



# THE SALUTE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DETACHMENT OF NEW JERSEY

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## WATCHFIRE 2007

Ed Marsden, POW-MIA Vice Chairman

Sep. 22, 2007. It was the biggest crowd ever. The weatherman was kind--gentle breeze, no wind; warm temperatures, no rain. Tom Marsden, 14 year Watchfire Chairman, greeted almost 200 with:

"This Watchfire is a bittersweet remembrance of the ordeal of war. It is a memorial tribute to those still lost in foreign lands. Because POW-MIA's put their lives on hold to defend and protect the American way of life, it is our responsibility to do for them now. We speak as their voices, crying out, "WE WILL NOT FORGET." Let the watchfire flames of this vigil that burn through the night, serve as a reminder to all of us--family, friends, veterans, and support groups--that our work remains undone and we must continue to work together as one until we BRING THEM HOME.

"Let's not delay any longer. Years became decades then generations without the fate of America's POW-MIA's being answered. Their families and loved ones need closure. Our government must make foreign governments open doors. Our leaders must not leave them abandoned in enemy lands. Our country sent them into war; they need to account for them."

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We did not stand alone in the night. Others in Santa Clara, California and Fayetteville, North Carolina hundreds more gathered with us and observed the solemn vigil for 78,000 unaccounted Americans. We thank Tom Engkilterra, Regional Coordinator of the National League of POW-MIA Families for his help and support.

## AIR DOME CONCERT SERIES COMES TO 455

Rob Lasky

A traveling concert event will be pitching its "tents" at the McKaig-Test-Mullen American Legion Post 455 in New Egypt, Ocean County, N. J. on Columbus Day weekend October 6-8, 2007. The Air Dome event series brings an inflatable dome to locations throughout the area in which local bands perform. In a great Legion Family effort, the post will be in charge of the canteen, the SAL in charge of food concessions and the ALA in charge of sodas and snacks.

For more detailed info on times, ticket prices, parking, fare and a list of scheduled acts over the three-day event, please visit [www.alpost455nj.org](http://www.alpost455nj.org) or call the post at 609-758-8131.

## VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Dave "Duke" Haring

I am looking forward to visiting my assigned counties--Ocean, Somerset, Hunterdon and Mercer. This year will be very interesting for me as I get the chance to visit many of their squadrons, especially the ones that I have not been to.

Squadron Commanders and County Commanders, I would like very much to come and sit in at one of your SAL meetings or one of your fundraisers. It would be great to enjoy, to observe, and to try to answer any questions that you may have about the Sons. Maybe I can give you some ideas on how to promote and increase membership. I would like also like to share information from the Detachment with you.

Please let me know where and when (complete address) your meetings will be held. You can contact me by mail at 12 Tivoli St., Toms River, NJ 08757; by E-mail at [DukeDave7@comcast.net](mailto:DukeDave7@comcast.net); by phone at 732-244-8534 (home) or 732-597-2604 (cell).

I am looking forward to serving under State SAL Commander Frank Jiosi, He is a dedicated, strong leader, who deserves our complete loyalty and hard work to ensure that this year is a success for him and the Sons.

## MEMBERSHIP

David "Duke" Haring

I congratulate squadrons that won awards for 2007 membership and all squadrons that met or went beyond their previous year's membership. As of August, we did not go over the top at Detachment but were close. Hopefully in September we may just do it!

Remember membership is the life blood of our organization. We must retain last year's members, sign up dual members, and recruit new members. Squadrons suspended due to lack of membership, regroup to get back on track. Show veterans we have their backs.

Per capita is still \$5.00 per member. It is important that you get membership cards in to Trenton. Please do not hold on to them. It may prevent your squadrons from getting any state or national awards.



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By time you read this, the National Convention in Reno, Nevada has concluded and Past Detachment Commander Tom Marsden is now National Vice Commander, Eastern Region. Congratulations to Tom on a job well done. The Detachment is proud of his accomplishments.

I hope that all the members who went to the National Convention had a good time and brought back information to their squadrons back home in New Jersey.

As this calendar year continues, let's not drop the ball so to speak. Let us all as members of the Legion Family continue to promote each other's programs and give a hand wherever it's needed. You will find out how appreciated that can be all members.

Just keep checking my Commander's Page on the website [www.njsal.org](http://www.njsal.org) for constant updates on things going on. Please submit articles for the SALute by contacting Tom Marsden at [saltom@usa.net](mailto:saltom@usa.net).

In checking the last membership report at the last detachment meeting in Trenton, I noticed that the cards have been coming in even earlier than usual. Keep up the good work to make the "Duke" Haring the best membership chairman in the nation. Great job, Duke. We're proud of you.

Also by time you read this, a Josh Dog will have been presented to Alexander Mutz on September 15 at Post #121, Little Falls. Alexander has many illnesses that are incurable. I will personally present the dog at the fundraiser sponsored by the Paterson Dickheads, an organization that helps children in need.

In closing, let's not forget all the committees throughout the entire Detachment. Please support them all. I'd like to see updates by all officers on their web pages. Right now the only one with info there is me. See you at the next state meeting in Trenton in October.

