

**MINUTES OF THE
51ST DETACHMENT CONVENTION
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
JUNE 7 & 8, 2019
FRIDAY JUNE 7, 2019**

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called the 51st Detachment Convention of the Detachment of Massachusetts, Sons of The American Legion to order on Friday, June 7, 2018 (2:30 PM) at the Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth Massachusetts, 02360

Sgt-at-Arms William Fruci (106) led all those present in a Salute to the Colors of Our Nation.

Detachment Chaplain William Sheehan (22) gave the invocation.

The POW/MIA ceremony and the Blue Star Banner Ceremony were read by Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Detachment Vice Commander Marvin Nay (338). The Preamble to the Constitution was led by Detachment Vice Commander Gene Theroux (124).

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) then asked Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) to read the call to the Convention. Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) then asked Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) to read the roll call of Detachment Officers, Past Detachment Commanders and Squadrons.

Present were:

Detachment Officers

Ernie Laberge (224)	Detachment Commander
Gene Theroux (124)	Detachment Vice Commander
Marvin Nay (338)	Detachment Vice Commander
Thomas Timcoe	Detachment Historian
Clifford Smith (106)	Detachment Adjutant / Finance Officer
William Sheehan (22)	Detachment Chaplin
Mark McCue (443)	Detachment Judge Advocate
William Fruci (106)	Detachment Sgt-At-Arms
David Johnson (435)	National Executive Committeeman
William Murphy (297)	Alternate National Executive
Committeeman	

Excused:

Dennis Guilfoyle (18)	Detachment Vice Commander
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Past Detachment Commanders

Clifford Smith (106)	Mark McCue (443)	David Johnson (435)	William Sheehan (22)
William Murphy (297)	Barry Butman (118)	Tom Timcoe (380)	

Squadron Representation

Present:

04,19,22,26,40,45,55,78,106,118,124,125,130,132,136,172,185,189,224,227,228,275,277,294,297,315,331,338,380,414,435,440,443.

Department Liaison Committee

William Chisholm Excused
Ray Samko Present
Andrew Pajak Excused

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) stated that a quorum was present.

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared the Detachment Convention regularly convened.

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called upon Detachment Chaplain William Sheehan (22) to conduct the Detachment Convention Memorial Service.

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) appointed Braydan Pajak (275) as Honorary Assistant Sgt-At-Arms for the Convention.

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called for the reading of the previous minutes. Motion made by Mark McCue (443) and Seconded by David Johnson (435) to accept the minutes as distributed. Motion carried

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called for correspondence. Motions made by Clifford Smith (106) and Seconded by Gene Theroux (124) to accept the correspondence as received and filed accept for what would be brought up under new business. Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called for the final reports of the committees.

Convention: Chairman - Clifford Smith (106)

Chairman Smith thanked all those in attendance and all those who had preregistered. Chairman Smith encouraged everyone to look at the information that was provided in the convention packets and hoped that many of the Squadrons would take part in the programs that were in the packets. He also wanted any Squadron who did not send in a Consolidated Report Form prior to the convention to fill out a report and turn it into Chairman Smith. Chairman Smith also stated that every Squadron who turned in a report would get a certificate for their efforts.

Motion made by Clifford Smith (106) and seconded by Richard Spaulding (440) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Americanism: Chairman - Ray Samko (435) based his report on the following:

AMERICANISM REPORTS

Boys State	(1) Number of Boys Sponsored	22
	(2) Cost of Sponsorships	\$7,875.00
Girls State	(3) Number of Girls Sponsored	8
	(4) Cost of Sponsorships	\$2,750.00
Education	(5) Number. of 5-Star/10-Ideals Programs	0
	(6) Cost of Programs	\$-
	(7) No. of Flags Presented	2,991
	(8) Cost of Flags	\$4,550.00
	(9) No. of Flags Placed on Graves	16,732

(10) No. of Flags Given at Parades	2,615	
(11) Cost of Flags	\$1,689.00	
(12) Hours of Participation	468	
(13) Cost of Scholarships Awarded	\$26,932.00	
(14) No. of Hours for Ed. Programs	173	
Oratorical Contest	(15) Squadron Sponsored Contest?	3
(16) No. of Contestants	250	
(17) Cost of Contest	\$80	
(18) Hours of Participation	7	
Color Guards	(19) Squadron Sponsors?	21
(20) No. of Appearances	233	
(21) Cost of Sponsorship	\$1,780.00	
Flag Education	(22) No. of Flag Etiquette Programs	8
(23) Cost of Programs	\$100.00	
(24) Hours of Participation	83	
(25) No. of Flag Retirement Programs	35	
(26) Hours of Participation	167	
Community Service	(27) No. of Hours of Service	6,781
(28) Cost/Donations to Other Orgs.	\$74,045.00	
Scouting	(29) Squadron Sponsors Scouting?	8
(30) No. of Youths Involved	160	
(31) Cost of Sponsorship	\$1,552.00	
Junior Shooting Sports	(32) No. of Youths Involved	0
(33) No. of Hours of Service	0	
(34) Cost of Sponsorship	\$-	
American Legion Baseball	(35) Squadron Sponsors Team?	6
(36) Cost of Sponsorship	\$17,399.00	
Other Teams Sponsored	(37) Cost of Sponsorship	\$1,450.00
Blood Drives	(38) No. of Pints Collected	100
(39) Hours of Participation	46	
National Emergency Fund	(40) Amount of Donations	\$2,250.00
Overall Total Cost	\$142,380.00	
Overall Total Hours	7,725	

POW-MIA: Chairman- Ray Samko (435)

Thanks to all those that helped out to make the annual POW-MIA Remembrance Ceremony on the USS Massachusetts at Battleship Cove in Fall River a success each year. The program was held on Sunday, September 9, 2018 with a collation following the program at the Somerset American Legion Post. We were privileged to have the National Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, "Doc" Gibbs" as our featured guest speaker. Looking forward, this year's remembrance ceremony will be on Sunday, September 8, 2019 starting at 1:00 p.m. A collation will follow the program at the Swansea American Legion Post. The District 9 Auxiliary has agreed to prepare the food. The committee is making plans to have another successful event. Our current National

American Legion Chaplain Father Phil Salois has agreed to be the chaplain for the event. We are also hoping to have Frank MacDonald as the featured guest speaker; because he is the leading candidate for this region's National Vice-Commander and expected to be elected at the National Convention in Indianapolis later this summer. The speaker system that has been used on the ship in previous years is being donated by the American Legion to the ship. That means that it will only have to be transported to the ship just one more time. In the future, it will just need to be set up on the day of the event. That will save a lot of work. As chairman of the POW-MIA Committee I try to have as much involvement as possible from all members of the American Legion family, including the Legion, the Sons, the Auxiliary and the Legion Riders. Without their help and participation, this program would not be as successful as it has been. Thanks to all who helped and all that attended. I hope that you will continue to do so.

Motion made by Ray Samko (435) William Murphy (40) and seconded by William Murphy (40) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Boy's State: Chairman - William Murphy (40)

As we gather for this our 51st Detachment Convention, final preparations are underway for the 75th session of Massachusetts American Legion Boys' State, next week, June 15-22, 2019 once again at Stonehill College in Easton. As in the past several events and educational sessions will be conducted jointly with American Legion Auxiliary Girls' State. As has happened for the last several years more than 10 delegates are sponsored by S.A.L. Squadrons, and the Detachment of Massachusetts. This year we welcomed 2 new members of the Sons of The American Legion, Capitol Hill Squadron 297, all Boys' State Alumni members. One of which was myself, leaving the Plymouth Squadron #40, after 35 years to serve as the Adjutant and administrator for this new squadron. But I would take a moment of privilege to that the PFC Ribeiro Post, Unit and Squadron for their unlimited support of my service through the chairs, and those of my parents for so many years. That will never be forgotten. This year a presentation will be made to the entire delegation informing them of the benefits of joining the organization, making a specific outreach to those applying for the Samsung Scholarship, as usually 90% would be eligible for membership as the primary concentration of applicants are grandsons of the Korean War. This year also marked the second year joining the staff of The American Legion Boys' Nation program, one of 18 members of the Sons, many dual members, as well as NEC Pipher of Indiana. It will be my honor joining the staff again this year. This past session allowed me to introduce the Senators to the Sons of The American Legion, our purpose and our history, and present the 2 scholarships awarded by the National Organization to the Senate President and Secretary. This past year's Detachment Delegate Oscar Berry, from Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, this year returning as a counselor. Finally, this year's program will be very fortunate to host a visit from both the National Commander of the American Legion as well as the National President of the American Legion Auxiliary who are visiting Massachusetts to march in the Bunker Hill Day Parade in Charlestown in honor of the American Legion Centennial. I will be joining them for that event as well. Also, travelling with them is someone who I have come to know as a major supporter of Boys State programs as well as the Sons of The American Legion, Mr. Andy Proffitt, the Assistant Editor of the American Legion Magazine, who travels to a couple states each year and writes stories about their Boys State program. Andy also serves on our Boys Nation staff and was very interested in coming for our 75th anniversary and seeing firsthand the joint workings between Boys and Girls State that are unique to Massachusetts. This has truly been a year of advancement of the program throughout our Detachment and look forward to the continued success in our future.

