



# THE SALUTE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY

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## SAVE THE DAY

Tom Marsden is leading candidate for S. A. L. National Vice Commander East 2007-2008. As a 47+ year life membership of Squadron 166 Lakewood, he was named 2006 Son of the Year. His volunteerism includes organizing the POW-MIA, serving as a Boys State counselor, and being the SALute's editor-in-chief. Please help support his campaign.

The Elect Tom Marsden Committee is sponsoring an ALL YOU CAN EAT pig roast rain or shine Saturday, July 28 from 1:00 to 6:00 P. M. at Post #336 Leonardo. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Children 10 and under are \$8. Contact Jim Noble or the detachment officers to make arrangements.

Thank you.  
The Committee

## SHOW YOU REMEMBER

Thomas E. Marsden, POW-MIA Chairman

The Department of Defense lists 1,786 U. S. personnel as missing and unaccounted for. Of those men and women, 55 are from New Jersey. Repatriation is coming along slowly. Over 90% of those still listed were lost in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia during the Vietnamese War.

Do not forget America's prisoners of war and those missing in action. From dusk Friday, September 16, to dawn Saturday, the Detachment of New Jersey will host its 16th annual Watchfire on the Seaside Heights beach (Boardwalk and Hering Avenue). There is no rain date; this event has never been canceled. Shore Boro Post 351 will be host post.

All members of the Legion Family are cordially invited. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every county sent just one representative and if every post, unit, and squadron had someone there to show that our POW-MIA's really are not forgotten? For further information, please contact me at saltom@usa.net or by mail at 151 Queen Ann Road, Brick, NJ 08723.

## THE EDITOR'S DESK

SALute, Years 2001- 2007, has 36 papers plus several special editions available on the internet (see njsalute.org). Looking back over the years, how the newspaper has changed!

With ever growing archives, I had my service provider put a search engine on to the website. Here is how to use it: Go to njsalute.org. Click on search. Type in what you are looking for then select from the list which should appear, anything that matches.

## WE CHALLENGE OUR PARENTS

Edward T. Marsden, CWF Chairman

As of the April 11 report, Jersey's Sons contributed \$7,115 to CWF; Department, \$1,860; and Ladies, \$1,030. Since the Spring NEC the SAL has contributed \$1,100 more. Our donations stand at \$12,065 with still have a month to go!

In the words of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, "Since the American Legion generously takes care of our overhead expenses, 100% of your contribution goes to assist kids." So why not make CWF one of your charities?

As my final act, I challenge our Department and Auxiliary to beat us next year. Winner takes bragging rights and loser takes winner to dinner next convention. I am proud to have served as your CWF Chairman, but I'm stepping down to let Mike Arner take over. Thank you for your support.

## SAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Joe Colontone, Chairman

The winner of this year's \$2,500 Ernie Wilson Scholarship is Lori Hendrickson, who attends Overbrook Senior High School, Pine Hill. Post 286, Camden County, submitted her application. Lori will receive the award plaque at her school.

Lori wrote the SAL this letter: "I would like to thank everyone at the Sons of the American Legion for choosing me as a winner of the Ernie Wilson Scholarship. I greatly appreciate this honor. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the convention. My high school, Overbrook Senior High, Pine Hill, has senior awards night on June 7. Thank you again."

## MEMBERSHIP

Dave (Duke) Haring

Our membership as of May 1, 2007 stands at 8,097. The end of the year total for last year was 9,102. We're not doing too bad on recruiting new members. Our biggest problem is getting more members to renew.

We still have twenty squadrons suspended. As of April 11, we were at 87% when, at this target date, we should have been at 90%. With everyone's hard work and dedication, we can achieve 100% by June, 2007, at convention.

For those squadrons who have gone over the top, great job! I'd like to thank the entire Legion, Auxiliary, and S. A. L. members who promote or sign up members to our American Legion Family. We all know and, sometimes, have to be reminded that membership is the "Lifeblood" of our organization. Thank you.



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Comrades,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your commander this past year. I enjoyed going around the state and meeting dedicated S.A.L. members and seeing them working for the programs that we run. I would like to thank all my officers and committee chairmen for their efforts this past year. All performed as I expected. A top notch team!

I am hoping to see more participation from the membership this coming year. This detachment will grow stronger with the help of the membership coming forward and attending detachment meeting and sitting on committees.