For God and Country,  
Frank Jiosi



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Columbus Day	October 8, 2007
SAL Fall NEC, Indianapolis	October 13-14, 2007
State Meeting, Trenton	October 20, 2007
Veterans Day	November 11, 2007
35% Membership	November 15, 2007
Thanksgiving	November 22, 2007
State Meeting, Trenton	December 1, 2007
45% Membership	December 13, 2007
Christmas	December 25, 2007
New Years Day	January 1, 2007
State Meeting, Trenton	February 2, 2008
Four Chaplains Lakehurst	February 3, 2008
Presidents Day	February 18, 2008
American Legion Birthday	March 15, 2008
Easter	March 23, 2008
Washington Conference	March 30-April 2, 2008
SAL Spring NEC, Indianapolis	May 2-4, 2008
Memorial Day	May 26, 2008

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**Deadline for the next newspaper is October 31, 2007.**

In Nevada's high deserts, first we worked.

Then we played.



NJ SAL delegation, Cmdr. Arner Receives 75 Year Hat, Ed and Luc Marsden Second Nomination, SAL Parade, Time Out in Virginia City, Our SAL NVCE



Pres. Gonzalez Hosts Recognition Day Ceremony, SAL Cmdr. Jiosi Honors Our POW/MIA's, SAL Watchfire Flame Burns



Now we are back home in New Jersey,

working for a FULL ACCOUNTING.

## ALL-SAL ADVISORY MANS ALJBS PAPER

Rob Lasky, Boys State Chairman

JUNE 2007 - American Legion Jersey Boys' State (ALJBS) has been around since 1946 shaping tens of thousands of young men for the future. Along with the emphasis on learning politics and Americanism, statesmen participate in other activities.



The ALJBS newspaper, *The Jersey Statesman*, is one of those activities. For the past several years, an all-SAL staff has acted as the advisory staff for *The Jersey Statesman*. Publisher Paul Lasky and Assistant Publisher Rob Lasky hail from Squadron 455 in New Egypt. National Vice-Commander East, *SALute* editor, and Squadron 166's Tom Marsden also assists as printer and advisor to the publishers.

Paul took over the newspaper during the 2001 session of ALJBS after then Director Bill Wilkins learned he was pursuing a degree in Communications with emphasis on Journalism from Rider University. Assistant Publisher Rob Lasky and Printer Tom Marsden's roles cannot be overlooked.

It was a long road, but the all-SAL advisory staff has transformed *The Jersey Statesman* into a paper of which all can be proud. If you would like to read issues from the last two sessions, you can visit [www.aljbs.org](http://www.aljbs.org) and click on the "News Items" tab at the top of the page. They are available for download in .pdf format.

## NEW JERSEY'S FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Edward T. Marsden, Past National Chaplain

These proud descendants of the veterans of wars served with honor for God and Country. Although they pass into Squadron Everlasting, they are still with us in spirit. They made our programs what they are. Remember them for they are our comrades.

Charles Coghlin  
Jason W. Corrigan  
Thomas Costello, Sr.  
David M. Dallenbach  
Goerge E. Dix  
Justin Franchi  
Jack Gemgnani  
Jospeh R. Gentis  
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Robert Irvine  
Tracy King  
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Joe Milak  
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Richard Phillips  
Joseph W. Pschi  
Stephen G. Rattigan  
Joseph G. Richmond, Jr.  
Alfred W. Rogers  
Steven J. Santo  
Steve Scheiner  
Christopher D. Scholding  
Todd Scott  
Michael A. Shultz  
Frank Sierra  
Norman C. Sullivan  
Scott Turk  
Kevin Vitz  
Ron Wood

## NJ SON VOTED IN AT NATIONAL

Edward T. Marsden, ANEC

At the recent 2007 Sons of The American Legion Convention in Reno, Nevada, Joe Gladden (MD) put forth the name of Thomas E. Marsden for National Vice Commander East. Petty Officer Lukasz A. Marsden next told the convention floor,

"Good morning, fellow delegates to the 75th Sons of the American Legion Convention.

"Tom Marsden's life tradition For God and Country, has served our state, the Eastern Area, and National for 48 years. Tom has always been there for veterans and children--working for POW-MIA's with the Watchfire, for membership with the SA-Lute; supporting CWF, Special Olympics, Boys State, and more. Our membership recognized this when they chose Tom last year as Son of the Year.

"Tom's dedication to the ideals of the Sons of the American Legion, his belief in the Legion Family, and his efforts for the Good of the Sons, make him New Jersey's candidate for National Vice Commander East. We his sons, who followed in his footsteps, testify to this. We know he will serve well--with honor, dignity, and respect."

Then I proudly seconded the nomination.

"The delegation of New Jersey proudly seconds the nomination to high office of our father, our friend, and fellow comrade, Thomas E. Marsden."

When my mother placed a gold cap on his head and Luc and I placed his name tag on his lapel, many from the floor gathered to congratulate him. I know New Jersey's winner will do his best. What more can anyone ask?

## BITS AND PIECES

We welcome Nycole Valerie Marsden, daughter of PDC Luc Marsden into our Legion Family....Four truckloads+ of flags were retired at the 16th Annual POW\*MIA Watchfire....Both the Fall NEC (October 5-7) and SAL National Commander Ray Giehl's Homecoming (November 2-4) are in Indianapolis....As of September 17 membership for 2007 is 8,978 with CWF donations at \$5,180.

## THE EDITOR'S DESK

Award lists not handed in, missing articles on national convention, unsubmitted committee articles--these problems affect YOUR newspaper.. If this paper is to serve the Detachment, each officer and chairman must do his part. Duke Haring, Rob Lasky, Ed Marsden, Al Thomas, and Tom Arner, a big thanks for your work.

## THANK YOU COLONIA SAL

Alfred Thomas

In July members of the S. A. L. Squadron 248 Colonia (see picture) ran a corner drive collecting close to \$1,000. These proceeds and \$200 more were donated to the



Menlo Park Veterans Home, Edison. Thank you for caring.