Motion made by William Murphy (40) and seconded by Mark McCue (443) to accept report. Motion carried

Community Service: Chairman - Gene Theroux (124)

The Department Community Service Committee met on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The following is a summary from that meeting: At the April 27, 2019 meeting, the annual awards recipients were selected, the awards and recipients follow:

1. Claudius Grant Pendill Trophy: Post 124, Westfield
2. Howard E. Schreiber banner (2nd place), Post 338, Southwick
3. Joseph J. Conway Memorial Award: Emmet F. Morrill, a member of American Legion Post 124 (submitted by Post 124)
4. John Mulkern Educator of the Year Award: Thomas Lewis, Westfield High School – submitted by Post 124

The Pendill, Schreiber, Conway and John Mulkern Educator of the Year Awards will be presented on Sunday after the parade. Recent George “AL” White Award Recipients: Post 338 of Southwick won the Al White award for the month of February 2019. Post 8 of Andover won the Al White award for the month of March 2019. Squadrons are reminded to submit for the monthly Al White awards. Keep in mind, that all submissions must be signed by the Post Adjutant and the Post Commander.

6,781 Community Service Hours
\$74,045.00 Community Service Donations

Motion made by Gene Theroux (124) and seconded by David Johnson (435) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Children & Youth: Chairman - David Johnson (435)

In my introductory letter I wrote; ”As Children and Youth Chairman it is my responsibility to make sure information regarding what the Squadrons and members are doing be reported to the Department Children & Youth Committee Chairman at the Combined Committee Meetings held throughout the year and also submit a report at the Detachment Executive Board Meetings held throughout the year. With that said, I am asking all to send me any information that you have on what you, a member or your Squadron is doing to support Children & Youth Programs in your community. Whatever it is, either a Squadron or personal achievement, nothing is too small. This way I can inform the Department, Detachment and The National Organization on your successes”.

As of today I have yet to hear from any Squadron or member on what they are doing to support Children and Youth Programs. I attended the Department Children and Youth Committee meeting during the Combined Committee Meetings on 10/6/2018 Dudley/Gendron Post414 in Sutton. Depart Chairman Sandra Kee opened the meeting at 10:10am. Those in attendance were: District 1: Excused (Kevin Hamel), District 2: Mike Nawotny, District 3: Don Roberts, District 4: Bruce Daigneault, District 5: ABSENT, District 6: ABSENT, District 7: Stephen Peers, District 8: Excused (Robert Laws), District 9: ABSENT, District 10: ABSENT, SAL: David Johnson, ALA: Ruby James Saucer. There were 5 items that were discussed during the meeting. They were:

1. Updated TFA application - Passed out new copy of TFA applications, Went over new qualifications which are you have to be a member of the American Legion family and limits are now a once in a lifetime not once a year and the monetary cap is \$1,500.00.
2. Halloween Safety - Little late to really implement this year, Handed out copy of brochure, Will email and give information on how to order from National, to order brochures from National Call National Children & Youth Office: 317-630-1313
3. What is going on in your neck of the woods - D1: Written report: Active Halloween Safety program & Sheffield Truck or Treat event, D3: Children’s Christmas post 277 12/16, D4:

Halloween Safety, looking into interest with Jr. Shoot Program, ALA: Post 16, Children's Holiday Party, SAL: Bowling partnership for kid (March).

4. Department-wide focus ideas: Put out to committee for Department Project/Focus, Vet's in the Classroom? Adopt-a-cause?

5. Department Level Children & Youth Awards- None known (other than Certificates for active C&Y program), something to consider.

The question was also raised if the Combined Committee Banquet should be held again. We were asked to think about and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

On Friday 10/12/2018 I attended the National Children and Youth Committee meeting at the Fall NEC meetings in Indianapolis, IN. National Children and Youth Committee Chairman Joe Korba started the meeting at 6PM. The following information came out of the meeting: • The Committee will issue, at a minimum, two E-newsletters one in the Winter and Spring. These newsletters will highlight Children and Youth programs and what other Detachments and Squadrons are doing to raise money for our Children and Youth Programs. • We will have teleconference calls every other month on the third Tuesday of the Month at 8PM EST (November 20, January 15th, March 19th, and May 21st) . The Call -In number is 563-999-2090 Pin #415918. All are welcome! • Please like our Facebook page "Sons of The American Legion Children and Youth Page" Currently we have 419 likes for this page. We should be in the thousands. The page will highlight programs throughout the year and will show what is being done around the country to raise money for our programs. Please pass this around and sign up! • The Children and Youth Conference will be hosted by The American Legion in September 2019. Its an excellent way to learn about our programs, learn what others are doing around the country to raise money, and hear from current CWF recipients and learn how they spent their award money. Only 5 SAL members attended last year. Please get the word out and have your Children and Youth Chairmen and/or members sign up. • Our following Committee members have been assigned to regions please reach out to them if you have any questions:

Joe Korba (South)

John Mejia (West)

Phil Shipley (Central)

Ken Warner (Midwest)

William Clancy (East)

Chairman Korba asked everyone to keep up the great work that we did last year! We raised \$1,314,866 with 127,000 hours of service for our Children and Youth Programs. These numbers are with on 28% (1703 CSR completed for 6152 Squadrons Reported. He stated if we need him or his committee, please reach out to them. He also stated "keep working those Children and Youth Programs. The real winners are the children. Our help will make a better life for them". I was excused from the last Department Children and Youth Committee meeting during the Combined Committee Meetings on 11/10/2018 at Dudley/Gendron Post414 in Sutton. Depart Chairman Sandy Kee distributed the minutes. There were 7 items that were discussed during the meeting. They were:

1. TFA Applications: To date, one TFA application processed and funded so far this year (August 2018)

2. How do you feel about having Americanism Awards Night instead of presenting awards at Department Convention? Could go either...Cost of another event needs to be taken into consideration...What about a luncheon or something like that to keep cost down.

3. What can we do for Children & Youth during the Holiday Season? Toys for Tots (or community specific like program): Talk to Posts about becoming a collection

Children Christmas Parties are good way to promote American Legion in communities

4. Halloween Safety, Who did what? District 1: (Written Report) Participated in the Halloween Safety Program at their towns local elementary schools distributing the Make Halloween Safe and Fun pamphlets. Post 340 in Sheffield were involved the towns "Treat or Trunk " night.

District 3: Passed out Halloween Safety Pamphlets

5. What is going on in your neck of the woods?

District 1: Written report: Many Post are involved with Toys for Tots

District 3: Children's Christmas post 277 12/16 & food drive, Post 338 Breakfast with Santa & food collection boxes

District: Post 16, Children's Holiday Party

6. Department-wide focus ideas: Put out to committee for Department Focus on Community Partnerships

7. Department Level Children & Youth Awards-Considering post award for outstanding Children and Youth efforts

Exploring Post Certificates for active C&Y programs

The next Department Children and Youth Committee meeting will be on 1/5/2019 at Dudley/Gendron Post414 in Sutton. I will not be able to attend and notified Chairman Kee.

On Friday 5/3/2019 I attended the National Children and Youth Committee meeting at the Fall NEC meetings in Indianapolis, IN. National Children and Youth Committee Chairman Joe Korba started the meeting at 6PM. The following information came out of the meeting:

- The Committee has been discussing a Children and Youth Award to be named in the memory of PNC Christopher Huntzinger. Ken Warner was assigned to investigate this further, with a possible resolution to emanate from the Detachment of Pennsylvania.
- Ken Warner spoke on Special Olympics. He read their Mission Statement. Donations can be kept local. The organization celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. Ken thanked Doug Evans and the Detachment of Kansas for their Polar Plunge program to raise funds. The Detachment of Maryland also has a great Polar Plunge each year to raise money.
- Phil Shipley spoke on CMN hospitals. The Detachment of Illinois raises monies for the three CMN hospitals in their state. They also provide Josh Dogs.
- Charles Miller from COTA spoke. 100% of donations from your Detachment stay within that state with no administrative costs. \$1.2 million has been raised by The American Legion Family since they started their support of the program.
- Mark Nave spoke on CWF. We surpassed the \$8 million mark this year!
- Wisconsin focusses on the Josh Dog /GI Josh program. Maryland also is involved with the program. They also support the Casey Cares program, which enriches the lives of the families of children undergoing treatment for cancer and other illnesses. The Detachment of Ohio supports a PTSD treatment program involving horse riding. That program has a success rate of 98%. The Detachment of New York has been heavily supporting CWF this year, obtaining its highest per capita ever. In NYC, various Posts and Squadrons have stepped in to sponsor Boy Scout troops who had recently lost their sponsors.

Chairman Korba thanked all the Detachments for their successful programs. The sharing of information between the Detachments regarding their Children and Youth programs is critical and can give ideas to those Detachments who may not be aware of other programs.

