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Newsletter December 2017

** Commander's Comments **

Dear fellow Sons

You will be receiving this newsletter after Christmas and New Year's I do apologize for not having other issues this year. I have been quite busy this year working out of town. I do intend on being at Mid-Winter and look forward to seeing all of you there.

We are half way through this year and it has been going fast. I would like to thank all those who have helped me so far this year especially; my Adjutant Camille LeJune, and my two vice commanders Gerald Mott and Tommy Vassar, Jr. They have been indispensable so far this year.

We will have our Mid-Winter coins available and I challenge each and every squadron present and those that are not to buy 5 coins each. The proceeds of these coins go to our programs.

Finally I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

** Membership **

Our Adjutant Camille LeJeune continues to send out membership reports we are doing well but we need you to **hound your members and get them to renew** and if they are not renewing find out why. Make changes in your routines and programs if possible such that it will attract them to stay.

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.

** Upcoming events **

January 19, 2018 DEC meeting - Best Western in Alexandria times TBA

January 20, 2018 Mid-Winter Conference - Best Western in Alexandria times TBA

** Lagniappe **



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

Don't forget to start thinking about pin designs for our next Convention. We will vote on the pin design at the Mid-Winter Conference.

We will have our medallions available at Mid-Winter and again I am challenging each Squadron to buy 5 coins. See the coin design below.





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**** Endowment Fund Coin ****

National Children & Youth Committee
Is
Challenging You for a Personal Donation for \$50.00



Remember this is For the American Legion Endowment Fund
I have some of these coins so please contact me at
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**** Quote ****

“Our cruel and unrelenting Enemy leaves us no choice but a brave resistance, or the most abject submission; this is all we can expect - We have therefore to resolve to conquer or die: Our own Country's Honor, all call upon us for a vigorous and manly exertion, and if we now shamefully fail, we shall become infamous to the whole world. Let us therefore rely upon the goodness of the Cause, and the aid of the supreme Being, in whose hands Victory is, to animate and encourage us to great and noble Actions - The Eyes of all our Countrymen are now upon us, and we shall have their blessings, and praises, if happily we are the instruments of saving them from the Tyranny meditated against them. Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and shew the whole world, that a Freeman contending for Liberty on his own ground is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth.”

— George Washington

For God and Country

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