



# *Sons of The American Legion*

## DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

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**Gerald M. Ketchum**  
Detachment Commander

**Robert J. Avery**  
Detachment Adjutant

**DATE:** October 23, 2007

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

**BY:** Robert J. Avery, Adjutant                      Raymond J. Jarvis, Assistant Adjutant  
   Christopher Burtch,  
   Acting Assistant Adjutant

**RE:** A) Official Call to the Mid-Winter 2008 DEC Meeting  
      B) VA & R: National Veterans Assistance Day  
      C) Update: Fall 2007 National Executive Committee Meeting

**NOTE: Included in this mailing is the Fall Issue of the 'Liberty'.**

### **A) OFFICIAL CALL TO THE MID-WINTER 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 by Detachment Commander Gerald M. Ketchum. 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, report and conduct policies. **ALL MEMBERS OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

### **SCHEDULE**

Friday, January 25, 2008	5:00 PM	Americanism	Holiday Inn Turf
	5:00 PM	VA & R	Holiday Inn Turf
	5:00 PM	Membership	Holiday Inn Turf
	5:00 PM	Legislative	Holiday Inn Turf
	5:00 PM	Normandy Anniversary '09	Holiday Inn Turf
	6:00 PM	Leadership Workshop	Holiday Inn Turf
	6:00 PM	Protocol	Holiday Inn Turf
	6:00 PM	Public Relations	Holiday Inn Turf

	7:00 PM	Advisors Seminar	26 High Street The Desmond 600 Albany-Shaker Road Albany, NY
	7:00 PM	Finance	Holiday Inn Turf
	7:00 PM	Shirt	Holiday Inn Turf
	7:00 PM	Children & Youth	Holiday Inn Turf
Saturday, January 26, 2008	8:30 AM	DEC Meeting	26 High Street /The Desmond
	1:00 PM	Membership Seminar	26 High Street/ The Desmond
	1:30 PM	Conventions & Meetings	Holiday Inn Turf
	1:30 PM	Member Training & Development	Holiday Inn Turf
	2:45 PM	Internal Affairs	Holiday Inn Turf <i>The Chairmen (or authorized representative) from the following Committees shall report before Internal Affairs: Membership, Member Training &amp; Development, and Convention &amp; Meetings.</i>
Sunday, January 27, 2008	8:30 AM	DEC Meeting	26 High Street/ The Desmond

**Note: Meeting Room locations at the Holiday Inn Turf will be posted.**

**Lodging:** A block of rooms is being held at the Holiday Inn Turf, 205 Wolf Road, Albany, NY. The rooms are \$104.00/single/double. **A Housing Form is included with this mailing, and MUST be used to obtain reservations.** Deadline for reservations is January 11, 2008. Please bring your own tax-exempt form!

**Directions:** Thruway Exit 24 to I-87 North (The Northway), take Exit 4. Turn right at the ramp to the Holiday Inn, turn left off the ramp and left again at the light onto Albany-Shaker Road to reach The Desmond.

All Detachment Committee Chairmen are expected to attend The American Legion Committee Meeting(s) of your Program and be prepared to provide a verbal Report to the DEC. Other SONS members are encouraged to attend Legion Committee Meetings as well. All Legion Committee Meetings are held at The Desmond. **The complete schedule AS KNOWN AT THIS TIME is as follows:**

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Finance	7:00 PM	156 Orange Street
Baseball	7:00 PM	5 Orange Street
Bowling	7:00 PM	7 Orange Street
Convention	7:00 PM	9 Orange Street
Rehabilitation	7:00 PM	24 High Street
Legislative	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Historians	7:00 PM	20 High Street
American Legion College	7:00 PM	22 High Street
Welcome Reception	9:30 PM	Orange St. Courtyard

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast Buffet	7:00–9:00 AM	Orange St. Patio
Membership/WINAL	9:00 AM	4-8 King Street
Trophies/Awards	9:00 AM	30 High Street
Public Relations	9:00 AM	20 High Street
ROTC/JROTC	9:00 AM	111 Orange Street
Rehabilitation	9:00 AM	24 High Street
Americanism	9:30 AM	5-7 Orange Street
Convention	9:30 AM	Shaker Room
Junior Shooting Sports	10:00 AM	22 High Street
Law and Order	10:00 AM	28 High Street
Protocol	11:00 AM	9 Orange Street
Lunch Buffet	12:00 PM	Orange St. Patio
Public Relations	1:00 PM	20 High Street
Internal Affairs	1:00 PM	5 Orange Street
Contest Advisory	1:00 PM	156 Orange Street
Economics	1:00 PM	28 High Street
Children & Youth	1:00 PM	9 Orange Street
Boys State	1:00 PM	Town Hall
National Security	1:00 PM	24 High Street
Compliance	1:30 PM	2-8 King Street
American Legion College	2:00 PM	7 Orange Street
Scouting	2:00 PM	30 High Street
Americanism	2:30 PM	Town Hall
Special Activities	3:00 PM	22 High Street
Back to God	3:30 PM	Shaker Room
Roman Catholic Mass	5:00 PM	5-9 Orange Street
Ecumenical Service	5:00 PM	Shaker Room
Band Concert/Reception	6:00 PM	Orange St. Courtyard
*****Department Dinner	7:00 PM	2-8 King Street

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast Buffet	7:00-9:00 AM	Orange St. Patio
Press Association	10:30 AM	Shaker Room

\*\*\*\*\*Ticket Order Form for the Department Dinner is included in this mailing.

