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Newsletter March - April 2017

** Commander's Comments **

Dear fellow Sons

Rights! We hear about rights very often in the news, social media, talk radio, TV shows and movies. We hear about how we don't want to offend or upset anyone. Often it appears that the ones who are raising complaints about being offended, or upset are they themselves the ones who are the most intolerant of another person's opinion. They do not wish to engage in educated debate and their only intend to silence any opposition to their views.

Rights as we know them are naturally endowed to each and every human being not granted by law or person. Many of these rights are specifically enumerated in the Constitution of the United States of America and others that are not specifically stated are reserved to the states and the people respectively as written in the 10th amendment.

So next time someone is speaking at a venue and you despise what they have to say quietly and peacefully disagree with them, challenge them to an educated debate or ignore them and don't go. Lack of an audience will silence them faster than trying to muzzle them with force and violence. Trying to silence them will only amplify their voice and as vile and repulsive as their message may be they have the right to speak their mind and letting them speak without violent opposition will show you to be the better person.

** American Legion Endowment Fund **

I, as the Commander challenge each Squadron to donate \$1 per member to the Endowment fund and Squadron 218 will match those donations dollar for dollar up to \$1,200. The close is May 31st for this year.



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**** Membership ****

Our Adjutant Camille LeJeune continues to send out membership reports we are lagging behind in membership. Please get out and push for renewals and let's get the membership rolling in. We still have some Squadrons that have not turned in any membership. Go to your old rosters and reach out to former members and ask them to become a member again and while you are talking with them find out why they stopped being a member. Maybe you can do something different that will make them want to stay and be active. Citation of Achievement has been ordered for the 24 Squadrons that have reached 100% by the Legions Birthday. Congratulations.

Convention Call In was mailed on March 21st, 2017 from Department. That call in has a lot of information for you to share as well as return before the deadline. The consolidated report was included and only 1 per Squadron. If you will not be attending Convention, please make an effort to send to our Adjutant prior to Convention. In the next month or two your Squadron should be electing officers to serve the upcoming year. This year is no exception, please forward that list to our Adjutant.

**** Upcoming events ****

Spring Conferences: Please make an effort to attend.

District 6 is this Saturday at Post 16 in Covington:
Districts 1 & 2 April 1st at Post 64 in Gretna
District 5 April 22nd at Post 122 in Rayville
District 8 April 23rd at Post 387 in New Llano
District 3 April 30th Quality Inn in Houma
District 4 May 6th at Post 14 Shreveport
NEC May 5th and 6th Indianapolis
June 9th & 10th, 2017 Annual Convention - Best Western in Alexandria times TBA



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**** Lagniappe ****

Detachment Mid-Winter coins are still available I am asking that each Squadron buy five or more coins. We will have our pins available at Convention and again I am challenging each Squadron to buy 10 pins. This year we have decreased our order to 350 to see if we can sell them all. It's hard to continue to carry around old pins when they are not selling. It also takes years before they go on sale for \$1.

**** Quote ****

Give to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself - that
is my doctrine."
— Thomas Paine, The Age of Reason

For God and Country

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