

The Legionnaire

“Reconnecting”



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Commanders Comments

Hello all,

Let me begin by thanking everyone in the districts for your wonderful hospitality. I really feel the best part of this job is seeing all of you as we travel to your districts. I would also like to thank Dave Swafford, our Detachment Commander for traveling with us to ALL of the district fall conferences. GREAT job Dave, thanks and keep up the good work.

For all who have worked so diligently on membership thank you. We have been able to meet all of our goals thus far.

My wish, this holiday season for all of us would be good health and happiness. I hope everyone will be able to spend time with family and friends. Keep our service members in your prayers.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the dedication of the Northern Utah Nursing Home such a success. It was fantastic to see so many Legion family members there. Our National Commander Clarence Hill commented on the number of legion caps that were present that day.

I would also like to thank our Department Auxiliary for allowing some of us gents to help with their Christmas Gift shop at the VA this year. If you have never spent time there you truly have missed an opportunity to see these great ladies in action. What a wonderful thing they do for our veterans and their families.

I hope all of our district commanders and members of the Department Executive Committee will be able to attend the Exec. Committee meeting on the 12th of Dec. Hopefully the weather will not be as bad as last Dec.’s meeting.

By way of reminder, please continue to search out those of the Greatest Generation (WWII service members who served in the South Pacific) and send their info to Dept. HQ in order that they may be added to the list so that we might honor them at our Dept. Convention in St. George next year

For God and Country

Thank you,

Fred Mason
Commander

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Membership



Membership

As we approach Christmas and the holiday season. I am keenly aware of the blessings we share by living in this great country. For us as The Legion Family we are especially blessed because of our membership in The American Legion. I am honored to be a veteran, honored to be a member of The American Legion and honored to serve you in my current assignment as membership chairman.

I was fortunate enough to attend the National Legion College in late October. That was a very worthwhile experience. While we learned much about the Legion in general, the emphasis was definitely on post organization, functions and membership.

There were many examples of successful post revitalizations and post programs presented. Successful programs build successful posts and successful posts have successful programs. You cannot have one without the other. I see and hear of many posts in our own Department who cannot retain current members or attract new members. We need to have something to offer the membership or we will not be successful..

We have been able to meet our membership goals to date and I applaud you all for your efforts. However, we have done so primarily with early renewals. Meeting our goals will be much harder from here on. Posts can expect to lose 10 to 12 percent of their membership annually. Obviously, we need new members just to maintain our numbers. We are running out of time for this membership year. Please become proactive.

Again, and as always, I am offering my help to all of you regarding membership issues and post revitalization. Many posts are struggling to maintain their membership strength. I am willing to conduct training for your district and post officers and membership teams. That also includes field training if you want me to spend time with someone recruiting in your area. We can also bring a recruiter from National in to do the same thing if you prefer. Please take advantage of these opportunities. Call me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I want to help.

For the good of the Legion

Vice Commander

Membership Chairman

Glen Bradford

Goals

Our Department membership goal is **9300**

This year each District Commander will be given a district goal and they may assign their own post goals

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December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>DEC Ogden @ 12</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 <i>office closed</i>	25 <i>closed</i>	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Schedule of Events

December 7th
Pearl Harbor Day

December 12th
DEC Meeting
Ogden Nursing
Home @ 12

December 24th
Christmas Eve

December 25th
Christmas

January 1
New Years Day

January 12th
Dist 8 Oratorical
Mt. Jordan Middle
School
@ 7pm

January 18th
MLK Day

Upcoming Events

Dept. Oratorical
Contest
February 13th
SLC VAMC
Bldg 9 @ 1 pm

March 1-3
Spring meeting
Washington DC

March 20th
Legion Birthday
Party
Fillmore Post 61

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <i>Dist 8 Oratorical</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK



Hello All,

So far so good!

We are meeting all of our membership goals and getting points from National Headquarters. We need to keep in mind that when a Post or District runs a membership or fundraising event, please send a short write-up as to the activities so that it may be included in the Post Consolidated Report as well as forwarding to Indianapolis for points toward reconnection efforts. Every dime and every person is important.

Posts, please send in your \$5.00 for your Post Bond. The Department pays for the bond up front so that the posts can be covered. However, If we do not receive your contribution, your posts and officials may not be.

