



## Detachment of Louisiana

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## Newsletter July – August 2016

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

Dear fellow Sons

...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...

Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, these words were uttered and written down 240 years ago by a group of diverse men determined to sever ties with Britain who at that time had a totalitarian and iron fisted grip on the 13 colonies here in America. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776 just as well could have used their own blood instead of ink because if their endeavor had failed they would certainly have been hung. Today our situation is no less perilous. We are under attack from home and abroad by those who wish to deny us our rights. Some of those wanting to deny us our rights may be living next door and some think the Constitution of The United States and The Bill of Rights is a mere nuisance and would like to abolish them for supposed security and safety. It is up to all of us to defend freedom not just our military. You need to be active, you need to be vigilant, you need to contact your representatives, senators and councilmen to let them know that you expect them to vote for freedom not against it, vote for your rights not against them.

So this Fourth of July when you are out grilling, boiling, fishing, flying whatever it is you do remember those first veterans of our country as well as all veterans and their sacrifice to make this land free.

Then ask yourself what have I done for freedom?

Happy Fourth of July and please fly your US flag.

Convention pins year are still available I am asking that each squadron buy ten or more pins.



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### \*\* 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 Department & Detachment. Please do so as soon as possible. I have attached samples to this email where I sent the newsletter.

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

Congratulations to all who have achieved 100% for 2016. We did not reach 100% as a Detachment and I am disappointed about that. However, we are now entering the 2017 membership year, so let's go out and get all of our members to renew and let's get some new members in also. Also let's see about starting some new charters at Legion Posts that do not have a Sons squadron.

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

Our DEC meeting will be held in Alexandria, LA at the Best Western on Saturday July 30th beginning at 2pm. The callouts have been mailed. Please make every effort to attend. All Squadron Commanders are part of the DEC as well as all Elected Officers and Past Detachment Commanders.

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 have been elected at our Convention on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Installations: many Squadrons have installations coming up after our June convention. If you want someone from 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 \*\*

The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men.

Samuel Adams

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