



Sons of The American Legion

DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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DATE: August 20, 2007

TO: Detachment Executive Committee:
Elected/Appointed Officers, Assistants, Aides,
Commission/Committee Chairmen and Members
Past Detachment Commanders, Color Guard, Specials,
Advisor, Assistant Advisor, Consultant;
District, County and Squadron Adjutants

BY: Robert J. Avery, Adjutant Raymond J. Jarvis, Assistant Adjutant

RE: A) Detachment Directory
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C) Official Call to the Fall 2007 DEC Meeting
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E) Commander's Project

A) DETACHMENT DIRECTORY

The 2007-2008 Detachment Directory is included with this mailing. All revisions to contact information must be reported to SONS Coordinator Anne Wilsey at HQ **AND** to the Detachment Adjutant. If you have a change of address, it must also be corrected by use of a Member Data Form.

B) DETACHMENT NEWSLETTER

The Post-Convention edition of the Detachment Newsletter is enclosed. This is *your* Newsletter! Please participate by submitting articles and photos to the PR Commission. You can always access the Newsletter and all other Detachment mailings on the SONS portion of the Department website at www.ny.legion.org.

C) OFFICIAL CALL TO THE FALL 2007 DEC MEETING

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of New York, a meeting of the Detachment Executive Committee is hereby called for by Detachment Commander Gerald M. Ketchum. **The Executive Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at Seeley B. Parish American Legion Post #457 in Phelps, NY.** All DEC members as authorized in the Expense Authorizations are expected to attend. Most are expected to submit a typewritten report. Refer to the DEC Manual for a full explanation of attendance and conduct policies.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

FALL 2007 DEC MEETING SCHEDULE:

**Commission/Committee Meetings, Executive Meeting, and Dinner will all take place at:
Seeley B. Parish A.L. Post #457, 1346 NYS Rte. 96, Phelps, NY 14532 (315) 548-3204**

Friday, September 14, 2007

5:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Ontario County Tour

A tour is planned of Ontario County sites and Posts on a 40 & 8 Train. Details are still being worked out. Tentative departure from Shortsville Post #34 at 5:00 PM and return around 9:30 PM. Space will be limited, so anyone wishing to partake on the tour please call Bruce Ruthven (315) 374-6157 for more information and details.

Saturday, September 15, 2007

8:30 AM

DEC Meeting – Call to Order

9:15 AM

DEC Meeting – In Recess

9:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Commission/Committee Meetings

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Legislative Commission
Conventions and Meetings Committee
Member Training and Development Committee
Membership Committee

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Americanism Commission
Children & Youth Commission
VA & R Commission
Public Relations Commission
Finance Commission

11:00 AM – 11:45 PM

Internal Affairs Commission

Adjutant's Note: Ad Hoc Committee Chairmen (Normandy Anniversary 2009, Protocol, and Shirt) are advised to select a time slot for their group to meet not in conflict with the above schedule if they so desire...possibly after the close of the afternoon DEC session.

12:00 PM

Lunch

12:45 PM

DEC Meeting - Reconvenes

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Social Hour

7:00 PM

Dinner

Lodging: A block of rooms has been held at the Roadside Inn, 4078 NYS Rte. 96; Manchester, NY 14504 at a cost of \$70 double and \$65 single per night. **Rooms will be held until September 7th, 2007.** Reference your reservation to Sons of The American Legion; you must bring your own tax exempt form. The motel phone number is (585) 289-3811 or toll free: (888) 222-9035 asks for John Burns or Laurie Smith.

Transportation: Details are being worked on to provide shuttle service for anyone arriving at the Rochester International Airport. Jim Coates, 7th District Commander, has volunteered. Anyone wishing shuttle service please call Jim at (585) 727-6624.

Directions to the Roadside Inn:
FROM THE WEST or EAST: I-90 (NYS Thruway) to Exit 43; at the end of the ramp turn right on NYS Rte. 21 to NYS Rte. 96 (traffic light) turn left. Motel is on your left on the corner of NYS Rte's. 21 and 96.

