

**DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA – DISTRICT 8 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2017**

**For all Posts – Dues Increase. Department has increased all dues effective January 1, 2018. Posts with questions can phone Sandy Steinkamp at**[**402-464-6338**](tel:(402)%20464-6338)**.**

**Upcoming events for the 2017-2018 Calendar**

**September 9th Saturday. Victory Apartments Patriots Day Breakfast 0730**

**September 11th Monday. Patriots Day.**

**September 15th POW/MIA Recognition Day**

**September 17th, Sunday. Post 331 Bar-B-Q Cookoff. 12:00Noon to 6:00pm.**

**September 23rd- Saturday Annual “Hats Off” Meeting at Papillion Post 32, 12:00 Noon**

**October 8 Sunday, Fall Round up at 1:00pm, Herman Post 274, 705 Main Street, Herman, NE**

**October 17th Tuesday, Sarpy County Government Day,** **Sarpy County Courthouse, 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE. Registration will begin in the County Boardroom at 8:30am.**

**November 11th, Saturday. Veteran’s Day.**

**November 17, Friday. Annual Stand-Down. Grace Bible College Auditorium.**

**November 18, Saturday, Oratorical Contest, 1:00pm Gretna, Post 216, 11690 S.216 Street,**

**February 10, 2018 Saturday, District 8 Convention, 9:00am South Omaha, Post 331, 4830 South 21st Street, Omaha, NE**

**April 14, 2018, Saturday, Jr Law Cadet interviews11:00am Ralston Post #373, 7400 Q street Ralston, NE.**

**May 20, 2018, Saturday, Girls and Boys State Orientation, 2:00pm, Omaha Post #1, 7811 Davenport St. Omaha, NE.**

***Please take the time to review National Commander Denise Rohan’s 2017-2018 Award Incentives and forward this to your respective Posts Commanders/Adjutants so they are aware of the award incentives too.***

***A. Department Retention Award***

***B. 100% American Legion Family Ribbon***

***C. New Member Pin Certification***

**A. DEPARTMENT RETENTION AWARD - It will run from September 1st 2017 to June 30th 2018 and works like this: To reward departments that continue to show a culture of growth by employing the tactics outlined in The Strategic Plan for Sustained Membership Growth by retaining existing members: A monetary award will be issued to the departments with the highest retention percentage of 2017 members that renew for 2018. The National Vice Commander over the region with the largest percentage increase will receive a recognition award. Status updates will be emailed each target date beginning in October. Please see below for other details, and feel free to contact Sean Sparks at ssparks@legion.org with any questions.**

** This award will recognize the highest retention percentage of current 2017 membership year’s Legion members, based on departments’ membership totals as of June 30, 2017**

** Percentage is based on number of current 2017 members that renew for 2018**

** All departments are eligible for this award**

** Categories will be the same as Big 12 Competition (with the addition of Mexico and Philippines in Category VI)**

** National Vice Commander over the region with the highest percentage of 2017 members renewed for 2018 will be recognized**

**B.** **100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON**

100% American Legion Family Ribbons will be awarded to any post family that achieves 100% membership by the 2018 100% target date. (American Legion Family is defined as a post **and/or** *any* combination of Auxiliary unit or SAL squadron. (**Each must achieve 100% to qualify**) <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=225e4ac01c&view=att&th=15e2e791cea7a567&attid=0.2&disp=inline&safe=1&zw>

**C. New Member Pin Certification – Go To** <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=225e4ac01c&view=att&th=15e2e791cea7a567&attid=0.2&disp=inline&safe=1&zw>

**DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP STANDINGS BY AREA AND DISTRICT**

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| **Place** | **Area** | **Commander** | **2017**  **Members** | **2018**  Goal | **2018**  **Members** | **Percent**  **Goal** |
| 1 | C | Dick Binder | 8,415 | 8,528 | 4,183 | 49.05 % |
| 2 | B | George Cyboron | 10,137 | 10,252 | 4,679 | 45.64 % |
|  | Dept | Jim Coste!lo | 30,690 | 31,040 | 14,050 | 45.26 % |
| 3 | A | Ken Hanel | 7,350 | 7,400 | 3,347 | 45,23 % |
| 4 | D | Roxanne Sones | 4,161 | 4,243 | 1,556 | 36.67 % |
|  | **Dist.** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 15 | Wade Graft | 1,714 | 1,715 | 938 | 54.69 % |
| 2 | 13 | Kevin McKinney | 678 | 692 | **354** | 51.16 % |
| 3 | 2 | Ken Meyer | 2,914 | 2,951 | 1,472 | 49.88 % |
| 4 | 12 | Bonnie Brewer | 2,075 | 2,101 | 1,030 | 49.02 % |
| 5 | 1 | Rodney Rose | 2,371 | **2,410** | 1,158 | 48.05 % |
| 6 | 7 | Robert Ball | 3,305 | 3,339 | 1,582 | 47.38 % |
| 7 | 3 | Daryl Harrison | 1,879 | 1,910 | 885 | **46.34** % |
|  | Dept | Jim Costello | 30,690 | 31,040 | 14,050 | 45.26 % |
| **8** | **8** | **Michael Sheridan** | **5,471** | **5,490** | **2,462** | **44.85 %** |
| 9 | 10 | Jesse Green | 1,577 | 1,610 | 703 | 43.66 % |
| 10 | 9 | Tyre Nelson | 843 | 867 | **374** | 43.14 % |
| 1 | 6 | Rich Lemmerman | 3,918 | 3,962 | 1,625 | 41.01 % |
| 12 | 4 | Larry McCracken | 1,067 | 1,089 | **428** | 39.30 % |
| 13 | 1 | Gene VonForell | 1,062 | 1,075 | 383 | 35.63 % |
| 14 | 5 | Marv Donnelly | 1,189 | 1,212 | 371 | 30.61 % |

The Department of Nebraska National Membership Goal for 2017-18 is 31,000 Members. As of August 31, 2017, the Department records show 14,050 paid members for **45.33%** of national goal.

**DISTRICT 8 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS BY POST** As of 8/31/2017

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Post#** | **Name** | **All Time**  High | **4 Year**  **Ave** | **2017**  **Members** | **2018**  **Goal** | **2018**  **Members** | |
| 1 | Omaha | 22,966 | 1,148 | 1,046 | 1,047 | 226 | |
| 30 | Omaha | 494 | 99 | 94 | 95 | 36 | |
| 58 | Valley | 207 | 88 | 77 | 78 | 45 | |
| 112 | Omaha | 2,200 | 143 | 128 | 129 | 82 | |
| 211 | Elkhorn | 290 | 72 | 64 | 65 | 39 | |
| 266 | Bennington | 128 | 111 | 113 | 114 | 68 | |
| 331 | Omaha | 2,037 | 702 | 601 | 602 | 241 | |
| 373 | Ralston | 728 | 317 | 292 | 293 | 140 | |
| 374 | Millard | 3,026 | 1,418 | 1,351 | 1,352 | 735 | |
|  | **DOUGLAS County** |  | **4,098** | **3,766** | **3,775** | **1,612** 0 | |
| 32 | Papillion | 701 | 663 | 701 | 702 | 415 | |
| 37 | Bellevue | 80 | 36 | 35 | 36 | 22 | |
| 143 | Springfield | 213 | 115 | 111 | 112 | 50 | |
| 216 | Gretna | 262 | 199 | 207 | 208 | 24 | |
| 339 Bellevue | | 226 | 185 | 190 | 191 | 103 |  |
| **SARPY** County | |  | **1,198** | **1,244** | **1,249** | **614** | **0** |
| 71 | Arlington | 162 | 104 | 104 | 105 | 54 |  |
| 154 | Blair | 406 | 148 | 34 | 135 | 70 | |
| 274 | Herman | 165 | 103 | 103 | 104 | 60 | |
| 348 | Fort Calhoun | 146 | 102 | 105 | 106 | 45 |  |
| 366 | Kennard | 72 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 7 | |
|  | **WASHINGTON County** |  | **474** | **461** | **466** | **236**0 | |
| **Total for District 8** | | **5,770** | | **5,471** | **5,490** | **2,462** | **0** |