On 5/13/2019 I sent out the minutes to the National Children and Youth Committee meeting at the Fall NEC.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORTS

Child Welfare Foundation (1) Donations \$8,194.00
(2) Hours 150

Special Olympics (3) Donations \$750.00

(4) Hours 1,051

Children's Miracle Network (5) Donations \$9,475.00
(6) Hours 53

Josh Dogs (7) No. of Josh Dogs Given 0
(8) Cost of Josh Dogs \$-

Operation Military Kids (9) Donations \$50.00
(10) Hours 17

Other Children & Youth Projects (11) Donations \$3,459.00
(12) Hours 502

Overall Total Cost \$21,928.00
Overall Total Hours 1,773

Motion made by David Johnson (435) and seconded by Mark McCue (443) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Boys Scouts: - Chairman - Marvin Nay (338)

The Boy Scout committee met 4 times in the 2018/2019 year. The last meeting was at the camp in Gardner to review the upcoming camporee on Father's day weekend June 14th thru the 16th. I will be attending the camporee this year and assisting with various activities throughout the weekend. This year the Boy Scout committee has available a pin celebrating the support that Legion has given over the past 100 years. I have those pins available at \$5 each. I hope that many of you will support the scouting program and purchase a pin. Also remember to support your local scout programs within your community.

Motion made by Marvin Nay (338) and seconded by William Fruci (106) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation: Chairman - Mark McCue (443)

It has been a pleasure serving as the Detachment VA&R Chairman. The VA&R Committee is continuing to work on filling any vacancies and updating information on Sons of The American Legion Representatives and Deputy Representatives at the VA Medical Centers and facilities in Massachusetts. After some bureaucratic foul ups we currently have representation in 3 facilities in our state Central and Western Massachusetts VA Healthcare; Ernie Laberge and Gene Theroux, Bedford VA; Billy Murphy, Brocton VA; Billy Sheehan. We have opening for Representatives in Boston and Deputies in Brocton, Boston and Bedford if any of you are interested. The Sons of The American Legion has a seat on the National Advisory Committee of the VA. To maintain this seat, we must be represented in 75 percent of the VA's facilities Nationwide. Again if you are interested in becoming a Rep or a Dep please let us know. Also, if you are currently volunteering at the VA as a regularly scheduled volunteer or an occasional please be sure to check in under the SAL our reference # is SOAL303. If anyone is interested in finding out more about VAVS or VA&R opportunities please contact the VA&R Committee.

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION REPORTS

Veterans Homes (1) Number of Visits 208
(2) Total Hours 1,382
(3) Total Donations \$7,000.00

V.A. Medical Centers (4) Number of Visits 80
(5) Total Hours 292
(6) Estimated Value of Donated Items \$5,505.00

Field Service (7) Number of Hours 1,161

Home Service (8) Number of Hours 78

Fisher House (9) Number of Hours 1
(10) Cost of Support \$75.00

Support for the Troops (11) Number of Hours 120
(12) Cost of Support \$10,741.00

Family Support Network (13) Number of Hours 90
(14) Cost of Support \$400.00

Other VA&R Projects (15) Number of Hours 1,028
(16) Cost of Support \$3,875.00

National Veterans Assistance Day (17) Number of Veterans Helped 105
(18) Number of Hours 220
(19) Cost of Support \$625.00

Operation Comfort Warrior (20) Cost of Support \$8,187.00

Overall Total Cost \$36,408.00
Overall Total Hours 4,372

Motion made by Mark McCue (443) and seconded by Richard Spaulding (440) to accept report.
Motion Carried.

Media Communication & Print Media: Chairman - Mark McCue (443)

The Media & Communications Committee has been working well. Tom and Gene have been working great together to clean up our electronic media presence and have expanded the footprint and have made major improvements to our media platforms. The newsletter has not gone out in some time. Content still seems to be an issue we need more submissions from everyone in our detachment from chairman and officers all the way down to our blue cap squadrons. Unfortunately, the submissions that have been submitted have become outdated waiting for other contributors I will be working on a more realistic number of issues and a solid deadline schedule going forward.

On the national level I am member of the National Public & Media Commission of the Sons of The American Legion. Our commission has been hard at work on many projects most notably the renewing our digital presence. We were fortunate enough to have our very own Gene Theroux appointed as our National Website and Facebook Administrator After a long dormancy due to the

passing of former national website Administrator Wes Wills I am happy to report Gene is doing an outstanding Job and is a credit to our detachment. I was tasked by the commission with assessing all social media platforms available to the national organization and what value they have for us. Based upon that assessment we are looking to move forward soon on developing a SAL presence on some additional platforms geared toward engaging our younger members or potential members. We have the snap shots of service photo contest and we are exploring a social media video contest or campaign in the future. The national update is now larger and published less frequently and we are always looking for more content and contributors. You can learn more about how to submit content or enter any of these contests at our website Legion .org/sons

Motion made by Mark McCue (443) and seconded by Richard Spaulding (440) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Social Media/Facebook: Chairman - Gene Theroux (124)

Detachment Vice Commander Theroux serves at the National level as the webmaster and Facebook administrator for the National Organization. The Detachment Facebook Page has had numerous posts published since the last DEC. Most recent posts include the Pine Hill Cemetery headstone restoration and preservation effort held on June 1, 2019 at Westfield's Pine Hill Cemetery – the video of the news media coverage (Western Mass News), an ABC, CBS and Fox affiliate which was broadcast on the 6 P.M. news on Saturday, June 1, 2019. Detachment Vice Commander Theroux who was wearing a Sons shirt and cover was interviewed and broadcast on the 6 P.M. news. Past Detachment Commander Mark McCue and I have shared Facebook Posts and videos from the National Organization. We've also published events from squadrons who have informed us of their forthcoming events and of previous events or achievements. We'd like to remind squadrons that they're encouraged to send us material suitable for publishing to the Detachment Facebook page. If photos are provided, we request identifying information such as, "Who, What, Where and When" and a descriptive narrative so that we may fully describe the event or the achievement(s). I would encourage Squadrons to submit photographs and narratives of their activities.

Motion made by Gene Theroux (124) and seconded by Richard Spaulding (440) to accept report. Motion Carried

Website Coordinator: Chairman – Thomas Timcoe (380)

We had a very big year with the website. In December our web host informed us there was a new version of the site that we were eligible to upgrade to. After three months of reviewing the material on the original site. I copied the pertinent information to the new site. On April 5th we were able to introduce the ALL NEW salmass.org to the membership. I did so by using the updated Detachment email list. This is one of the best tools we Detachment Officers and Chairman can use to get in touch with the membership. Since the announcement the site has had over 4000 hits. Throughout the year I have updated the website with any information I was presented. I reviewed the links to insure they were not broken and have answered any requests I have received. In the gallery tab I have posted, photos of the 2018 Detachment Convention, Department POW/MIA Ceremony, National Commander Doc Gibbs visit, Boston Veterans Day ceremony and parade, Department and National Commanders Banquets. Many photos I have received from the officers and friends of our commander's activities. Lots of pictures were posted from the Partnership for Kids Annual Bowling Tournament. This is your website please let me know your thoughts and or improvements you think will enhance the site and bring the most up to date information for our membership

Motion made by Tom Timcoe (380) and seconded by David Johnson (435) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Veterans Education & Employment: Chairman – Marvin Nay

There were a number of VE&E activates reported to me this year. This is not on the consolidated report yet so unless I hear from you I am not always aware of what activities are going on. Please make sure to report any type of work you do to the VE&E chairman. Examples are working with the homeless Veteran's in your community, hosting or assisting with job fairs for Veterans, and assisting in any type of educational activities. Starting here at convention the Legion and Auxiliary are having a sock drive. This will continue throughout the upcoming year and will be distributed to our homeless Veteran's this is any easy project to assist with. They are looking for white sox's for men and woman. Socks are used many ways by the homeless. Consider a sock drive at your SAL/Post.

Motion made by Marvin Nay (338) and seconded by William Murphy (297) to accept report. Motion carried

Child Welfare Foundation: Chairman – Clifford Smith (106)

As of May 31, 20219 the Detachment donated \$3,794.60 which was 73% of goal and \$.73 a member. The National Organization went over the \$8,000,000.00 mark in donations since the inception of the program.

Motion made by Clifford Smith (106) and seconded by David Johnson (435) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Internal Affairs: – Chairman - Clifford Smith (106)

Two resolutions concerning a dues increase for the 2021 Membership Year will be presented at the Saturday Session.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORTS

Total Hours (1) Other Donations \$15,229.00
(2) Other No. of Hours 1,480

Overall Total Cost \$15,229.00

Overall Total Hours 1,480

Motion made by Clifford Smith (106) and seconded by David Johnson (435) to accept report. Motion Carried.

Credentials – Chairman – Clifford Smith (106)

Based on the Preregistration and registrations at Convention there were 75 Delegates registered, 7 Delegates at Large and 3 Guests

Motion made by Clifford Smith (106) and seconded by David Johnson (435) to accept report. Motion Carried

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called upon Scholarship Chairman Jeffery Wood (435) to present Isaiah French (189) with the Past National Commander Scholarship Award.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called for any Old Business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called for any New Business.

