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COMMANDER’S CORNER BY BUDDY MASTIN

It truly a great honor to have been elected the Detachment Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. I hope to make all of you proud as I serve my year as Commander. I am excited and look forward to the coming year. I look forward to working with all of you this year as we support and promote all of the great programs of The American Legion Family. I would like to congratulate junior Past Detachment Commander Tom Deal, on the fantastic year he had and I look forward to another great year with your support. I would like to visit as many Squadrons as my schedule allows. If any Squadron would like me to visit them on a particular date, please contact me and I will do my best to be there.

Our Detachment theme this year is: ‘Serving America’s Veterans Every Day’ and I truly feel as an organization that is what we do. My Commander’s Project for this year is to buy a handicapped

accessible bus for transporting the veterans at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at a cost of \$65,000.00. I would like to thank Bill Stem for chairing my Commanders project and you can read more in his article. I know he will do a great job and everyone will work hard to

make sure the project is a tremendous success. If the entire American Legion Family pulls together, we can make this happen. Also remember we have t-shirts for sale.

Membership is the lifeblood of our

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ADJUTANT’S CORNER

BY BILL MATOSKA

D.E.C.: The first meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee for this administrative year will be on September 18, 2011, and will be combined with the Detachment Seminar. This session is being hosted by Benedict A. Andrew Post #296 located in Queenstown. The post address is 6200 Main Street, Queenstown, Md. 21658 and the post phone number is 410-827-8182. Every squadron within the detachment will be provided a seminar packet containing administrative memos, report forms, and informational pamphlets essential to each squadron in order to support the

detachment’s initiatives for this administrative year. If you are unable to attend this meeting, your District Commander will be in contact with you to deliver and review your squadron’s seminar packet. **Legion Magazine:** Did you know that all members of the S.A.L. can subscribe to The American Legion Magazine for 12 issues for only \$6.00 per year. Readers can enjoy a wide array of articles of interest and keep up to date with programs of The American Legion. Send a check or money order for \$6.00 along with your complete name, address, date of birth, phone, e-mail, and

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MEMBERSHIP BY BILL HILL

The membership theme this year is staying with a Maryland tradition – Horse Racing. This year's theme will be known as the "Membership Cup Race".

The final membership standing at the end of May 2012 will place the top three Districts in a Win, Place, or Show position. The program is a straight-up race towards the finish line! There are no extra points for "no goose eggs" (although having none will help push you towards your goal), no weekly or monthly points for being in the lead, and no special consideration for having the largest membership count (bragging rights for this is acceptable though).

Any District Commander who finishes the race with 100% of their membership goal will receive a customized polo shirt, with the wording "Membership Cup Race, 2011 – 2012, 100% Achievement" and, if they reach the 105% goal, the percent will be adjusted to what they achieved and printed in larger letters.

All of the Districts have come out of the gate in full stride towards their final membership goal of 105% of last year's membership. The race started with *Northern Central* in 1st place, but has changed prior to the first turn (DEC Seminar), with *Southeastern Shore* in 1st place by a nose over 2nd place *Northern Central*, who is in a potential photo finish with 3rd place *Southern Maryland*.

We'll go over the details of the entire program at the DEC Seminar in September.

The current membership updates have the Detachment at 17%, which is exceeding our first membership target goal of 10% by September 14th and puts us well on the way toward making the next goal of 25% by October 19th. We are 400+ members ahead of this time last year. Outstanding job gentlemen!! Keep up the fantastic work. One of the best approaches to building those membership numbers is to keep the three R's (Recruit, Retain & Reinstate) of membership in mind at all times. So, I encourage every Squadron member to go out and keep the three R's of membership moving and help your District Commander ride that membership horse across the finish line.

