



## Detachment of Louisiana

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## Newsletter January – February 2016

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

Dear fellow Sons:

Welcome to the New Year. We have a chance to start new. Mid-Winter is coming up and we will have our usual DEC on Friday evening and our regular meeting on Saturday. Define yourself by the actions you take and the things you do. Please be active, make a commitment to attend our Mid-winter conference, it is in Alexandria so for many of you can drive there for the day and go home that evening if you do not want to stay the night. However, if you have not been and you stay the night, the band that plays is pretty good and the hospitality suites usually have good food and drinks. I am also asking that each Squadron commit to purchasing 5 coins at \$10.00 each at Mid-Winter. I asked the Squadrons at Convention to commit to purchasing 20 convention pins and this worked really well.

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

Mid-winter will be January 15, 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria at the Best Western. We have our DEC on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> around 6:30pm. Saturday morning, we reconvene early since the Legion's DEC is that afternoon and we must break for the opening session.

The following Spring Conferences are coming up. I will have updated dates after Mid-Winter but I am asking that Squadron Commanders attend the Spring Conferences. It gives you some insights to the workings of the Legion and to what is going on in your District. An added bonus is that I will be there or one of your Vice Commanders will be there and you can get a chance to meet us face to face. Email, twitter and Facebook are all nice but a face-to-face meeting is where you really get to know and understand a person.

Spring District Conferences: (these are tentative dates to be finalized at Mid-Winter)

District 1-TBD-April 16-1:00 PM

District 2-Post 350 Metairie-April 16-9:00 AM

District 3-Quality Hotel, Houma-May 20-22-9:00 AM, Post 349 Raceland,  
Hosting

District 4-Post 388 Haughton-April 9-9:00 AM

District 5-Post 521 Monroe-March 5-9:00 AM

District 6-Post 502 Baton Rouge-March 12-9:00 AM

District 7-Post 1 Lake Charles-March 17-9:00 AM

District 8-Post 387 New Llano-April 24-9:00 AM



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

Twenty-three Squadrons will be presented plaques at Mid-Winter for reaching 100% by November 11<sup>th</sup> cut-off. I think our Adjutant has sent that in an email to let you know to attend to be there to receive. No plaques will be mailed, but we will attempt to present to someone from the Legion or Auxiliary.

Twenty-seven Squadrons that have reached 100% or greater for 2016 membership as of December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Detachment 2016 membership: 75.4% and Nationally we are ranked 5<sup>th</sup>

DUES are now \$8 and Department will return any membership that is not correctly sent. Our Adjutant has mailed to all Squadrons contacts on file a memo, the resolution and the new transmittal form. It will not be sent by email. You can check out the website to get either.

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

“Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act!  
Action will delineate and define you.”  
— Thomas Jefferson

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