Clifford Smith (106) made a motion that in the event of a contested election of Officers at the Convention that vote be by ballot system and three tellers be appointed to count the votes and one person to serve as Judge of The Elections. Motion seconded by William Murphy (40). Motion carried. Clifford Smith (106) made a motion to name the Detachment Scrapbook Award after Past Detachment Commander Robert “Bo” Fified. Motion seconded by Thomas Timcoe (380) Motion carried. Motion made by Matthew Nay (130) and seconded by Richard Spaulding (440) to denounce the formation of any Sanctuary City in Massachusetts. Motion carried. Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) made it clear that even though this motion was passed at the Detachment Convention it must be approved by the Department Executive Committee at their next meeting.

With no further business to come before today’s session William Murphy (40) made a motion and seconded by Barry Butman (118) to suspend with the rules of the convention to begin nominations of Detachment Officers for the 2019 – 2020 Administrative Year. Motion carried.

Commander Ernie Laberge (224) turned the podium to Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) for the purpose of nomination of Officers.

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) asked for nominations for Detachment Commander: Matthew Nay (130) nominated Marvin Nay (338).

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) asked for nominations for Detachment Vice Commander: Marvin Nay (338) nominated Matthew Nay (130). Mark McCue (443) nominated Gene Theroux (124). Clifford Smith (106) nominated Joseph Poplaski (125). After consideration Joseph Poplaski removed his name from nomination.

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) asked for nominations for Detachment Chaplain: William Murphy (297) nominated William Sheehan (22).

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) asked for nominations for Detachment Historian: Gene Theroux (124) nominated Thomas Timcoe (380).

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) asked for nominations Detachment Adjutant. David Johnson (435) nominated Clifford Smith (106)

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) asked for nominations for Detachment Finance Officer: No nominations were accepted..

The preliminary nominations were complete and it was stated by Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) that they will be re-opened in the morning. David Johnson (435) made a motion and seconded by Richard Spaulding (440) to revert back to the regular order of business. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the convention at this session, following a right-hand salute, Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) declared the 2019 Detachment Convention in recess until 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 8, 2019

51st DETACHMENT CONVENTION SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called the 51st Detachment Convention of the Detachment of Massachusetts, Sons of The American Legion to order on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 1030 AM at the Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water St., Plymouth Massachusetts, 02360. Sgt-at- Arms William Fruci (106) led all those present in a Salute to the Colors of Our Nation.

Detachment Chaplain William Sheehan (22) gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Detachment Vice Commander Gegen Theroux (124) The Preamble to the Constitution was led by Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106).

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) then asked Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) to read the roll call of Detachment Officers, Past Detachment Commanders and Squadrons.

Present were:

Detachment Officers

Ernie Laberge (224)	Detachment Commander
Gene Theroux (124)	Detachment Vice Commander
Marvin Nay (338)	Detachment Vice Commander
Thomas Timcoe	Detachment Historian
Clifford Smith (106)	Detachment Ajudant / Finance Officier
William Sheehan (22)	Detachment Chaplin
Mark McCue (443)	Detachment Judge Advocate
William Fruci (106)	Detachment Sgt. At Arms
David Johnson (435)	National Executive Committeeman
William Murphy (297)	Alternate National Executive
Committeeman	

Excused:

Dennis Guilfoyle (18)	Detachment Vice Commander
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Past Detachment Commanders

Clifford Smith (106)	Mark McCue (443)	David Johnson (435)	William Sheehan (22)
William Murphy (297)	Barry Butman (118)	Tom Timcoe (380)	

Squadron Representation

Present:

04,19,22,26,40,45,55,78,106,118,124,125,130,132,136,172,185,189,224,227,228,275,277,294,297, 315,331,338,380,414,435,440,443.

Department Liaison Committee

William Chisholm	Present
Ray Samko	Excused
Andrew Pajak	<i>Present</i>

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) stated that a quorum was present.

FINAL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND AWARDS:

CONVENTION – FINAL DELEGATE REPORT

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) read the second credentials report. Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) stated that based on the roll call of Squadrons there were 75 Delegates registered, 7 Delegates at Large and 3 Guests.

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) expressed the importance of submitting the Squadron Consolidated Report. Squadrons that turned in reports as of the convention received a certificate. He stated that the Detachment Awards that will be given out later in the day are based on the reports that were received 30 days prior to the convention. To date 49 reports were filed. Adjutant Smith stated that think how many hours and dollars donated could have been reported if every Squadron sent in a report. The following is a summary of this year's accomplishments:



DETACHMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

2018-2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Americanism		Children & Youth	
22	No. of Boys State Delegates Sponsored	150	Hours of Participation
\$7,875.00	Cost of Sponsorship	\$8,194.00	Child Welfare Foundation Donations
8	No. of Girls State Delegates Sponsored	1,051	Hours of Participation
\$2,750.00	Cost of Sponsorship	\$750.00	Special Olympics Donations
0	No. of 5-Star/10-Ideals Programs	53	Hours of Participation
\$0.00	Cost of Sponsorship	\$9,475.00	Children's Miracle Network Donations
2,991	No. of Flags Presented (Ed. Programs)	0	Number of Josh Dogs Given
\$4,550.00	Cost of Flags	\$0.00	Cost of Josh Dogs
19,347	No. of Flags Presented (Cemeteries/Parades)	17	Op. Military Kids Hours of Participation
468	Hours of Participation	\$50.00	Operation Military Kids Donations
\$1,689.00	Cost of Flags		
173	Hours for Educational Programs	502	Hours of Participation
\$26,932.00	Amount of Scholarships Awarded	\$3,459.00	Other Children & Youth Project Donations
3	Squadron-Sponsored Oratorical Contest	1,773	Overall Service Hours in Support of Children & Youth Programs
250	Number of Contestants		
7	Hours of Participation	\$21,928.00	Overall Cost of Support of Children & Youth Programs
\$8.00	Cost of Contest		
21	Squadron-Sponsored Color Guard		
233	Number of Appearances		
\$1,780.00	Cost of Sponsorship		
			Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
8	Number of Flag Etiquette Programs	208	Number of Veterans Home Visits
83	Hours of Participation	1,382	Hours of Participation
\$100.00	Cost of Programs	\$7,000.00	Cash Donations
35	Number of Flag Retirement Programs	1,161	Number of Field Service Hours
167	Hours of Participation	78	Number of Home Service Hours
6,781	Community Service Hours	1	Number of Fisher House Service Hours
\$74,045.00	Community Service Donations	\$75.00	Cost of Support
8	Squadron-Sponsored Boy Scout Troop	80	Number of V.A. Center Visits
160	Number of Youths Involved	292	Hours of Participation
\$1,552.00	Cost of Sponsorship	\$5,505.00	Value of Items Donated
0	No. of Youths Involved in Junior Shooting	105	Number of Veterans Helped (NVA Day)
0	Number of Hours of Service	220	Number of Hours of Service
\$0.00	Cost of Sponsorship	\$625.00	Cost of Support
6	Squadron-Sponsored Am. Leg. Baseball Team	120	Number of Support the Troops Hours
\$17,399.00	Cost of Sponsorship	\$10,741.00	Cost of Support
\$1,450.00	Cost of Other Team Sponsorships		
100	Number of Pints of Blood Collected	90	Number of Family Support Network Hours
46	Hours of Participation in Blood Drives	\$400.00	Cost of Support
\$2,250.00	National Emergency Fund Donations	\$8,187.00	Cost of Operation Comfort Warrior
7,725	Overall Service Hours in Support of Americanism Programs	1,028	Other VA&R Project Service Hours
\$142,380.00	Overall Cost of Support Americanism Programs	\$3,875.00	Cost of Other VA&R Donations
		288	Total Number of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Visits
		4,372	Total Hours of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Participation
		\$ 36,408.00	Total Cost of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Support
15,350	Overall Service Hours for All Programs	\$215,945.00	Overall Cost of Donations for All Programs
Detachment of Massachusetts - 5,405 Members Strong in 119 Squadrons. 49 Squadrons Reporting for 41% of Total Squadrons			
The above report is only highlights from the Overall Consolidated Squadron Reports. Here are the overall totals for the areas of the report.			
		Hours	Donations (\$\$\$)
	Americanism	7,725	\$142,380.00
	Children & Youth	1,773	\$21,928.00
	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	4,372	\$36,408.00
	Internal Affairs	1,480	\$15,229.00
	Overall Totals	15,350	\$215,945.00

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) brought the following guests to the Podium: Past National Commander John P. “Jake” Comer. Jake introduced the following: Mary Marcouliet (CT), Sandra Spedaliere (CT), Larry “Butch” Hansen (DE), Jim LaCoursiere (CT), Joe Jackson (CT), Gene Pytka (RI) Paul Spedaliere (CT) and Paul Dillard (TX).

FINANCE:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) asked Detachment Finance Officer Clifford Smith (106) to present the 2018-2019 finance report and the 2019-2020 budget. Finance Officer Smith stated there was \$3356.23 left in the Fiscal 2019 budget. Finance Officer Clifford Smith (106) now discussed the Fiscal 2020 budget. With minor discussion the Fiscal 2020 budget will be brought up under new business for approval.