Members must build and maintain the county organizations. I know that each one of you works hard at your squadron, but the line of communications is through the counties and up to the detachment. Remember that we as an organization are as strong as each individual member.

The work that was done this past year moves us forward into the next administrative year. The officers, committee chairman, and members worked to achieve our goals. Some were met; others are close. I will be returning to the detachment this coming year and helping where needed. I plan to work with committees--sitting or chairing as needed.

Our candidate for National Vice Commander, Tom Marsden, will be out and about at our convention. Please introduce yourself to him and ask questions. He loves to answer them.

It has been my pleasure to work with American Legion Commander Robbins and Auxiliary President Fabian. Both served their organizations proudly, and we all had fun doing the business of the Legion family. I would like to wish them well in their future endeavors.

In closing, thanks to all of you who have supported me this past year. I hope that you will support our incoming officers in the same way. I would like to extend my congratulations to the officers who will be elected at this convention. I wish you good luck.

For God and Country,  
Michael Arner, Commander



SAL Cmdr. Mike Arner  
Presents Legion Cmdr. Chuck  
Robbins with a Gold Eagle



### DATES TO REMEMBER 2006-2007 CALENDAR

Locustwood Memorial	June 3
Detachment Convention	June 8
High Point Memorial	June 24
Department President Testimonial	June 30
Independence Day	July 4
Detachment Commander Testimonial	July 14

## FRANK JIOSI COMMANDER CANDIDATE

This article is about my efforts in running and campaigning for the high office of SAL Detachment Commander 2007-2008 calendar year. It will be my honor to continue the dedication of previous Past Detachment Commanders who are my peers. Looking forward to gaining their wisdom to make 2007-2008 a successful year for the SAL.

Let's also not forget the SAL is a program of the American Legion which means they still govern what we say and do as an organization. Sometimes I think that is forgotten by some members but that point will be made known to them a lot in 2007-2008.

As far as what is going to be my project for the next year, I will be joining incoming Department Commander Frank Callandrillo and incoming Department President Dolores Gonzalez with their project and helping the VA facilities all year through donations of any kind.

Feel free to contact me of any ideas to get donations or fundraising opportunities next year 2007-2008.

Being a vice commander for several terms and VA&R Chairman four consecutive terms has given me much experience in this organization.

In closing I would like to thank all the counties and squadrons for their support for the next year.

## SQ. 351 JERSEY SHORE GUYS

Congratulations to Armondo (Butch) Cocci, Jr., our S. A. L. First Vice Commander, on his promotion to captain at the Ocean County Sheriff's Department. We wish him the best of luck. Butch is always volunteering to help our post and the Legion Family. He constantly promotes membership and involves himself in many Legion functions.

What a great job Cookie Haring is doing renting our American Legion hall! The post is very grateful to her for putting in so many countless hours and devoting her time and herself to bring customers to our post. Rentals are very reasonable for our halls. Contact Cookie at 732-244-8534 for hall rentals.

Post 351 is doing great, and our aim is to do better. We have a Sunday breakfast every week from 8 A. M. to 12:00 that no one around can beat. Our canteen is also open then with its breakfast drink specials of bloody marys and orange screwdrivers at \$1.50 each until noon only. You can try your luck on our pull tab machines to win some extra cash.

Pro wrestling is still going strong at our post. The next scheduled events are June 30, July 28, August 11, September 15, and October 13, 2007. Feel free to call our post (732-793-0722) for information for upcoming fundraisers and events that pop out of nowhere sometimes. Our friendly bartenders will enlighten you on what is going on.

## MANDATE TO WASHINGTON

Secure our borders now!!



A Decade of SAL-CCC Commanders  
Dave Lawton, Sr., Sq. 370, 1999-2000; Kirk Hehl, Sq. 84;  
John N. Gillman, Sq. 370, 2002-2004; Phil Boyd, Sq. 281,  
2004-2006; and Robert C. Ritz, Sq. 370, 2006-present



Tom Marsden and Other Leading Candidates for National  
Office Meet and Greet



N. J. Delegation at Spring NEC



CWF Chairman Ed  
Marsden Presents  
\$3,800 at NEC



**THE NEXT DEADLINE IS JUNE 30, 2007.**

**PATRICK GALLAGHER**  
**VICE COMMANDER CANDIDATE**

Fellow SAL Members,

I am Patrick Gallagher and I am one of the Detachment Vice Commanders for the state of New Jersey.

I am writing to say "Thank you." It has been a great year and a pleasure to serve as a Detachment Vice Commander.

