 31st and raised \$ 5,700.00. Great job Bear and thanks to all who help make

that happen, especially the Legion Riders.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next DEC meeting in La Plata . Thank You All God Bless You And God Bless America

Dave Hullihen
Casey Cares Chairman
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NEC NEWS BY ANDY DADDS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN

I bring you greetings from National Commander Mark Arneson. Commander Mark, wife Cappi and daughter Reagan attended our Detachment Convention in June. While at the convention Commander Mark enjoyed a day of golf on Friday, then back to the hotel for some Detachment hospitality. During the weekend Commander Mark, Cappi and Reagan attended our convention along with a visit to our junior convention and to the activities that followed. All of the members of the Detachment made Commander Mark, Cappi and Reagan feel at home, enjoying a true Maryland hospitality.

Membership in the Eastern Region did not fair well this year, we fell short of the year end goals missing the July goal of 105%. The August report has the Region at 100.286% which has us in last place. The Detachment of Maryland is at

97.525% and in 39th place in the Nation. We have a lot of work ahead of us this coming year on membership to get our numbers up so we can be in the top 15 in the Nation.

The 39th National Convention was held in Milwaukee Wisconsin on August 27-29, 2010. The Detachment had a large delegation attending this year. Many of them are sitting on various committees for this convention. During the convention, the Nation elected a new National Commander who comes from the Detachment of Texas, David Dew. The Eastern Region elected our National Vice Commander from the Detachment of Maryland, our very own Joe Gladden who is a member of Overlea-Perry Hall Squadron #130. Congratulations to National Commander David and National Vice Commander Joe on their elections to these high offices.

The Detachment of Maryland received a Retention Award for Membership Renewal of 90.97%, Squadron #191 won the Americanism Award, and Squadron #82 won awards for both the best Scrapbook and History book in the squadron categories. Once again Maryland won the Detachment History book category. Another great job by our Historian Bob Fillippi. Also, PDC Bear Weinzirl received an award for his squadron web site from the National American Legion Press Association at an awards luncheon hosted by NALPA in Milwaukee at the National Convention Center. Congratulations to all the winners.

The next NEC meeting will be held in Indy on October 8-10, 2010.

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