A motion was made by Mark McCue (443) and seconded by William Sheehan (22) to receive the finance report subject to audit. Motion carried.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called upon Chairman Jeffery Wood (443) to present the Detachment Scholarship Awards. Chairman Wood explained the all the essays were read by a panel of five people and each essay was given to the panel with a number on the essay so no one would know the name of the applicant. The panel voted by number which essays they deemed the best submitted. The winners were Justin Limanek (414) and Shane Bowes (443). Isaiah French (189) was given his award on Friday.

FIUND RAISER 150 CLUB:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called on Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) to give the fundraiser report. The final drawing of the raffle was done. Winners were as follows: \$50.00 Winners - #108 James Morrison, #149 Carl Rossi, #128 Michelle Morgan, #5 Clifford Smith, #88 Frank MacDonald, #126 Paul Nascenzi, #50 Norman Mezzanotti. \$200.00 #46 Sally Nay. \$300.00 #143 Jo-Anne Smith. \$500.00 #117 William Sheehan.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224)) called on Vice Commander Gene Theroux present the Aaron E. Comer / Kitty Langille Award for Community Service to Wilber M. Comeau Squadron 4.

PARTNERSHIP FOR KIDS:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) turned the podium over to Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106). Adjutant Smith spoke on the “Partnership for Kids” program and explained that if you donate \$250.00 or more you receive the “Dream Maker” Award. Chairman Smith stated that with the donations this year The American Legion Family of Massachusetts has donated over the \$129,600.00 to this program since its inception. He also stated that the 10^h Annual “Partnership for Kids” Bowling Tournament will be held March 21st, 2020 once again at Union Street Lanes in Holbrook.

Here is a list of all who donated:

Baystate Children's Hospital



DATE					
11/27/18	Liberty Post 430			\$ 100.00	
12/31/18	Orange Squadron 172			\$ 100.00	
02/15/18	Dalton-LaValee Squadron 224			\$ 500.00	Drean Maker
03/14/19	Southwick Squadron 338			\$ 600.00	Drean Maker
04/30/18	Westfield Squadron 124			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
05/16/19	The American Legion Family Bowling Tournament			\$ 1,404.68	
05/16/19	The Detachment of Massachusetts S.A.L.			\$ 700.00	
	Anonymous			\$ 42.00	
				\$ 3,696.68	



DATE					
5/6/2019	Vernon Hill Squadron 435			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
3/25/2019	Cherry Valley Squadron 443			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
5/1/2019	The American Legion Family Bowling Tournament			\$ 1,404.68	
5/1/2019	The Detachment of Massachusetts S.A.L.			\$ 700.00	
3/9/2019	Plairudeg Park Casino			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
				\$ 2,854.68	



DATE					
09/21/18	Capt. Lester S. Wass Squadron #3			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
01/15/19	Medford Squadron #45			\$ 500.00	Drean Maker
2/18/2019	Augustus Gardner Squadron 227			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
2/6/2019	Cohasset Squadron 118			\$ 1,000.00	Drean Maker
03/07/18	Nabnasset Family Post 437			\$ 300.00	Drean Maker
4/29/2019	Nonantum Squadron 440			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
04/12/18	Charles R. Wilber Squadron 106			\$ 250.00	Drean Maker
5/1/2019	The American Legion Family Bowling Tournament			\$ 1,404.68	
5/1/2019	The Detachment of Massachusetts S.A.L.			\$ 700.00	
05/24/19	Whitman Squadron 22			\$ 50.00	
05/24/19	Oliver Ames Squadron 117			\$ 100.00	
				\$ 5,054.68	
	TOTAL DONATIONS 2019			\$ 11,606.04	
	PRIOR YEARS			\$ 118,000.00	
	TOTAL TO DATE			\$ 129,606.04	

MEMBERSHIP:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called on Membership Chairman Marvin Nay (338) to give their Membership Report and present the Detachment Membership Awards. Chairman Marvin Nay (338) reported our Detachment is at 95.51% overall. I would first like to thank those districts who have worked so hard to be at 100%. They are Districts 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9. This year we have two revitalized squadrons they are District 9 Squadron 1 New Bedford and District 10 Squadron 144 Scituate. One other revitalized squadron is in process of sending their cards in from District 2 Squadron 260. Currently our membership is down by 249 members from last year. If your squadron isn't 100% don't stop contacting those who have not renewed it is not too late. Commander Ernie Laberge and I have traveled to a number of squadrons this year and many are working membership. Remember if you need assistance the Detachment officers are here to assist. Membership Chairman Marvin Nay (338) now presented the 100% Ribbons and Certificates. Membership Chairman Marvin Nay (338) now presented the Willard J. Timcoe Award to Warren S. Hathaway Squadron 228 for the largest increase in membership over the previous year.

AMERICANISM:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called on Ray Samko (435) to present the Robert Kelleher, Americanism Award to Delise-Goulet Squadron 92.

VERTERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called on Mark McCue (443) to present the Mary Timcoe Detachment Veterans Rehabilitation Award to Cecil W. Fogg / Thomas J. Roberts Squadron 78.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called on David Johnson (435) to resent the Floyd "Jake" Corliss, Children and Youth award to Dalton-Lavalee Squadron 224.

COMMANDERS AWARD:.

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now presented Cyril P. Morrisette Squadron 2944 with the Commanders Award which was for Operation Comfort Warriors.

HISTORY BOOK & SCAPBOOK AWARDS:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge called upon Detachment Historian Thomas Timcoe to present the David L. Johnson Jr. Detachment History Book Award to Dalton-Lavalee Squadron 224. Detachment Historian Thomas Timcoe (380) also presented the Robert "Bo" Fifield Detachment Scrapbook Award to Cyril P. Morrisette Squadron 294'

FOUR PILLARS OF SERVICE AWARD:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge called upon Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) to present the Thomas W. "Wiggy" Wigmore Four Pillars of Service Award to Westfield Squadron 124.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called for Final Officer Reports:

Detachment Chaplain William Sheehan:

Since the bowling tournament, I have done two graveside services, one for a veteran and one for an SAL member. I have done membership trips to Sandwich, Plymouth, Hanover, Cohasset, and Kingston. The people I talked to in Plymouth and Kingston had no idea they owed membership or

how to transmit it, so I educated them on the process and promised to return in the summer to help them out. On May 27th I did six cemetery memorials and Marched in the Whitman Memorial Day Parade. June 7th-8th I attended the SAL convention. June 9th I marched in the Legion Parade. June 14th I participated in the flag burning ceremony in Whitman. June 23rd I attended a memorial service at Braintree VFW for Commander Ralph Elwood. June 26th I attended the fundraiser for Jarheads MC 7 fallen bikers at the Whitman VFW. July 4th I will be attending the Remembrance Service for Tom Wigmore in Cohasset.

Detachment Vice Commander Gene Theroux (124) Detachment Vice Commander Gene Theroux serves the National Organization as the webmaster and the Facebook administrator. I attended the Sons DEC held on February 23rd, 2019 at the Vernon Hill Post 435. I attended the Centennial Celebration Banquet of the 5th District, Middlesex Council on March 9, 2019 held at the University of Lowell Inn and Conference Center in Lowell. While there I spoke with District 5 Adjutant Bob Johnson about squadron membership in District 5. Bob has been assisting in helping addressing Sons membership in District 5. I attended the Braintree Post 86 100th Anniversary Program at the Braintree town hall on March 16, 2019. PNC Clifford Smith had requested Tom Timcoe and I to provide photo coverage of the event. The Salvation Army "Donut Girls" were there as they were for the troops in WW I. This was an outstanding program that both Tom and I captured a lot of images and some video. The photos were edited and shared with in a Dropbox folder: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ryxepaifhqj9phf/AADcs_ZIBbKP_84BDacjBM-Ga?dl=0 In addition, a comprehensive Facebook Post was published on the Detachment Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sonsmass/> I marched and carried The Sons of The American Legion flag as part of the Honor Guard in the 68th Annual Holyoke Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 17, 2019. I was on the conference call for the Public and Media Communications Commission Call on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. I have the opportunity to brief the committee on the updates to the Sons National website and Facebook Page. There are several updates that occur each week to the national website. The routine recurring updates include membership reports (twice a week) and renewal rates (once a week). In addition, the CWF reports are updated on a recurring basis. I was at Arlington National Cemetery on National Medal of Honor Day, March 25, 2019 and had the honor of meeting and speaking with several Medal of Honor recipients. We (wife and I) returned to Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. I would recommend visiting Arlington National Cemetery on special event days such as National Medal of Honor Day. This trip was funded in-part by Western Mass News (ABC, CBS & Fox affiliate, Channel 40, Springfield, MA) for my work in cemeteries restoring and preserving veterans' gravesites. The link to the video of Western Mass News Surprise Squad presenting gifts and the trip is available for viewing at: https://www.westernmassnews.com/news/surprise-squad-helps-local-vet-make-every-day-veterans-day/article_d8c0c9e4-e2d6-11e8-9478-cf93a61d2552.html I attended the Eastern Region "Unofficial Gathering" held on March 29 & 30th, 2019 held in Dover, DE. The "Unofficial Gathering" was an opportunity to meet with other Eastern Region Detachment Officers, Sons National Officers to network, learn, share ideas and hear their reports. It is an excellent opportunity to help make the Detachment of Massachusetts strengthen its programs by applying what works from others experiences. I participated in the April 22, 2019 conference call of the VA & R Commission. I had an opportunity to speak about The Sons of The National American national website. **Observation:** VA & R Commission Chairman Harl Ray accomplishes an exemplary job with the commission. I was on the conference call for the Public and Media Communications Commission Call on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. I have the opportunity to brief the committee on the updates to the Sons National website and Facebook Page. There are several updates that occur each week to the national website. The routine recurring updates include membership reports (twice a week) and renewal rates (once a week). In addition, the CWF reports are updated on a recurring basis. I attended the Spring NEC in Indianapolis, IN held on May 3-5, 2019. It was a full three days of meetings and events. I attended all appropriate meetings such as Americanism, Public

