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1. What Year were you National Commander?
 - a. 1994-1995
2. How old were you?
 - a. 30 years old
3. How many visits were you able to make?
 - a. 12-15
4. Did you have a favorite visit? Why? Where?
 - a. Washington Conference, Was able to place a wreath at Iwo Jima Memorial.
5. Throughout your year how many days were you away from home?
 - a. 60+
6. What was the highlight of your year?
 - a. The birth of my Second Son Connor on July 16, 1995. I ended up missing the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington DC and Brian O’Hearne went in my stead. I think he was a National Assistant Adjutant. He has great stories of sitting next to General Norman Schwartzkopf and the South Korean Prime Minister. He was Very honored to go. He gave me a ball cap from the Memorial. I gave the cap to my Step-Father who was a Korean War Vet.
7. Would you run for National Commander again?
 - a. Yes, because it was a singular honor to represent the Sons.
8. What would you say to a Blue Capper that wants to someday be a National Commander?
 - a. Stay involved with your Squadron and make your Detachment the best it can be. Showcase your management skills by developing leaders under you and manage the Four Pillars within your state. Hone your presentation skills and come to the NEC Meetings. Find a PNC and introduce yourself. Tell them of your aspirations and they can get you connected with a Mentor. Be sure your Detachment and Department are in favor of you working at the National Level. Be sure you can take honest feedback. But I assure you, it’s worth the effort to serve at this level.
9. What was your main project for the year?
 - a. At that time there wasn’t a project that I recall being a focus. Just promoting membership and growing the developing Detachments was a priority.
10. What was your motto and or theme?
 - a. I used the Iwo Jima memorial on my Commander’s pin with the Motto: “Raising Our Standards” My intention was to show the sacrifice our Fathers and Grandfather’s made to keep our flag or “standard” flying high. And what that meant to the fighting men. Raising the Standards of the Sons of The American Legion was intended to have members demand excellence in the leaders they elect as well as rededicate themselves to serving Veterans,

Children and America. To this day I work in my own way trying to raise the standards of those I encounter in Detachment's as well as at the National Level. My goal is to have National Officer's of such a high caliber that If I ran again, I'd lose.

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

a. 34 years.

12. Why did you join the S.A.L.?

a. The American Legion in my hometown sponsored my Boy Scout Troop, sponsored our Marching Band, provided me scholarships for College. When they announced they were Chartering a Squadron, my mother STRONGLY Suggested I become a member to pay back all the Legion gave to me.

13. What was your membership goal? Was it achieved?

a. I don't recall.

14. What was your CWF Goal? Was it achieved?

a. I don't recall.

15. Are you still active in the S.A.L.?

a. I feel that I am. I'm honored to be asked by Detachment's to come and present on Public Speaking and Leadership. I also serve as a presenter at the National Management Institute Session One.

