



## Detachment of Louisiana

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## Newsletter May – June 2016

### \*\* Commander's Comments \*\*

Dear fellow Sons

We are nearing the end of this year and it has gone by quickly. I hope that over the past year I have been able to inspire you. I hope I was able to make you think. I hope I was able to make you do. My mission was to get you active and involved. Have I achieved everything I wanted to this year? Sadly no, but I did achieve some things with the help of the other elected and appointed officers.

The state convention is coming up soon and we will be faced with electing new officers. I will be running for commander again this year. I look forward to seeing you at convention and ask you for your support.

We will have a pre-convention Detachment Executive Committee (DEC) Friday before our convention on Saturday. Squadron commanders are part of the DEC and I would really like to see you there. We also have the testimonial on Friday night tickets are \$20 per person. Let me know if you want a ticket.

Convention pins from last year are still available as well as medallions form Mid-Winter.

We have not reached my goal of \$2 per member to CEF and NEF we still have time please send in donations now for these vital programs.

I would like to thank all who helped me and assisted me to make this a good year.

Happy Memorial Day and please fly your US flag.

### \*\* Constitution and By-Laws \*\*

If you have not already done so please set up your constitution and by-laws and have them on file with the Detachment please do so as soon as possible. I have attached samples to the email where I sent the newsletter.



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### \*\* Membership \*\*

Congratulations to all who have achieved 100% or greater membership good job and thanks for the effort. We have seven squadrons that have not turned in any membership this year!! I do not like to call out people for things like this however sometimes we need to do things we do not like.

### \*\* Squadrons with ZERO Membership \*\*

1. Benton 202, District 4
2. Winnsboro 559, District 5
3. Nicholson 38, District 6
4. Donaldsonville 98, District 6
5. Lake Arthur 403, District 7
6. Westlake 407, district 7
7. Pitkin 210, district 8

### \*\* Squadrons with less than 90% Membership \*\*

1. Harvey Marrero 222, District 2
2. Abbeville 29, District 3
3. Lockport 83, District 3
4. Kaplan 271, District 3
5. Parks 289, District 3
6. Shreveport 14, district 4
7. Oil City 138, District 4
8. Koran 388, District 4
9. Monroe 521, District 5
10. Opelousas 45, District 7
11. Iota 371, District 7

If your squadron is on either of the lists above please see what you can do to turn in renewals and get the membership rolling. I understand that sometimes membership needs to be reorganized to reflect those who participate and you may not achieve 100%. **Get out and work to get your renewals!!**



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### \*\* Upcoming events \*\*

State Convention will be held in Alexandria, LA at the Best Western on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Friday June 10 @ 5pm DEC - We will have a pre-convention Detachment Executive Committee Squadron commanders are part of the DEC and I would really like to see you there.
- Friday 7pm testimonial - Tickets are \$20 per person. Let me know if you want a ticket.
- Saturday 8:30am SAL opening session
- Saturday 10:00am Legion opening session

National Convention: Will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio August 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and if you have not made a national convention consider attending they are quite impressive. Louisiana delegates to the Sons National Convention will be selected at our convention on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Installations: Many squadrons have installations coming up after our June convention. If you want someone for the state to do your installation please contact either Camille Lejeune or me to schedule and coordinate the activities. Several squadrons have already asked and my calendar is filling up fast. If I cannot make it then I will see if one of the Vice Commanders can make the installation.

### \*\* Quote \*\*

“Talking isn't doing. It is a kind of good deed to say well; and yet words are not deeds.”  
William Shakespeare

“Do or do not. There is no try”  
Yoda

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