and Media Communications Commission Meeting, sessions and training events. While there, I received a lot of content updates for The Sons of The American Legion National website. May is one of the busiest months of the year for me. I was fully involved as the Post 124 Americanism Chairman, Scholarship Committee Chairman and Athletic Director. I worked the Boys State and Girls State programs and we're sending 20 citizens to Boys State (12) and Girls State (8). I assisted the District 3 Boys State Chairman with the District Boys State Orientation held on May 11, 2019 in Chicopee, MA. In addition, I participated in all the city of Westfield Memorial Day School Assemblies and spoke at each elementary school to the students, staff, veterans and other guests. The Squadron 124 Honor Guard participated in the city of Westfield's 350th and Memorial Day Parade. Two \$ 750 scholarships were awarded by the Squadron after the conclusion of the Memorial Day Observance at the Post. On June 1st, the Squadron participated in a veterans' gravestone restoration and preservation effort. A Civil War headstone that had been snapped in half at the base was repaired and cleaned. Numerous other veterans' were cleaned and treated with D/2 Biological Solution. The Veterans Service Office Director for the city of Westfield participated and was Theroux addressed Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115, Section Care of Veterans Gravesites. In my travels throughout the commonwealth, it has become apparent that emphasis, guidance and more emphasis on the requirements of MGL Chapter 115, Section 9 needs to be disseminated throughout the commonwealth. MGL Chapter 115, Section 9 attached.

Detachment Vice Commander Marvin Nay (338)

2/23-2/26/2019 – Washington Conference VE& E National VE&E committee

3/2/2019 – Legion DEC Post 275

3/2/2019 – District 3 Commanders dinner Post 452 Chicopee

3/3/2019 – Jodie Pajak Appreciation dinner

3/9/2019 – District 5 Banquets

4/11/2019 – Athol Americanism program Athol Town Hall

3/16/2019 – POW/MIA meeting Vernon Hill

3/17/2019 – Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade

3/20/2019 – Spaghetti dinner Post 338 Southwick

3/23/2019 – SAL Bowl-a-thon Holbrook

3/23/2019 – District 2 100th Anniversary dinner

3/24/2019 – Post 130 Legion/SAL 100th Anniversary dinner

3/25/2019 – meeting with SAL Northborough

3/28-3/31/2019 – Eastern Region Conference Delaware

4/7/2019 – Sally Nay appreciation dinner Post 338 Southwick

4/13/2019 – Legion DEC Marlborough

4/13/2019 – National Commanders dinner – Marlborough

4/14/2019 – Convention meeting Marlborough

4/17/2019 – Spaghetti dinner fundraiser Post 338 Southwick

4/19/2019 – Plainville Park Casino – donation

4/20/19 – District 2 banquets

4/25- 4/28/19 – National Commanders Homecoming – NY

5/2/19-5/5/19 – Indianapolis

5/11/2019 – Boy Scout meeting Gardner

5/18/2019 – District 1,2,3 100th Anniversary ride/drive

5/20/2019 – Cemetery flagging with Post 130

5/26/2019 – District 7 Memorial Service Mount Hope Cemetery

5/27/2019 – Memorial Day service with Post 130

5/27/2019 – Assisted with 100th Anniversary community event Palmer

6/1/2019 - Auxiliary opening of Convention - Marlborough

6/2/2019 – Auxiliary installation of officers - Marlborough

6/3/2019 – Palmer remembering WWII the pacific theater event

5/6/2019 – Legion DEC Plymouth

Detachment Historian Thomas Timcoe (380):

Since the Convention, I drafted an Introduction letter that was emailed to everyone on the Detachment email list on October 15, 2018. I attended the Department POW-MIA Ceremony on the Battleship Massachusetts, Sunday, Sept 9, and took many photos that have added to the Detachment Web Site in the Photo Gallery Section. This year I will receive my 50 year membership card, attending the POW-MIA ceremony was a first for me and I urge every member of the SAL to attend this event. The 2019 Ceremony will be held on September 15th in Fall River. At the ceremony I meet up with my friend Past National Commander Brian O’Hearne for the first time in many years. I also got to meet the present National Commander Doc. Gibbs from the Detachment of New York. November 11, I attended the Boston Veterans Day ceremony in the Hall of Flags in the State House. Took a bunch of photos and posted them on the website. I also viewed the Veterans Day Parade as they marched past the Boston Common. A parade I marched in many times when I was younger. The Department Commanders Banquet was held in November in Marlboro MA I took and posted on the website photos of the evenings highlights. On March 19, the Town of Braintree held a Centennial Celebration of the end of WWI. Invited by our Detachment Adjutant I and Gene took pictures of the ceremony. Those photos were forwarded to Cliff for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army played an important part in WWI and this ceremony. The event was held in town hall and on the wall was a photo of a dinner held commemorating the end of WWI that was held in the same room. In late March we held the Partnership for Kids Bowling tournament many, many pictures were taken and posted to the website. In April I attended the National Commanders Banquet again in Marlboro Mass. Took more photos and posted them to the Detachment Web site. I want to thank the Delegates from the 2018 Convention for giving me the opportunity to serve the Detachment as Historian, I congratulate Commander Ernie for his leadership and for the many accomplishments he and the Detachments have achieved the past two years. I look forward to assisting the Future Commander and officers where and when I can. During the Commanders report there will be a slide show of photos from the years Ernie served a Detachment Commander.

National Executive Committeeman David Johnson (435):

After the Detachment Convention in Plymouth I drove NVC Ken Warner and his wife Kathy to Logan Airport to return to Pennsylvania. It has been a quite summer, but now as we approach the fall my activities will start to pick up. My activity this summer included; On 6/29/2018 I attend the calling hours for Detachment POW/MIA Committee Chairman Brian Wood. On 7/22/2018 I attended the transition meeting held at Whitman Post 22 in Whitman, MA. On Friday 9/7/2018 I attended a reception and meet and greet for Sons of The American Legion Nation Commander Greg “Doc” Gibbs at Westfield Post 124 in Westfield, MA. After the meet and greet we went to the Tavern Restaurant in Westfield, MA for dinner. On Saturday morning 9/8/2018 I picked up National Commander Doc Gibbs, Cliff and Ray Samko at the Westfield Holiday Inn Express and we proceeded to East Hampton Post 224 for a meet and greet with members of the American Legion Family. From there members of American Legion Family started the Fund Raiser for Operation Comfort Warrior which was Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge’s charity this year. We first went to Indian Motorcycles of Westfield dealership. From there we proceeded to the Springfield Museum to view the Esta Manthos Indian Motorcycle Collection. From there we went to the Springfield Armory Museum. From there we finished the Fund Raiser at American Legion Post 338 in Southwick, MA for a cookout and raffles and watch the motor cross that was running. On Sunday 9/9/2018 I attended the POW/MIA Ceremony held on the U.S.S. Massachusetts in Fall River, MA. There I had the honor of introducing Sons of The American Legion National Commander Greg “Doc” Gibbs. On Thursday 10/11/2018 I left for the NEC Meetings held in Indianapolis, IN. On Friday morning 10/12/2018 member of the Detachment went to National

