

2018 Membership Newsletter December 2017

Let's get crackin' here! The Department is well below the 75% target amount. Headquarters needs as much membership in by Monday, 11 December to get a check cut and sent overnight to National. It can be very simple and easy to accomplish.

This will be short and sweet this month as the last thing a lot of legionnaires are thinking of is paying their 2018 dues. But what a time to get it done and over with. Not only are you getting one more thing off your plate, it's helping your post get that much closer to their goal. After renewing your dues, think of your fellow veterans, to offer to pay their dues this membership year as a gift from one considerate veteran to another. I'm sure he or she would be grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Yes, you could be the Holiday Santa or New Years Eve baby to give a gift of membership! Some members may be experiencing financial difficulty during this time of year. Think about it and act!

Currently there are 13 posts at or over 100%. Seven Districts have at least one 100% post if not three. Colebrook is now a Family Honor post with the Post and Auxiliary at 100%. Hey, Winchester, Chesterfield and Swanzey, you are so close to being 100%, I wonder which of you will get there first? District 6 Grafton Post 97 has informed us that they will be 100% very, very soon. Look at the recently re-charted District 5 Henniker Post 78. They are holding their first Holiday basket raffles to get funds to support children and youth programs. Contact Dave Currier (ALHennikerPost78@gmail.com) to get your tickets. District 8 is still leading the pack for the highest percentage by districts for the membership year.

If your post or District needs assistance with membership reach out to the 2018 Membership Team and we will gladly assist. Actually, you are a member of our Membership team so lend your support to the Department. Check with your Post to find out what your American Legion post has done in your community. This information is on the individual Consolidated Post Report (CPR) filled out each year. It can provide you with the necessary information to attract those potential members that want to know what the local post is doing for their community and youth.

So, are you ready? Say "Yes" and join the membership drive for your post and community. Stay safe in the holidays and don't forget our service members - past and present- may God bless.

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