



The Committee did not meet during the Fall, 2017 session of the National Executive Committee.

Chairman: <u>John Waite (VT)</u>	Members: <u>John Lawrence (LA)</u>
Secretary: <u>Robert Avery (NY)</u>	<u>Gregory R. Price (MI)</u>
National Assistant Adjutant	<u>John Mejia (CA)</u>
	<u>Joseph A. Korba (NJ)</u>

Chairman's Report:

The mission of the Sons of The American Legion Committee on Children & Youth is to formulate, recommend and implement plans, programs, and activities of The American Legion. The Committee's responsibility is to promote the care and protection of the children of veterans; improve conditions for all children and youth with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home; prevent social and physical ills of children and youth where possible, utilizing services and cooperating with sound organizations and agencies for children and youth; maintain a balanced program that provides for their physical emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs; and such other purposes as maybe assigned to it by The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion National Executive Committee; and to assist The American Legion Children and Youth Program in carrying on for God and Country.

We were just recently a presenter at the American Legion Children & Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN. We had 11 detachments represented. We continue to increase the numbers every year. We encourage each detachment to send their C&Y chairman or a representative. You will not be disappointed; it is extremely educational. Next year's conference is September 14-16 at the Sheraton in Indy.

Topics this year were:

- Strategic Plan for Sustained Membership Growth Presentation (Randy Goodman)
- American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth Programs (Kathy Daudistel)
- Bethany Christian Services CWF
- Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance CWF
- Troop and Family Support (Bruce Drake)
- Sons of The American Legion Children & Youth Programs (John Waite)
- Strategic Plan for Sustained Membership Growth (Randy Goodman)
- Temporary Financial Assistance Presentation (Meagen Sweet)
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All the presentations can be found at <https://legion.org/cyconference>.

With National Commander Danny Smith having a goal of \$0.50 per member for The American Legion Endowment Fund, the Committee has come up with a personal challenge using the Commander's Coin. As those coins are typically meant for those who go above and beyond, we are asking for a \$50 donation, although we still want detachments and squadrons to hold an extra event to achieve their \$0.50 per member. We are going to be working with VA&R as this falls under their commission as well.

Regional / Detachment assignments this year:

- John Mejia (CA) - West, plus Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming
- Joe Korba (NJ) - East
- John Lawrence (LA) - South, plus Texas and Oklahoma
- Greg Price (MI) - Central, plus Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota

I will be attending all the regional calls with our five National Vice Commanders and I encourage each member of the Committee to attend as well. If there are questions feel free to contact me at (802) 384-0088 or waitejohn@comcast.net.



Our Committee has had two conference calls so far and will hold the next one on October 18th at 7:00 pm Eastern time. Anyone is welcome to join us; the call-in number is (218) 339-7800, and the access code is 1904710.

The C&Y Committee has a Facebook page: "[Sons of The American Legion Children & Youth Page](#)" (@SonsofTheAmericanLegionChildrenandYouthCommittee). We monitor the site daily and encourage all to use it.

The Committee discussed if we all use the tools we are given (publications, social media, our national officers, NECs, public relations) then there is nothing we can't do.

We will be creating quarterly (electronic only) newsletters again this year with the first one to be sent out following the Fall NEC. The second edition will be in February, the third edition in May, and the fourth edition in August. If your detachment would like to add anything please send it to me at waitejohn@comcast.net.