Emblem Sales for a tour of their facility. That evening I attended the Children and Youth Committee meeting. On Saturday morning 10/13/2018 the National Executive Committee Meeting started. After the call to order, Posting of The Colors, invocation, POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion, Blue Star Banner Ceremony, Reading of The Call, roll call and Reading of the previous meetings minutes National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs called the meeting convened. He then called on American Legion National Liaison Paul Brown to speak. Paul welcomed everyone to Indianapolis. Paul informed the NEC that that he will be leaving his position of National Liaison to accept the position of Department Adjutant of California. He introduced the new American Legion National Liaison Ken George from the Department of California. After the speakers addressed the meeting Commander Gibbs then recessed the meeting until Sunday morning at 8:45am. After the meeting was recessed I attend the Committee on Committee Appointments which I am a member. On Sunday 10/14/2018 after the annual breakfast the General Session of the NEC reconvened. After the call to order, Salute to the colors, invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion and roll call National Commander Gibbs called the meeting reconvened. American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad addressed the meeting. After T.A.L. National Commander's address, Commander Gibbs then made one more appointment. He appointed Gene Theroux (MA) as the new Web Master. Commander Gibbs then called for Commission Reports. All Commission and Committee reports were read along with their respective resolutions and all were approved. Commander Smith then asked for any old business, new business, Goods of The SAL. After the Benediction and the Retirement of The Colors Commander Smith called the Fall NEC meeting adjourned. On Sunday 11/11/2018 I attended the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the State House in Boston. I participated on the Detachment conference call meeting on 11/15/2018. I attended Department Fred White's testimonial banquet in November at the Best Western Conference Center in Marlboro, MA where I brought the greetings on Sons of The American Legion National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs. I made a road trip on 2/18/2019 to inquire about the zero membership Squadrons in District 4. I went to Sturbridge Post 109, but they were closed. Then I went to Tatnuck Post 288. I spoke to the bartender Kathy and asked if there was anyone I can speak to about S.A.L. membership. She told me that membership cards have been sent in. She showed me a copy of the roster and it showed only 3 members not paid. She called the person in charge of S.A.L. membership, his name is Greg. I spoke to him and he told me he has been sending in membership. He told me he has copies of all the transactions. He asked me to leave my name and number with Kathy and he will call me. I told him the DEC meeting is Saturday at Vernon Hill 435 and they are welcome to attend. I have not heard back from him. Then I went to Auburn Post 279. I spoke the bartender Steve, who is a member of the S.A.L. I explained to him that no membership has been sent in. He told me they have a new person doing membership. He told me they were having their meeting that evening and he would speak to the person doing membership. I gave him my name and number and told him if they have any questions or need help to contact me. I also told him the DEC meeting is Saturday at Vernon Hill 435 they are welcome to attend. On Wednesday 5/1/2019 I left for the NEC Meetings held in Indianapolis, IN. On Friday evening 5/3/2019 I attended the Children and Youth Committee meeting. On Saturday morning 5/4/2019 the National Executive Committee Meeting started. After the call to order, Posting of The Colors, invocation, POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion, Blue Star Banner Ceremony, Reading of The Call, roll call and Reading of the previous meetings minutes National Commander Greg "Doc" Gibbs called the meeting convened. He then called on American Legion National Liaison Ken George to speak. Ken welcomed everyone to Indianapolis. Commander Gibbs then asked if there were any donation. I presented several donations from The Detachment and Sharon Squadron 106. After the Ken George addressed the meeting Commander Gibbs then recessed the meeting until 3:00pm that afternoon After the meeting was recessed I attend the Committee on Committee Appointments which I am a member. National Commander Gibbs called the meeting reconvened at

3:00pm for the purpose of the Finance Report. National Finance Chairman Bill Hill (MD) gave his report and he reported that over the years there were expenses that the American Legion was paying for The S.A.L. and will no longer be able to pick up those expenses. With that being said The S.A.L. will have to start paying for them. He stated that in order to pay for the added expenses a per capita dues increase will be needed. There has not been a dues increase in over 30 years. It was recommended for a \$3.00 increase in the National per capita starting in 2021, increasing the national per capita from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per member. This will be brought up at the National Convention in August 2019. After Chairman Hill gave his report Commander Gibbs then recessed the meeting until Sunday morning at 8:45am. On Sunday 5/5/2019 after the annual breakfast the General Session of the NEC reconvened. After the call to order, Salute to the colors, invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion and roll call National Commander Gibbs called the meeting reconvened. American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad addressed the meeting. After T.A.L. National Commander's address, Commander Gibbs then called for Commission Reports. All Commission and Committee reports were read along with their respective resolutions and all were approved. Commander Smith then asked for any old business, new business, Goods of The SAL. After the Benediction and the Retirement of The Colors Commander Smith called the Fall NEC meeting adjourned. On 5/13/2019 I sent out the minutes from the National Children and Youth Committee held at the NEC for review and distribution. On 5/18/2019 I sent out the minutes from the National Commissions and Committees meetings held at the NEC to the Detachment Officers for review and distribution. On Saturday 5/25/2019 I participated in the Color Guard from Vernon Hill Post 435 at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton, MA. On Sunday 5/26/2019 I participated in the Color Guard from Vernon Hill Post 435 at the Memorial Day Water Ceremony held at Elm Park in Worcester, MA

Alternate National Executive Committeeman William Murphy (297):

As we gather together for the 51st Annual Convention of the Detachment of Massachusetts, it is time to reflect on our activities, accomplishments for this year and look ahead with goals for continued advancement in the future. First, as a Past Detachment Commander, congratulate our current Detachment Commander Ernie LaBerge for an two outstanding years of service and look forward to his continued development and leadership for our Detachment. But throughout this past year, it was my honor to visit several events worthy to note as part of my report. This year began with the visit by National Commander Doc Gibbs of New York, and his visit to Westfield Squadron 124, followed by his keynote address at the POW/MIA Remembrance Day Services on the USS Massachusetts in Fall River. We were honored to have the National Commander visit our state so early in his year. Also this year in my second year as a staff member at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington DC, was invited to bring the greetings of then National Commander Danny Smith of Nebraska and present 2 \$2500 scholarships to the 2 delegates serving as President Protemp and Secretary of the Boys Nation Senate. Visiting squadron events was also a priority, but outreach to squadrons like Lowell. Following the Veteran's Day ceremony in the State House Hall of Flags as well as the parade in Boston, I stopped in at the Lowell post to leave my card and offer assistance with their revitalization of their membership. The Adjutant was there as well as the Post Commander, and we sat and was able to answer questions and offer suggestions, and look forward to seeing them continue to grow. Finally memorable ceremonies also deserve inclusion in my report. This year, testimonials honoring Department Commander Fred White and National Commander Brett Reistad, showed the importance of the Sons of The American Legion in the Legion Family and I was honored to have served with them. In addition, just several weeks ago I, received the confirmation of my appointment as a VAVS Representative at the Bedford VA Hospital. I was welcomed by the committee and look forward to reaching out to squadrons in that area to expand our involvement at that VA facility. Finally, I had the honor of being asked by Commander LaBerge to represent the Detachment and join with Department Commander Fred

White to lay a wreath at the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery in Bourne. I had not had this opportunity since my year as National Chaplain, so it was truly an honor. In closing, it has been my honor to serve the members of the Detachment of Massachusetts as Alternate National Executive Committeeman, and thank N.E.C. Dave Johnson for his assistance this year, and look forward to seeing the advancement of the programs and successes of the Squadrons here in the Bay State.

A motion was made by Barry Butman (118) and seconded by Richard Smalley (435) to accept all the officer reports. Motion carried.

FINAL NOMINATIONS:

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) to the podium for the purpose of final nominations and election of Detachment Officers.

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) stated that he would read the list of those nominated and if no additional nominations were to be made a motion will be made to accept all the nominations as read. Adjutant Smith read the following Nominations: For Detachment Commander – Marvin Nay (338), For Detachment Vice Commander – Matthew Nay (130), Gene Theroux (124), For Detachment Chaplain – William Sheehan (22), for Detachment Historian Thomas Timcoe (380). For Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) for Detachment Finance Officer no nominations.. Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) asked for any more nominations. Hearing none, William Murphy (297) made a motion and seconded by David Johnson (435) to close all nominations and have the Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot for all the Offices. Motion carried. The Adjutant cast one unanimous ballot for all of the above offices.

DETACHMENT COMMANDERS FINAL REPORT:

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) now called Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) for his final report of the 2019 Administrative Year

I attended the American Legion Riders Chapter 224 fundraiser for the Neads Foundation held on 3/9/19. Neads is a group that trains and supplies Service Dogs to our Veterans. I attended the American Legion Americanism Night held in Athol on 3/11/19. I attended the American Legion 100th Celebration at the State House held on 3/15/19. I attended the American Legion POW/MIA Committee Meeting at Vernon Hill Post on 3/16/19. I participated in The South Boston St Patrick's Day Parade with The American Legion Department of Massachusetts Legion Family. I was contacted by the New SAL Commander of the Northborough Squadron who requested assistance with completing membership cards on 3/19/19. I attended the wake of Korean War Veteran Ed Nowak on 3/21/19. Ed was a member of my home Post 224. I was invited to the American Legion Post 266 100th Anniversary Celebration held in the evening of 3/23/19. I attended a 100th Celebration Dinner for Post 130 in Three Rivers on 3/24/19. I participated on the Eastern Region Conference call held on 3/26/19. I attended the Eastern Region Gathering from 3/28/19 to 3/31/19. I worked Game Night at the Leeds VA on 4/2/19 with members from Post 224. I took part in the Mid-West Conference Call on 4/2/19 as part of my responsibilities with the National Americanism Commission. On 4/3/19 I met with the VA representative from the Leeds VA to go over the meeting schedule for my new position as the Sons of The American Legion Representative for Central - Western Mass. I took part in the National Americanism Conference Call on 4/4/19 as part of my responsibilities to the Commission. I attended the Appreciation Banquet for Department Vice Commander Sally Nay held on 4/7/19 at Post 338. I attended the Department of Massachusetts DEC Meeting held on 4/13/19 in Marlborough. I attended the American Legion National Commanders Dinner held in the evening of 4/13/19 in Marlborough. I was asked to attend a check presentation by