Follow the Detachment's membership target dates and current membership status on our website at www.mdsal.org, the membership track is on the left hand side. There will also be monthly updates on the Detachment of Maryland's Facebook site. If you have any questions, are looking for suggestions or want some general information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Yours in Service to God and Country,

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ADJUTANT'S CORNER BY BILL MATOSKA

S.A.L. ID number to: The American Legion, Data Services—N0808, Magazine Non-Member Subscriptions, P.O. Box 1954, Indianapolis, In. 46206.

Postcard Renewals: The schedule for the mailing of the annual S.A.L. renewal postcard mailing will be made in September, followed by the second in January, then the final renewal mailing in April. These mailings are made in conjunction and subsequent to membership target dates. Therefore, please follow these membership targets closely and allow enough lead time for the Department to process the renewals before transmitting to National. This will save the organization considerable postage costs. The membership target dates are posted on the National web page at www.sal.legion.org.

Dates of Birth: The capturing and collecting of date of birth information for the National records of our members has been a slow process. This information is contained on the membership register for every member of the S.A.L. Many squadrons have not submitted this information accordingly. The information is needed for demographic needs as well as future actuarial studies used for insurance plans, etc. This information can be submitted using postcards, date of birth form, member data forms, or online at www.sal.legion.org in the change of address area in the section marked on the web page. A copy of the date of birth form along with member data forms are in your seminar package for your convenience.

Yours In Service, Bill Matoska

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FOUNDATION BY LARRY GRIFFIN

As we start a new year. I would like to remind you of the purpose of the NEF. This past year the south and the Midwest endured harsh storms

and flooding. Through the SAL's donations the NEF was able to help many members and post with their needs. Your donations make this

possible.

Chairman, Larry Griffin

AMERICANISM REPORT BY JEFF SEILER

The year is just starting and wow here we go. We've always been a Detachment that shows its great support to all the Americanism programs. Our success this year will be through the continued support we provide to our *Community, State, and Nation*. You can reach out to a local organization and just ask what we can do to help. Supporting Local blood drives where the blood banks are low due to the natural disasters we are having, or by support a scout troop. **Flag Replacement Program**, We have Veteran's Day right around the corner so please plan on attending or having a Veteran's Day program in your area, check to see if any flags have fallen at the cemeteries or are in need of replacement. 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 replacement flag as indicated on the replacement form. (3 x 5 flags will count as 5 points and small flags will count as 1 point) If you are looking for a Flag retirement program/ceremony, please

contact committee Chairman Chris Dadds. **Community Affairs**, On October 22 we are planning a picnic once again for the residence of Fisher House at Andrews Air Force Base. Donations are needed to purchase food for the picnic. We are limited to 6 or 7 people for this event. Fisher house as you know is very important to the families and military by giving them a place to stay in their time of need. It is truly a home away from home. It's a warm setting for them while their love one is being treated in one of the VA hospitals. This picnic is our way of saying thanks to the families. Please let me know if you want to attend at the September 18 DEC. Chairman Andy Dadds PDC **Boys State**, This legion program is very rewarding for those young men who are chosen to participate. We are encouraging each squadron to support your home post by providing any level of support necessary. This is the time that Guidance Counselors at schools need to be contacted with the appropriate information Chairman Jerry

Saunders Sr. **National Emergency Fund**, The National Emergency Fund continues to need our help. With the continued economic challenges we face as a world, the support this program provides to so many, is greatly appreciated. Please continue your aid or our Legion family. We are asking each squadron to donate at least \$1.00 per member. I believe this is a very obtainable goal. We need to help In this time of needs where there are so many natural disasters, the fires in Texas, The flooding in the Northeast and South just to name a few. Thank you again for your continued support. Chairman Larry Griffin. Thank You to every member of the Detachment and all or our Legion Family members for supporting the programs, which fall under Americanism. Yours in Service to Legion Programs Jeffrey Seiler Americanism Chairman

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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organization and without it we could not support our veterans and communities as well as we do, so let's get those members signed up and sent in as early as possible.