Directions to Post 457 in Phelps:
FROM THE WEST: I-90 (NYS Thruway) to Exit 43; at the end of the ramp turn right on NYS Rte. 21 to NYS Rte. 96 (traffic light) turn left. Phelps is 9 miles east; Post is located on the east village limits.

FROM THE EAST: I-90 (NYS Thruway) to Exit 42; at the end of the ramp turn right on NYS Rte. 14 to NYS Rte. 96 (1st ramp) to the right. Phelps is 4 miles west; Post is located just before you enter the village.

A map is included with this mailing.

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**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK
FALL 2007 DEC DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

"Roast Beef Dinner"

Saturday, September 15, 2007 6:00 PM (Social Hour) 7:00 PM (Dinner)

Seeley B. Parish A.L. Post #457 Phelps, NY

\$12.00 per person

Please make checks payable to: "Sons of The American Legion Squadron #457"

Name _____ Tele. _____

attending Dinner _____

Mail this form with payment SO IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Friday, September 8, 2007 to:

Tim Kesel
1395 White Road
Phelps, NY 14532

Any questions?? Please contact Bruce Ruthven (315) 374-6157 or by email: sal457@intergate.com

FALL 2007 DEC MEETING REPORTING PROCEDURES:

- The following Committee Chairmen will attend the Internal Affairs Commission Meeting to provide a report:
Conventions and Meetings Committee
Member Training and Development Committee
Membership Committee
- District Commanders will **send their reports directly to the Adjutant no later than September 9, 2007** who will consolidate and make copies for distribution at the Meeting. **Kindly email your reports, preferably in Microsoft Word format.**
- Chairmen of the Commissions and Committees should communicate with their members between now and the meeting so that goals, objectives, and action plans may be discussed and brought near to completion prior to the meeting. You should have your written reports prepared prior to arrival, with any new or detailed items included as hand written addendums to your report based on the Saturday meeting. Chairmen shall appoint one of their members as secretary.