Plainridge Casino they donated to the Partnership for Kids program on 4/19/19. I participated on the Eastern Region Conference call held on 4/23/19. I attended National Commander Gibbs Homecoming in Hamburg New York 4/25/19 to 4/28/19. I attended the SAL NEC meetings in Indy from 5/2/19 to 5/5/19. At this time, I also graduated from the National Management Institute (NMI-3). At the request of the Family on 5/7/19 I attended the Wake of Norman Yell a WWII Navy Veteran. Norman was a long-time member of Post 224. I worked Game Night at the Leeds VA on 5/7/19 with members from Post 224. I took part in the Mid-West Conference Call on 5/7/19 as part of my responsibilities with the National Americanism Commission. I participated as part of the Color Guard Team at the Funeral of WWII Navy Veteran Norman Yell held on 5/8/19 in Easthampton. I worked the annual Post 224 Mother's Day Breakfast held on 5/12/19. Over 100 moms were served free breakfast alone with their families. I attended the quarterly V.A. meeting held at the Leeds V.A. on 5/16/19. This was the first meeting after being appointed the Sons V.A. Representative for Central and Western Mass. I worked with Post 130 and Squadron 338 and held an American Legion Family 100th Birthday Celebration for Districts 1, 2, & 3 the Collation was held at my home Post 224 on 5/18/19. I worked with the Easthampton Police, The Easthampton Veterans Council and Post 224 American Legion Family members and setup the Flags and Veterans Memorial Banners in Easthampton for Memorial Day in the morning of 5/19/19. I was asked to be part of the Color Guard Team for the District Flag Retirement Ceremony held at Orange Post 172 on 5/19/19. Again, this year on 5/23/19 I was asked by The Veterans Council of Easthampton to handle the staging and setup of the Easthampton Memorial Day Parade and then participate with the rest of the Veteran Groups, I accepted their request. I was asked to participate in the Easthampton Annual Veterans Mass held at the Our Lady of The Valley Church on 5/26/19. I was asked to attend the Knights of Columbus Annual Veterans Breakfast held on 5/26/19 after the Church Services. I was asked to bring the greeting of the Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Massachusetts to the American Legion Department of Massachusetts Auxiliary Convention on 6/1/19. I was invited to the installation of officers for The Department of Massachusetts American Legion Auxiliary held on 6/2/19. I was asked by the Post 130 Commander Sally Nay to represent the Sons/Detachment and play Taps at a Memorial Ceremony on 6/3/19 in Palmer. I participated on the Eastern Region Conference call held on 6/28/19. I worked Game Night at the Leeds VA on 6/4/19 with members from Post 224. I took part in the Mid-West Conference Call on 6/4/19 as part of my responsibilities with the National Americanism Commission. I attended the Detachment of Massachusetts Sons of The American Legion 51st Convention from 6/5/19 to 6/9/19.

Actions Taken due to an Event or Meeting: As result of a phone call received from the Northborough SAL, Vice Commander Nay and I had a meeting in Northborough on 3/25/19 for training in how to complete and process Membership. We also answered all other questions and delivered various hand out materials. I met with the VA representative from the Leeds VA to go over the meeting schedule for my new position as the Sons of The American Legion Representative for Central - Western Mass. As a result of this meeting the VA Rep forwarded all associated materials for completion and return to the VA. After all approvals a volunteer ID will be issued. I attended the quarterly V.A. meeting held at the Leeds V.A. on 5/16/19. Reps from the Red Cross, VFW, Vietnam Veterans, Marine Corp League, The American Legion, and The American Legion Auxiliary were also in attendance. Discussions included new treatment methods for both physical and mental wellness, new construction of facilities to include our female veterans and other upgrade changes to the campus. The Greenhouse program status was relayed by one of the veterans participating in that program and the success it is having. I was also asked if I would be willing to teach a Martial Art Class once a week if that program gets started. This is just an idea they have at this time, but I told them if it does get approved and started, I would help them out.

National Americanism Commission Report: Currently the National Americanism Commission is working on updating the 10 Ideals Program to possibly be use as an on-line training tool just like the American Legion Basic Training Class. This is in process and with luck a draft will be completed for the Fall NEC meetings. The Commission is also working on a spreadsheet for

judging the National Awards. This Excel sheet will automatically total and sort data that is supplied by the National Organization in a effort to reduce the possibility of human error and make reporting more time efficient.

Motion made by Clifford Smith (106) and seconded by Mark McCue (443) to accept Commander Ernie Laberge (224) report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called for any New Business. Motion by William Murphy (297) and seconded by David Johnson (435) to accept the 2019-2020 proposed budget. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Two resolutions were presented at the Convention. The first was an Amendment to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion Article X, Section 2. This Amendment was sent to all Detachments for consideration at their respective Detachment Conventions and will be voted on at the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana held on August 23-25, 2019. This resolution increases the National per capita from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and will take effect starting with the distribution of the 2021 National Membership Cards.(See resolution below).

A motion was made by Clifford Smith (106) and seconded by Mark McCue (443) that the Detachment of Massachusetts Sons of The American Legion would support this resolution at the National Convention.

The second resolution was an Amendment to the Constitution of the Detachment of Massachusetts Sons of The American Legion Article IX, Section 2 increasing the Detachment per capita to \$12.00 of which \$5.00 will be transmitted to the National Organization for National dues and will take effect starting with the distribution of the 2021 National Membership Cards.(See resolution below).

Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) explained that since the Detachment has not met its 100% goal for the past couple of years the income from membership dues is not keeping up with the increased costs in the Administration of the Detachment and the donations that we give to National Programs and local charities. Obtaining the 100% goal each year is essential in maintaining the per capita charge to our membership.

A motion was made by Clifford Smith (106) and seconded by Mark McCue (443) to accept this resolution. Motion carried.

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No.: TBD Title: Amendment to the National Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Article X, Section 2 Origin: Detachment of Convention Committee Recommendation

WHEREAS, since the inception of the organization in 1932, the principal mission of The Sons of The American Legion has been to support the needs, programs and legacy of the parent organization, "The American Legion", and

WHEREAS, over the past many years, as the Sons of The American Legion has grown in both

membership and scope of service supported, the structure and administrative requirements have increased, and

WHEREAS, providing continued financial support is necessary to ensure the mission, through the service and support which the organization provides, is able to be sustained, and

WHEREAS, the national organization has not implemented a per capita dues increase in nearly 35 years, and

WHEREAS, to benefit the continued health and growth of the organization, it is dependent upon the ability to properly fund the programs and administrative costs, therefore an increase is necessary, and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Article X, Section 2, now reads: “The amount of such annual National dues shall be \$2.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding year.”, and now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, National Convention assembled August 23-25, 2019, in Indianapolis, Indiana, amend The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion in Article X, Section 2 to read: “The amount of such annual National dues shall be \$5.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding year.” and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the increase take effect on June 1, 2020, with the distribution of the 2021 National Membership cards, and applied to all membership transmittals received after that date.

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**No.: TBD Title: Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion (Dues Increase) Origin: Finance Commission
Convention Committee Recommendation**

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature
Clifford A Smith

Detachment Adjutant

WHEREAS, the principal mission of The Sons of The American Legion is to support the parent organization, “The American Legion”, and

WHEREAS, there has not been a National dues increase since 1982, and

WHEREAS, In order to properly fund the programs and administrative costs an increase is necessary, and

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Massachusetts, in Article IX, Section 2, now reads: “The amount of such annual Detachment dues shall be \$7.00 per member, beginning with the distribution of the 2017 Membership Year and all years thereafter, of which \$2.00 will be transmitted to the National Organization for the National dues.”, and now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Massachusetts in Detachment Convention assembled June 7-8, 2019, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, amend The Constitution of the

Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Massachusetts in Article IX, Section 2 to read: The amount of such annual Detachment dues shall be \$12.00 per member, of which \$5.00 will be transmitted to the National Organization for the National dues.”,” and be it further

RESOLVED, That the increase take effect with the issuance of the 2021 membership cards.; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Massachusetts in Detachment Convention assembled June 7-8, 2019, in Plymouth, Massachusetts, request to the National Organization that The Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion in Article X, Section 2 be amended to read: “The amount of such annual National dues shall be \$5.00 per member and shall be payable October 20 of each year and for the succeeding year.”; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Massachusetts submit the attached resolution to the National Organization for action thereunto.

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called upon Detachment Adjutant Clifford Smith (106) to introduce special guest National Vice Commander Michael Cotten for Delaware to address the assembly.

GOOD OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Child Welfare Foundation Fund Raiser will be held at the Sun Dynasty immediately following the Convention.

INSTALLATION

Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) now called upon National Vice Commander Mike Cotton (DE) for the purpose of installing the Detachment Officers. The 2019-2020 Detachment Officers were installed.

Motion by Mark McCue (443) made and seconded William Murphy (40) to adjourn. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Detachment Convention, Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) called on Detachment Chaplain William Sheehan (22)) for the benediction.

Following a right-hand salute, Detachment Commander Ernie Laberge (224) declared the 2019 51st Detachment Convention adjourned.

Submitted by:

Ernie Laberge

Ernie Laberge

Detachment Commander

Attested by:

Clifford A. Smith

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Detachment Adjutant