



Greetings from Detachment,

Well, Marsha Haag's homecoming, August 5, went well with a good turnout. The American Legion Auxiliary fall board meeting, August 4-5 was very informative with old and new friends met. I look forward to working with Marsha in the following year.

Commander Bob, Marsha, and I made a wager on membership percentages and I hope the Sons of the American Legion will help us come out on top!!!

National Detachment Convention will be over when this letter comes out. We will have more on events that went on in the next letter.

As you all know the four pillars for which the American Stands are: Veterans and Rehabilitation, National security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. My focus will be on gifts to Yanks this next year.

Our next D.E.C. will be September 15, 16, and 17 in Bartonville, IL. You should already have your reservations, if not, we are staying at Holiday Inn Express & Suites East Peoria. See you there!

PLEASE GET YOUR SQUADRONS CERTIFIED!!! If your officers are not paid by the middle of October, they will no longer be officers. New members are good they are the lifeblood, but always push for retention. Our old members with the knowledge is what we need to keep.

On a solemn note Corporal Edward Lee Borders SN#ER57508348, made it back home. His remains were accounted for June 5th, 2017 and arrived in Harrisburg, IL July 27, 2017. He died while captured in the Korean War. Date of loss February 13, 1951. He was laid to rest beside his mother, who passed on one month prior to him being accounted for. He was with the 82nd anti-aircraft artillery battalion. His battalion was overrun. He could have been my father.

We wish you all a good summer and look forward to our next letter.

RECRUIT, RETAIN, REMEMBER

Paul Hayse, Detachment Commander