



Detachment of Louisiana

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** Commander's Comments **

Dear fellow Sons

“All gave some, some gave all” We all must still fight for our liberty both at home and abroad. Exercise your right and vote and do your part to earn and secure your liberty. It is liberty and freedom that allows us to do the things we want to do. Liberty and freedom allow us to gather and express our opinions, worship as we see fit. Liberty and freedom allows us to defend ourselves from common criminals, hostile foreign invaders and from an oppressive government. It is liberty and freedom that allows us to be secure in our homes free from government searches. Whatever you do, don't waiver on exercising and demanding your freedoms and your rights because they all work together to ensure the continuance and prosperity of the United States of America.

We are half way through this year and it has been going fast. I would like to thank all those who have helped me so far this year.

Mid-Winter Conference and DEC went well. I would have liked to see more Squadrons and Squadron Commanders present. We did have a quorum but attendance was light. We can only accomplish things if we are active in the organization. One person or one small group cannot do it all.

Please plan on attending the district conference in your area. I look forward to seeing you there.

At Mid-Winter I declared that I am running for Detachment Commander for a second term and I ask for your continued support in both doing my duties as Commander and at Convention.

** Recognition and Awards **

Nominations for the Royce J. Doucet Memorial, Sons of the Year award are due by April 1st. The form can be found on our web site <http://louisianasal.org/site/> and I have attached it when this newsletter was sent.

The Royce J. Doucet Memorial Son of the Year is a prestigious award, which is funded through The American Legion and selected by a Committee appointed by the Detachment Commander and is awarded annually at the Department/Detachment Convention. Royce Doucet was the first member of the Detachment of Louisiana to be elected National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. His character and drive allowed him to accomplish this by his mid-twenties. Of the active Squadrons with membership, there is a hardworking, dependable member, with similar characteristics of Royce Doucet, who has served his Squadron for a number of years and is deserving of being nominated.



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** Upcoming events **

Spring District conferences:

District 1-TBD-April 16th at 1:00 PM
District 2-Post 350 Metairie-April 16th at 9:00 AM
District 3-Quality Hotel, Houma-May 20th to 22nd -9:00 AM, Post 349 Raceland,
Hosting
District 4-Post 388 Haughton-April 9th at 9:00 AM
District 5-Post 521 Monroe-March 5th at 9:00 AM
District 6-Post 502 Baton Rouge-March 12th at 9:00 AM
District 7-Post 1 Lake Charles-March 19th at 9:00 AM
District 8-Post 387 New Llano-April 24th at 9:00 AM

** Quote **

“If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.”

Samuel Adams, speech at the Philadelphia State House, August 1, 1776.

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