Thank you for allowing me to serve

this organization. If I can be of service to anyone one of you, please let me know. Please visit and use our Detachment website www.mdsal.org and our Detachment Facebook page. Remember, I am only a phone call or e-mail away. Let's get out there, roll up our sleeves and start supporting the programs of The American

Legion Family. God Bless our Troops and Veterans and God Bless America.

Serving America's Veterans Every Day,
Edward 'Buddy' Mastin
Detachment Commander
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COMMUNITY SERVICE BY ANDY DADDS

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portant to the families and military by giving them a place to stay in their time of need. It is truly a home away from home. It's a warm setting for them while their love one is being treated in one of the VA hospitals. This picnic is our way of saying thanks

to the families. Please let me know if you want to attend at the September 18 DEC.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH CORNER BY JR HALL

Hello Again to Everyone,

As all the conventions have ended and everyone is now installed and getting back to business we need to make sure all of us is ready to do our part for our Children and Youth programs. As you plan out you year and your donations, try to pick at least one of our programs, if not more, to give to.

Did you know The Child Welfare Foundation rewards all Squadrons, Districts and Detachments that donates at least \$1.00 per member with a banner? If you need information on this get in touch with Dave Sprucebank. For many of our Squadrons this would be a simple task, think about it.

Special Olympics Chairman Jimmy Alexander is working to get all in order for the year so read his article and be apart of our plunge team by

joining or making a donation. This is a great program that helps our Special Athletes.

Ed Steiniger has already helped out by taking the lead in the Casey Cares Detachment Bike Ride that raised over \$5K for the children and there families. Our Detachment has supported the Casey Cares Foundation since it started and our proud to have Larry "Bear " Weinzirl on the Board of Directors.

Children Miracle Network is a great program and a lot of the donations made each year helps out children right here in Maryland at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Our Chairman is Bud Singleton and you can ask Bud for different ways you will be able to help raise moneys.

"Toys for Tots" has been a great program for all of us to help out with children that may not have a

Christmas if not for this wonderful program. Kraig Dean our Chairman will be setting up a Toy drop off this winter so try to plan with your Squadrons to collect at your home post.

All of these programs are great and help our children in many ways, I know it is sometimes hard to do for all programs but please try to challenge yourself and your Squadron to make a attempt to help out where you can. I know we will have a very successful year because of the hard work of all of our members here in Maryland. If there is any way I can help please contact me.

Please Remember our Soldiers, Veterans an d Children,

Don "JR" Hall

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VAVS VARIETY

BY RAY EDWARDS

As we begin the 2011/2012 fiscal year, my overall goal is to improve communications and promote awareness to squadrons all around the State of Maryland. In the coming months, each squadron Commander and Squadron advisor will receive a letter from me stating the needs of each VAVS center. This letter will include information from all of the VAVS centers from around the state. Each center has their own needs and requirements. The needs slightly vary from center to center.

As mentioned at the organizational meeting, I did indeed attend the Veterans seminar held at American Legion Post 91 on August 17, 2011. Upon the completion of the seminar, I was given a tour of the Cambridge VA Center. Folks, I wanted to inform you, it was truly an amazing experience to tour this facility. The Cambridge VA center supports veterans all around the eastern shore, including those veterans living

in Virginia. American Legion Post 91 and SAL Squadron 91 have provided excellent support to this center over the years. Their satellite office located in Pocomoke Maryland will relocate within the next 10 months. This center currently rents the building and all equipment from a doctor. The new location has been selected and the center will accept donations to purchase the many items the center will need to function and to take care of our veterans. More information will follow in the months ahead.

I will have more information at the seminar meeting on the September 18th meeting. Please remember, it not how much you given, it's the thought you gave! I'm looking forward to meeting my fellow members from around the state and having a very productive year.

Serving Veterans and Their Families,
Ray Edwards

VAVS Chairman 2011/2012
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Loch Raven VA CLC

With the Detachments New Year just beginning it is time to start planning any activities you may want to hold at the Center. Some ideas to get you started would be a pizza party, crab feast, ice cream social or even a Ravens tailgate party. In the spring there is always a much welcomed cookout. Other activities are visits with patients or helping with special events such as Veterans Day, Christmas holidays etc.

