



Sons of The American Legion – June 2017  
Squadron 248 - New Roads



MAY MEETING – this month was 22 family members, with 5 of those being Sons. Elections were completed and approved. Financial reports were given and approved. Commander mentioned that he has changed the financial reports so that it will be easier for the Legion to incorporate their totals. Currently we have purchased 2 small CD's. The consolidated report has been completed and copies will be available at the June's meeting. Totals donations we made this year are \$632.10 but that does not include service hours.

**RENEWALS 2017-2018** – April started the renewal process for the upcoming year 2017-2018. This year is no different than the previous 15 years. We bring around 80% for us on July 1st. To date, we have 51 members already pre-paid 10 early birds and 5 life members. Cards will be printed by National towards the middle of June and mailed to Department. Those of you who have paid will not receive your card until the July newsletter.

2018 MEMBERSHIP CARDS - the membership cards for the Legion and Sons have been redesigned to include date of birth, phone number and email address. That is why I am requesting that information at the bottom of your renewal notice. National is moving forward with electronic mailing as well as needing date of birth for geographic purposes (possible life membership).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Our nominating committee recommended a slate of officers at our April meeting and at the May meeting they were elected. Serving you this year will be: Camille LeJeune, Jr. – Commander; Richard Beard, Jr. – Vice Commander; Mark Williams – Adjutant/Finance; Steven Fabre – Sergeant At Arms; Richard Beard, III – Chaplain and Trinity Major – Color Bearer. All officers must have their dues paid before we are installed on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Our Detachment Commander is out of state working at this time, so Commander LeJeune will present an option at this month's meeting.

INSTALLATION – will be held on our regular meeting night, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Once again we need volunteers to help set up on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The more people we have, the less time it takes. With only 4 people showing up, it's a long day to complete all the things that we like to put out.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> with only Barbara and Camille LeJeune attending from the 248 family. This year there was a lot of help from other Legion family members as well as other organizations. We were able to leave Hammond right before the sky opened up with rain.

MEMORIAL DAY – 22 large flags were placed on poles on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Flags went up on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7am, followed by walking the graves to place over 250 smaller flags. At 2 pm the Kiwanis Club recognized Mr. Wilmer Moore along with the Blessing of the Boats. The flags were picked up right after that ceremony, folded and stored for next time. Special thanks to the following people for their assistance this Memorial Day: John, Mike, Richard, Jr, Richard, III, Mary, Barbara, Kenneth, Peggy, Andy, George, Aleysa, Steven and Hunter. If by chance I have missed anyone, thank you again.

BOYS & GIRLS STATE – time is getting close. There will be one more orientation for the Boys before attending this year's program. Barbara and I will be leaving on June 26<sup>th</sup> to spend the week up in Natchitoches. I have been appointed to assist with judging the Samsung Scholarships for the last two years. Each of the applications are saved and letters are mailed to each of these delegates since they are eligible to join our organization.

VETERANS MONUMENT – has been opened for orders since January 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this point, I have only 36 bricks that have been sold and the cutoff date is June 17<sup>th</sup>. We still have 99 bricks to sell before we fill up the Monument. Please pass on the word; this is the LAST TIME it will be opened to sell bricks.

STATE CONVENTION – will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western in Alexandria. Our membership cards will not be mailed until mid-June after the Legion's cards are all printed. Those cards will have to be mailed to each Squadron. Once again, I have placed my name to run for National Executive Committeeman and Richard Beard, Jr. will also run again for Color Bearer. Our Detachment Commander will not be able to attend this meeting since he is working in Idaho. He does wish to run a 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

UPCOMING COOKS – Sons will be cooking in June. After July elections, the new Legion Commander along with Auxiliary and Sons will make up the schedule for the upcoming year. This meeting will be considered "pot luck". We are taking everything out the freezer and preparing the additional stuff that might have to go with it. Everyone will have a choice as to what they wish to eat. Since we have purchased a sealer for the Legion, all the leftovers are frozen for the future. We still have to pay our \$3 for a plate.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS - (3<sup>rd</sup> – Terry LeJeune); (9<sup>th</sup> – Daryl Jarreau); (15<sup>th</sup> – Mason Gabor); (24<sup>th</sup> – John Leonard); & (30<sup>th</sup> – Frank Aguiillard III)