



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Maryland Commander's Challenge

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Detachment Commander Jimmy Alexander has issued a Challenge this year and I want to explain how *every* Squadron can meet the challenge. Commander Alexander's project is Boy State and his motto is "***Sons Empowering our Future Leaders***". The goal is to continue to raise awareness for the Four Pillars of The American Legion. And to those who don't know what they are here they are: *VA&R, Children and Youth, Americanism, and National Security*.

The challenge is fairly simple, *Americanism: Squadrons are asked to donate to Commanders Project "Boy State" for at least \$250.00; Children and Youth: Squadrons need to make a donation for Maryland Special Olympics for \$200.00; VA&R: Squadrons need to purchase a plaque for \$100.00 through the Detachment that will honor all the men and women serving our great country today fighting the war on terrorism and dedicate it to their post; National Security: Squadrons will Honor a Police Officer or Fire Fighter in your area for their service to the community. One entry per Squadron. One winner will be chosen from each District and sent to Detachment where one winner will be selected for Dave Barr First Responder of the Year and presented at Detachment convention in June. The winner will receive the Dave Barr Memorial Trophy: This can be done for \$100.00. This Challenge can be met by raising as little as \$700.00.*

Plain and Simple:

1. Americanism: Commander's Project "Boy State" for \$250
2. VA&R: Purchase a Plaque from Detachment \$100
3. C & Y: Donation of \$200 to Maryland Special Olympics
4. National Security: Submit a Police Officer/Firefighter of the year.

The four pillars are what The American Legion is based on, and we need to make sure we are doing our part to teach more about these four pillars.

For each Squadron, District, or others meeting the Commanders Challenge they will be honored for "*Sons Empowering our Future Leaders*" at the end of the year. When you have met the requirements of the Challenge for all four pillars you will need to fill out the attached form and submit with copies of checks or other documentation needed to verify to PDC Tom Deal. Do not wait until end of the year to submit, when you have completed the challenge send in the information and you will be notified you have met the challenge.

For Posts and Auxiliary Units who want to help "*Serving our Country's Injured Heroes*" The only difference will be the Plaque to donate to the Post can be any war or conflict you want to recognize. If a Squadron wants to donate a second plaque you can also specify what the second plaque will be presented in honor of.

On behalf of Commander Alexander, I want to Thank You for participating in the "Commanders Challenge"

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