Coming up in the very near future is the Center's Oktoberfest. If you are interested in helping or making a donation to this event please call Recreation Services at the number below for more information or dates. Voluntary Services 410-605-7000 x 5877

Bob Filippi
VAVS Representative

COMMANDER'S PROJECT BY BILL STEM

The momentum is building for Commander Mastin's project. **We will** raise the \$65,000 to purchase a handicapped accessible bus for the residents of Charlotte Hall. As of this date there are affairs being planned for this fund-raising effort. We are also selling special t-shirts for \$15. The t-shirts will be available at the next DEC in Queenstown. If you would like to place a special order, contact me at the numbers or email

below.

Charlotte Hall is the only home for veterans in the state and every district is represented there. Help our own who have sacrificed to preserve our way of life by improving theirs. Let's not wait until the end of the year to make that contribution.

All monies can be sent to ...
Bill Matoska DEC Adjutant
3115 Orchard Ave.

Baltimore, Md. 21234
Please put Charlotte Hall Bus in the Memo section.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yours in Service
Bill Stem
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Home: 410 526-6559

MARYLAND SPECIAL OLYMPICS BY JIM ALEXANDER

As we start the 2011/2012 year I am looking forward working with the Maryland Special Olympics and bringing the Detachment valuable information. We can start looking forward to taking our plunge into the Chesapeake Bay on January 27th or 28th (will confirm at a later date). All you have to do is go to www.plungemd.com and go under American Legion Family plunge team to sign up or donate. Thinking it is too cold to take the plunge? Once you are surrounded by the warm hearts of the enthusiastic plungers the heat within you will keep you

warm. Plunging just isn't for you, please go to the website and make a donation to support the American Legion Family.

Here's a list of other volunteer opportunities:

Sept 17th Golf Skills
Championship at Blue Golf Club in Olney MD, 9am – 4pm
Oct 13th-15th Baltimore Running Festival, Baltimore City
Oct 22nd Fall Sports Fest at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg MD, 8am – 5pm.
Oct 23rd Fall Sports Fest

Soccer Competition in Salisbury area
Oct 26th Unified Sports Tennis
Competition in Frederick County
(Baker Park, Frederick High School and Tomas Johnson High School), 8am – 6pm
Oct 27th Unified Sports Tennis
Competition in Anne Arundel County, 8am – 6pm

If one of these events is in your District please try to volunteer.

Our children are our future!
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WESTERN MARYLAND TRIBUNE

Wow here we are in another year already. The Western Maryland district has 18 squadrons and of those 18 squadrons, we only have 3 that need to send in some membership cards. Please let's get rid of those goose eggs before our first meeting. Our First meeting is September 25th at 1:00 pm at Carroll Squadron #31 in Westminster MD please plan on attending this first meeting and all the others as well. The 2nd meeting is December 11th at 1:00 pm at Dixon-Troxell #211 in Funkstown, MD. The 3rd meeting is February 19th at 1:00 pm

at Cascade Squadron #239 in Cascade MD and our final meeting is being held at Kumps Dam by Emmitsburg Squadron #121 May 20, 2012. I would like to thank all the squadrons for hosting out district meetings. I hope everyone makes an effort to attend our meetings. Please be aware that Western Maryland District does have a Facebook page where one can join and see what is going on at our local squadrons. Please let's get those members renewing and get new members as we are the largest district in the state of MD. Now is the

time to start recording what is being done for the end of year reports. I would like to see all 18 squadron's turn in a report this year! And Please do all you can to support Buddy's Bus!

Thank you
Jeffrey Seiler
WMD Commander
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SOUTHERN MARYLAND TIMES

It's a great honor to be Commander of the Great Southern Maryland District, I look forward to a great year helping our Veterans and supporting the programs of the Legion Family. Thanks to Past Commander J.R. Hall on having a very successful year and, congratulation to Buddy Mastin

becoming the new Detachment Commander.