**MID-WINTER REPORTING PROCEDURES**

The following Committee Chairmen will give their reports before the Executive Committee as called by the Internal Affairs Chairman:

- Membership
- Convention & Meetings
- Member Training & Development

The following will send their reports directly to the Adjutant who will consolidate and make copies for distribution at the Meeting:

- ALL District Commanders
- Commander's Advisory

**The deadline for pre-submitted reports is January 2, 2008.....NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If at all possible please email your report preferably in Microsoft Word format.

**B) VA & R: National Veterans Assistance Day.....reported by VA & R Chairman Thomas Kurk**  
May 17, 2008 is National Veterans Assistance Day. This a new program adopted by the Sons of The American Legion at the Fall NEC Meeting held on October 14, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana. This

program was brought forth to the Sons of The American Legion by National Sons of The American Legion VA&R Commission. It is a simple way of thanking our Veterans at our Post Homes for their service to our Country. The National Commission is asking that our Squadrons put on a FREE Lunch at our American Legion Post homes for our American Legion members on this day. The National Veterans Assistance Day will be a line item on the Consolidated Report Form this year under VA&R. Please mark this day in your calendars and take advantage to say thank you to our Veterans.

**C) Update: Fall 2007 National Executive Committee Meeting**

The S.A.L. continues to be the single largest contributor to The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation raising \$321,227.92 in 2007. At the National Executive Committee Fall meeting over \$12,433 was donated to the Foundation. This gives us a total to date of over \$85,941, which is 23% of our goal of \$365,000. In addition to the CWF donations, the Sons of The American Legion also presented the Children’s Miracle Network with \$4,350, \$3,000 for Fisher House, \$250 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, \$690 for NEF and \$70 towards the Operation Landstuhl.

One hundred ninety two (192) National Executive Committeemen, Alternates, Commission and Committee members attended the 2007 Fall National Executive Committee meeting representing forty-seven (47) Detachments. There were also sixteen (16) guests, for a total of 208 attendees.

The Member Training and Development Committee presented the Twelfth Annual Detachment Commanders’ National Instructional Institute. Thirty (30) Commanders attended the conference on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Eight resolutions were presented to the National Executive Committee for consideration. Five were recommended for approval. Two were received and filed. One was referred to the Convention Finance Committee. The resolutions presented and their disposition was as follows:

NEC 1-F07	Memorializing Resolution in Honor of Herman G. Harrington (NY)	Recommend Approval
NEC 2-F07	Increase in Scholarship amounts for Junior Shooting Sports Champions	Recommend Approval
NEC 3-F07	Junior Shooting Sports Sporter Champion to National Convention	Recommend Approval
NEC 4-F07	Amendments to the Rules of the NEC for the Sons of The American Legion	Recommend Approval
NEC 5-F07	Amendment to the Standing Rules of the Convention for the Sons of The American Legion	Recommend Approval
NEC 6-F07	Endorsement of Moss E. Magers (TX) for National Vice Commander 2008-2009	Received and Filed
NEC 7-F07	Endorsement of Clint D. Bolt (VA) for National Vice Commander South 2009-2010	Received and Filed
NEC 8-F07	Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion (\$1.00 Dues Increase)	Referred to Convention Committee



# Sons of The American Legion

DETACHMENT OF NEW YORK

## Mid – Winter 2008 Housing Form



Meeting or Convention Name: SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Date: January 25-27, 2008

Room Rates:            \$104.00 Single (1 person)            \$113.00 Triple (3 persons)  
                                 \$104.00 Double (2 persons)            \$121.00 Quad (4 persons)

Smoking Room \_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking Room \_\_\_\_\_  
(Request only – based upon availability)

*Reservations must be received prior to: January 11, 2008*

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New York State and county taxes not included  
**ONE FORM PER ROOM REQUEST!**

**A first nights room deposit OR credit card guarantee is required for each reservation request. A 72 hour cancel notice is required for refund of deposit monies.**

Deposit Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check out time – 12:00 Noon      Check in time – 4:00 PM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

# persons \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing with \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL:**

Holiday Inn    205 Wolf Road    Albany, NY 12205-1124

( 518 ) 458-7250

or FAX to: ( 518 ) 458-7377

**Attn: Reservations**



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK**

**89<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

**RECEPTION AND DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

*Enclosed is my check made payable to The American Legion, Department of New York, in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ ticket (s) at \$25.00 each for the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference reception and dinner, on Saturday, 26 January 2008. (Price includes reception, dinner, and gratuity.)*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISTRICT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Check to:** *The American Legion  
Department of New York  
112 State Street, Suite 1300  
Albany, New York 12207*

**NOTE:**

*All reception and dinner tickets will be held at headquarters and may be picked up on 26 January 2008 at The American Legion office in The Desmond. **Tickets must be picked up BEFORE 4:00 pm on 26 January 2008.***