D) UPDATE: 33rd ANNUAL DETACHMENT CONVENTION

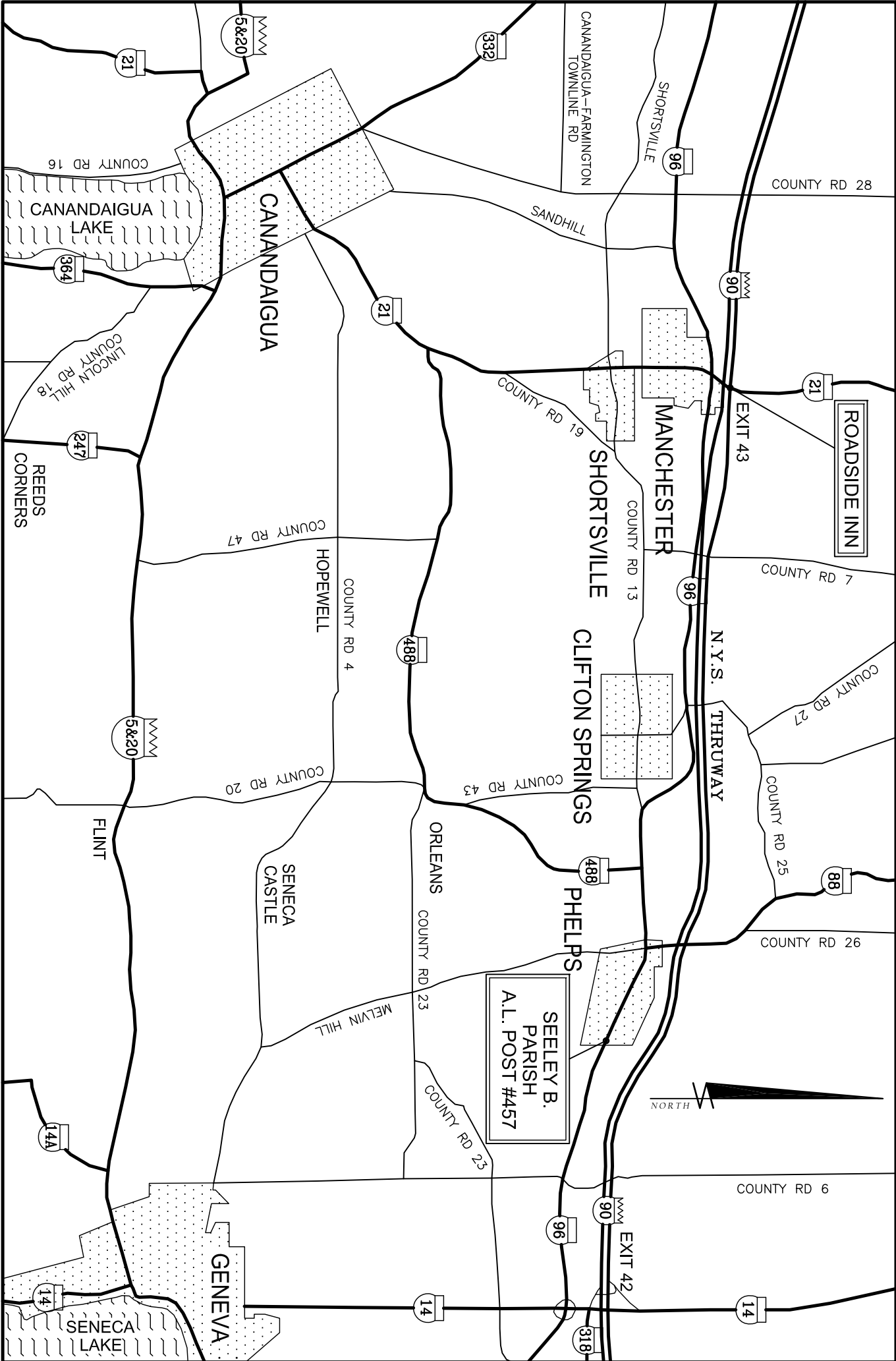
Congratulations to Kevin Hewitt and the rest of the Convention Committee for a job well done in providing for an excellent Convention last month in Niagara Falls. Refer to the enclosed Newsletter for information on the Convention, including the award winners. Gerald M. Ketchum (Ontario County) was elected as Detachment Commander. Refer to the Detachment Directory for all other Officers and Commission and Committee appointments. Among other actions, the delegates to Convention approved all proposed changes to the Detachment Constitution and By-Laws with the exception of Resolution DC 3-07 (Detachment Vice Commanders), which was returned to Internal Affairs for further study; and voted unanimously to support Thomas Marsden (NJ) for National Vice-Commander EAST, and Raymond Giehll (IN) for National Commander. Guests attending the Convention included National Commander Earl Ruttkofsky (MI), and Leading Candidate for National Commander Raymond Giehll (IN). William H. Burnett (Niagara County) was elected to serve as Department Commander. The newly elected Department President is Carol Johnson (Delaware County).

E) COMMANDER'S PROJECT

Commander Gerald M. Ketchum's project this year is The American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF). **All Squadrons are urged to provide their full support for this project!** Squadrons may wish to present their check personally to Commander Ketchum during his visit to their County. You may also mail your checks directly to Detachment HQ made payable to "Sons of The American Legion – Detachment of New York". Please note "Commander's Project" on the memo line. Commander Ketchum is also challenging the members of the Detachment to support The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation to the tune of \$1.00 per member this year. If that goal is met, the Commander will be donating his "tail" to the Locks of Love program.

All remaining 2007 dues are to be transmitted now!

Additionally, your Squadron should be at 10% of Goal by the first National Target Date on September 12th!



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SEELEY B.
PARISH
A.L. POST #4457