Our Fall meeting will be Oct 2nd 2011 at Disney-Bell Post 66 in Bowie, The Post phone number 3001-464-9814, address is 9605 Old Laurel Bowie Road.

Upcoming events - Saturday

November `12, 2011 Southern Maryland District Drawdown at Glen Burnie Post 40, tickets are \$35.00 per couple, only 150 tickets will be sold.

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US
DAVE SPRUCEBANK
SMD COMMANDER

NORTHERN CENTRAL NEWS

Let me begin by thanking everyone in the Northern Central District for all of the support for junior past commander Walls and his project last year. Well it is the start of a new year and we are starting off strong. We have had our Organizational meeting at my home post Towson 22. I want to thank my home Squadron for the great food served. Those that were not able to attend that meeting we had the opportunity to discuss some good ideas for how to bring the district forward. Our Chaplain Doug Hopkins (Past Detachment Commander) discussing the possibility of starting a class for the Five Star Program. What we would like to do is meet prior to the meeting for 1 hour to go over each star. We would also need to meet at

other times so as to complete all 5 stars by convention. I feel it would show just what the Northern Central District can do when we come together as a group with one goal.

My project this year is MCVET. Anyone who has been down to the center and taken a tour knows what great things they are accomplishing. I am earmarking my project for the kitchen. The center serves some 700 meals a day along with training the members. They are in need of a couple of things in the kitchen such as a deep fryer, a new griddle, a steamer, and a hot display case to name but a few things. I understand that is a tall order but NCD is the number one district in the number one detachment in the country.

Our next meeting is October 2, 2012 at August J Raveio Post 195 starting at 1 PM. All squadrons should try to have at least one representative at the meeting. We can only succeed with the support of all squadrons, not just a few.

I want to add a special Thank You to Doug Hopkins (past detachment commander and current district chaplain) who stepped up when Casey Cares needed help with food at their first Carnival. This is what makes this District the best in the state.

For God and County
Kraig A. Dean
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CASEY CARES BY ED STEININGER

As we start off our new year, I am very excited that Commander Mastin has chosen me to chair our Casey Cares Program. The only problem is that you guys have supported this program from day one, and for me to try to raise more donations than last year is going to be a real challenge. In just the couple of months that I have been involved, we have done two events for Casey. The help and personal contact from the office staff at Casey Cares goes above and beyond. The attitude of the children involved in this program is amazing, and the smiles that you see from the parents of these battling children

during one of these affairs makes it all worthwhile.

The wheels are starting to turn already. Plans are in the making for a Cash Prize Pool Tournament to be sponsored by the NCD, but the decision now is do we make this a single format, or a team format. Bring your suggestions and/or comments to the seminar so that they may be discussed. I am open to all suggestions. How about a softball tournament? These are the only areas that I am familiar with, but like I said, I am open to all suggestions.

I look forward to working with one of the most successful chairmen in the Detachment for many a year, and can see why you guys picked him to be our 3rd Vice Commander this year. I do not want to let him or Casey Cares down. Keep the donations coming, and remember the figure, 20,000. With everyone involved, we can make that and more.

For Casey Cares,
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NORTHEASTERN SHORE GAZETTE

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

I hope by now that everyone has received the meeting schedule for this year. Our next District meeting will be December 4, 2011 at Talbot Post #70. at 10:30 A.M. Please plan to attend yourself

or have someone else represent your Squadron. Please invite your Squadron adviser to join you as well. We would love to have them.

Detachment Commander Buddy Mastin's project to purchase a handicap van for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home should be in the forefront of any project we plan to consider. 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.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, you may contact me at 410-829-9317 or email me at homer51@comcast.net.

