

John Dietz

1. What Year were you National Commander? Elected in 1995 at Indianapolis – served 1995-1996

2. How old were you? 30 years old

3. How many visits were you able to make? 26 Detachments, 40 official visits

Did you have a favorite visit? Why? Where? All of my visits were memorable – Arlington Cemetery during the Washington Conference stands out in particular. We witnessed a full military funeral for a Navy Admiral – it was slightly foggy and the caisson and the honor guard and the Navy Band emerged from the midst playing “God of Our Fathers” and “Crown Him with Many Crowns”. Really awe inspiring.

5. Throughout your year how many days were you away from home? Probably more than 100 days

6. What was the highlight of your year? Surpassing the Legion and the Auxiliary in donations to the Child Welfare Foundation

7. Would you run for National Commander again? Only if you put a gun to my head.

8. What would you say to a Blue Capper that wants to someday be a National Commander? Think twice, it’s not what you think it is. It is a lot of hard work, some reward, minimal recognition for your efforts, and a boatload of frustration

9. What was your main project for the year? Raising funds for the Child Welfare Foundation

1. What was your motto and or theme? Our theme was Flying High; our motto was “To Inform and Educate, To Inspire and Motivate”

1. As of 2014-2015 how many years have you been a member? 43 years

1. Why did you join the S.A.L.? My father was Squadron Advisor at the time, I joined to spend time with my Dad and my brothers who were members

13. What was your membership goal? Was it achieved? Our membership goal was to break 100,000 members – we did not achieve the goal.

14. What was your CWF Goal? Was it achieved? Our CWF was \$100,000 – we beat it by \$16,000

15. Are you still active in the S.A.L.? I maintain my membership in Squadron 275, but I do not serve as a Squadron Officer.

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Past National Commander

Sons of The American Legion