Over this last year, I have done a lot of traveling throughout this great state. I've met a lot of people, listened to many stories, and heard many ideas from fellow members.

Out of 152 squadrons, I have had the privilege of attending many meetings, installations, and fundraisers. One squadron served a 600 plate dinner to raise money for National Guard troops overseas. Another had donation jars to raise money to buy telephone cards for ALL men and women fighting to protect this country.

I've seen squadrons rebuild themselves from little to big. I've done all this and I have enjoyed every second of it.

It has been a great year, and I will be forever grateful to have been an important part of it. Once again, I thank you.

**PHIL BOYD, JR.**  
**VICE COMMANDER CANDIDATE**

Phil gained his eligibility through his father Phil Boyd, Sr., who served in WWII. Phil has been a member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #281 for seventeen years. He has served the squadron on many committees that include membership, community, and veterans rehabilitation. He has also participated in many fundraising events. Phil has worked his way up through the chairs to where he served as squadron commander for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

On the county level, Phil has served as junior vice commander, senior vice commander, adjutant, and commander. He is presently serving as DEC. On the detachment level, Phil is currently Detachment Vice Commander. He is also Essay Contest Chairman.

Phil has been married to his wife Joanne for 34 years. They have three children, Danielle, Melanie, and Kevin. They also have three grandchildren. They live in Glendora.

**ADJUTANT'S CORNER**

John N. (Jay) Gillman

The new Officer's Report Form has been mailed to each squadron from Trenton. It is very important that you fill this out because without it there will be no mail sent to the officers or your squadron. Also, you will not receive the SA-Lute.

Because Department color codes, this year's form is pink and is the only color to be used. Please feel free to contact me at (856)-346-3659 (home), (609)-313-3630 (cell), or jaybird9760@comcast.net (e-mail).

**DAVE (DUKE) HARING**  
**VICE COMMANDER CANDIDATE**

Dave has been a member of the Sons of the American Legion for nineteen years. He gained his eligibility through his father Harry D. Haring, who served in WWII.

Duke has served Sq. 415 Bergen County 1996 to 1998 as commander, finance officer, and membership chairman. In 1997, Sq. 415 took first place in membership. Duke also participated in many fundraisers that generated a lot of money for the post.

In 1998, Duke and his wife Cookie moved to Seaside Heights, New Jersey and transferred to Sq. 351. He was commander for three years, vice commander, finance officer, adjutant, and membership chairman. In 2004, Sq. 351 took first place in membership. Duke is always participating in many fundraisers and Legion functions and is always promoting the Legion Family and membership wherever he goes.

Duke Haring has also served as Ocean County Commander, Vice Commander, Adjutant, and Chaplain. He is currently serving as Detachment Sergeant-at-Arms and Detachment Membership Chairman. Duke has completed both Basic and Advanced in S. A. L. College.

From 2000 to 2004, Duke coached along with Chuck Robbins (State Commander American Legion), the Seaside Heights Post 351 American Legion baseball team, which won two Ocean County championship titles and one Section IV State Championship title and produced three major league players.

Duke has been married to his beautiful wife Dolores (Cookie) Haring for 39 years come this June 8. He lives in Holiday City, Toms River, New Jersey. Dave Jr., his son, is also a member of Sq. 351. He lives nearby in Seaside Heights and has served as Ocean County Vice Commander and Adjutant.

Dave (Duke) Haring is employed by U. S. Ink, a division of Sun Chemical, for 38 years as a journeyman/inkmaker. He is lead contract negotiator for Graphic Communications Conference International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 447 vs. Sun Chemical.

Don't forget to have your squadrons vote at convention for Dave (Duke) Haring for Detachment Vice Commander. He promises to do a great job. If elected to the office, he will continue to promote membership growth and make visitations to his assigned counties, two priorities for the continued growth of the Detachment of New Jersey.

**BITS AND PIECES**

Ten Post 133 Woodbury polar bears led by Jim Lightcap and Bob McKinney braved the Atlantic's wintry waters to raise \$1,170 for Special Olympics.

See national's [www.sal.legion.org](http://www.sal.legion.org) SAL website to download The Blue Star Ceremony....Best wishes to Nat. VA&R Chairman Joe Gladden and his wife Bobbi on their recent nuptials....Condolences to Andy Newman (PA), National Vice Commander East, and Nicholas Wingler, PDC 2002-2003, on the deaths of their fathers.