Yours in service,
Karl B. Kibler
North Eastern Shore District
Commander

SOUTH EASTERN SHORE HERALD

With the new year underway, I would like to thank those who have been working hard on their membership and say congratulations to our district for getting back in first place. We finished the month of August with a 27.84 percentage of goal. We need to work on recruiting new members. We must continue to grow our district. Let's keep up the good work. As we work together this year, there are a number of upcoming events throughout our district, some of which, will benefit the commanders project. The S.E.S.D. is currently planning a

fundraiser for the commanders project and is tentatively scheduled for May 12, 2012. More information will follow.

We are currently working on a new informative website for our district and have launched a new district page on Facebook. Our mission is to improve communications and promote awareness of all activities throughout the State of Maryland. We are pleased to have our Winter DEC meeting scheduled for January 29, 2012 in Ocean City, Maryland. Come down early as Squadron 166

will be having a Bull & Oyster Roast on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Entertainment will follow. For event information, please email Richard Pennington at richpenn2@comcast.net

Serving Veterans and Their Families,

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT BY TOM DEAL

As the Legislative Chairman this year I will be sending out e-mails and legislative alerts throughout the year. If you have not signed up at the Organizational meeting and would like to receive e-mail notifications send me an e-mail asking to be added to the list for Legislative updates. I will keep you informed and updated of current legislation and important issues with Veter-

an's issues. I am listing several web sites below for specific information. We all need to contact our Senators and Congressmen to let them know where we stand on the issues.

Library of Congress
<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>, United States Senators
<http://www.senate.gov/general/>

[contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm](http://www.house.gov/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)
United States House of Representatives, <http://www.house.gov/>
Maryland General Assembly
<http://mlis.state.md.us/>

Tom Deal
Legislative Chairman
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TIME AND PLACE REPORT BY BILL STEM

I know it is early in the year, but you still should plan for the State Detachment Convention on June 22nd thru the 24th 2012. It is again at the Hunt Valley Marriott with all the activities

at the same locations, barring scheduling problems.

If you have any suggestions for the 2014 Convention please contact me

for the convention specifications.

Your in Service
Bill Stem Chairman
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NEC NEWS BY ANDY DADDS

Delegates from the Detachment of Maryland traveled to Minneapolis Minnesota to attend the 40th National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion. During the three day convention the delegates attended the many commission and committee meetings, which judging reports took place. Congratulations go out to the following; Detachment of Maryland and Gold Star Squadron #191 both won the Atwood Beyea-York Memorial Award for Americanism, Southern Maryland District received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Armature Radio Club, Detachment of Maryland and Squadron #82 both won the National History Book Award and NALPA Award for best Detachment Web Site.

James K. "Jim" Roberts III from American Legion Post # 4 in Lakeland Florida was elected to the High office

of National Commander for the Sons of The American Legion. Commander Robert's theme this year is to "GET BACK TO BLUE." He has outlined three areas to work on, Communications, Commitment and Recognition.

The 2012 National Membership Trail Ride is the membership theme this year. The ride will cross the United States with stops all along the way as we reach the target dates set by National.

National Vice-Commander Joe Gladden is very proud of the Eastern Region for their support. The region did a great job in membership, we may have started out slow in the beginning but by convention we finished in second place. The Detachment of Maryland is very proud of Joe. At the conclusion of the convention an official

announcement was given that Joe Gladden is now the second leading candidate for National Commander.

James A Nobel from the Detachment of New Jersey was elected by the Detachments of the Eastern Region to serve as National Vice-Commander East.

The following members of the Detachment are serving on the following committees; Andy Dadds - Sub Committee on Resolutions, Buddy Mastin - Americanism, Larry Ford - Internal Affairs, Tom Deal - Legislative, Ken Jenkins - Homeland Security & Civil Preparedness, Larry Weinzirl - Vice Chairman Public Relations, PNC Charles Gannon-Commander's Advisory Committee, and PNC Bill Matoska-Committee on Committees.

Andy Dadds, PDC