We have had three substantial changes in Department leadership recently. Lloyd Beardsley has stepped down as the Area Three commander due to time constraints with his work for the church. Please take time to show your appreciation to Lloyd for his many years of service to those in Southern Utah and the State as a whole.

Thanks, Lloyd!! Also, the District Three Commander, Dale Brockbank has resigned due to a heavy workload under Uncle Sam's government. Jack Climer of Park City Post 14 has taken over those duties and we wish him all success. Additionally, Joe Rutledge, on the advice of his physician has stepped down in District Seven. We thank Joe for his efforts in growing the Southwestern corner of the state and wish him well on his road to recovery. The Commander has yet to appoint a successor for Joe, but he has recommendations on a couple of fine Legionnaires to keep that ship going full steam ahead.

As we welcome in the new year and a new decade let us welcome our newest veterans at every opportunity. The hardships of multiple, long term deployments on these brave young men and women have taken a toll on they and their families. Don't just try to sign them up, but ask them what assistance they may need to satisfactorily reenter the civilian community.

As we watch our congressional folks in Washington wrangle their way toward health care reform, remember that the Legion Insurance Trust offers many products to supplement health care insurance, prescription coverage, travel insurance and hospital pay. They also have competitive automobile and shortly, dental plans that ore exclusive to our membership. If you have any questions on these offerings, please don't hesitate to call us at Department HQ. We may not have all the answers right away, but will find those who do so that you can make wise choices about these and similar products.

Wishing each and everyone one of you a joyous holiday season and a bountiful new year.

Regards to all,

Greg Rowley

Department Adjutant

From your NEC Man

Elaine and I want to wish everyone the best not only for this season but for every season of the year. A heartfelt thanks to the American Legion Family for your support and contributions. It's a challenge each day of the year to realize the impact the Legion Family programs have in preserving American's freedom challenges.

May every patriotic and freedom loving American join in thanking our military for the sacrifices they and their families are making on our behalf. We must always remember "Freedom is not Free" everyone must be involved.

May the year ahead be blessed with peace, good health and cheer to bring happiness to all of our dedicated volunteers and members of the Legion Family.

Best Wishes to all

Bill & Elaine

Chaplain's Message

Gracious Father, we your children beseech thee and thy Blessings upon us. Our world is in turmoil, trust in anything is almost gone.

Hope for good is in Decline Father if it would be thy will,

Show us hope in 2010. Grant our leader's true judgment

in all matters concerning their

welfare. Help us be one Nation under "GOD", not several political parties, with separate goals. Help us to redo our lives and help other to follow us. With "THY" great assistance and our one NATION under "THEE", it can

Happen! We pray thy will, will be done.

God Bless Us All

Byron Lewis



Department Secretary: News,

Hi Legionnaires,

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family and friends. And now starts the Christmas season. Good Luck with that.

Ok I'm running into some problems, with paperwork being sent in. First, thank you so much for all your hard work. I really do appreciate it... But you're making more work for your self then you have to. I receive Member Data Forms and Membership cards on members that have passed away. You only need to do ONE or the OTHER BUT, Please not both. Do not put address changes on the membership cards. You must fill out a Data Form.

When I send you a "Request To Transfer To Local Post" card, that means they have ALREADY paid their dues. You will receive their membership cards next year. Please call them and make them feel welcomed to your Post.

Remember you MUST send \$24.50 for each member that you send to Department. Please just send one check. We do not need a separate check for each member. Also PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO NATIONAL, they keep the money and send us your cards. It must come thru this office first.

Also, Commanders and Adjutants, if you have not already paid your Dues, please do so immediately. National sends a list of officers that have not paid yet and it really doesn't look good for our Dept. or for you. If you have a question, please give me a call either at 801-539-1013 or

801-326-2380.

Hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Sons of the Legion

Till we see each other again, Happy Trails

Dave Swafford

S.A.L. Detachment Commander, State of Utah

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MEMBERSHIP SAL

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Squardon Name & Number	Goal	PD.Members	Total	Percent	ENDING
Myton SQ. 5	18	13	13	72%	
Ogden SQ. 9	28	29	29	104%	
Park City SQ. 14	5	7	6	103%	
Tooele SQ. 17	10	7	7	70%	
Duchesne SQ.22	0	0	0	0%	
Heber SQ. 23	6	0	0	0%	
Ferron SQ. 42	14	8	0	57%	
Payson SQ.48	15	14	13	93%	
Smithfield SQ. 58	25	3	3	12%	
Pioneer SQ. 66	30	31	30	103%	
Holladay SQ. 71	60	32	16	53%	
Orem SQ. 72	20	18	8	90%	
Sandy SQ. 77	20	31	0	155%	
Enterprise SQ. 80	34	35	35	103%	
Layton SQ. 87	58	18	9	31%	
St. George SQ. 90	7	0	0	0%	
Gunnison SQ. 104	21	25	0	119%	
So. Salt Lake SQ. 112	96	37	17	39%	
Huntsville SQ. 129	135	10	0	7%	
Kearns SQ. 132	59	26	0	44%	
Clearfield SQ. 134	74	32	7	43%	
Robin Wetzler SQ. 139	14	21	0	150%	
TOTAL	647	397	186	61%	

Nov. 25,
09

DISTRICT ONE **2009-2010** **All Time High =**

Commander Erik Brandenburg

<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEM- BERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
7	Logan	59	34	10	44	75%	133
10	Brigham City	79	42	9	51	65%	178
12	USU	59	46	2	48	81%	65
33	Richmond	14	12	0	12	86%	22
47	South Cache	52	40	2	42	81%	168
50	Lewiston	24	21	0	21	88%	49
52	Randolph	21	20	1	21	100%	25
58	Smithfield	230	117	15	132	57%	180
76	Tremonton	27	12	11	23	85%	17
101	Ballard-Grant	15		1	1	7%	18
10	Posts	580	344	51	395	68%	855

DISTRICT TWO **2009-2010**

Commander Paul Bingham

<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
9	Baker-Merrill	608	380	71	451	74%	1113
27	Farmington	61	47	5	52	85%	49
66	Pioneer	18	10	3	13	72%	30
67	Morgan	34	25	3	28	82%	102
79	Bountiful	105	19	10	29	28%	130
87	Layton	300	135	39	174	58%	314
129	Ogden Valley	183	115	2	117	64%	343
133	Hill Field AFB	9		0	0	0%	22
134	Clearfield	486	251	52	303	62%	447
139	Robin Wetzler	151	90	31	121	80%	347
10	Posts	1955	1072	216	1288	66%	2897

DISTRICT THREE **2009-2010**

Commander Dale Brockbank

<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
2	Salt Lake City	24	12	3	15	63%	43
14	Park City	33	25	12	37	112%	48
23	Heber City	43	29	2	31	72%	98
93	Coalville	34	26	2	28	82%	71
95	Kamas	12	5	0	5	42%	55
5	Posts	146	97	19	116	79%	315

DISTRICT FOUR 2009-2010

Com- mander								
<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>	
	Frank Davis							
1	Nephi	66	47	4	51	77%	152	
13	Provo	89	50	18	68	76%	302	
19	Lehi	98	56	21	77	79%	110	
24	Levan	17	8	1	9	53%	32	
28	Springville	94	51	15	66	70%	110	
34	Eureka	8	8	1	9	113%	65	
48	Payson	111	67	11	78	70%	188	
49	American Fork	32	36	1	37	116%	84	
68	Spanish Fork	183	122	26	148	81%	363	
70	Pleasant Grove	45	8	4	12	27%	71	
72	Orem	116	69	14	83	72%	119	
84	Santaquin	31	22	4	26	84%	51	
123	Goshen	9	10	1	11	122%	50	
141	Camp Williams	6		0	0	0%		
14	Posts	905	554	121	675	75%	1697	

DISTRICT FIVE 2009-2010

Com- mander								
<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>	
	Ray Quinn							
3	Price	124	70	11	81	65%	125	
21	Helper	18	12	1	13	72%	17	
39	Orangeville	22	21	1	22	100%	22	
42	Ferron	47	28	5	33	70%	57	
44	Wellington	6	4	1	5	83%	8	
54	Moab	61	34	13	47	77%	72	
73	Huntington	35	22	4	26	74%	30	
97	Blanding	6		1	1	17%	10	
98	Emery	15	11	3	14	93%	18	
103	Green River	22	10	0	10	45%	24	
137	East Carbon	12	8	2	10	83%	17	
11	Posts	368	220	42	262	71%	400	

DISTRICT SIX 2009-2010

Com- mander								
<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>	
	Wayne Jackson							
4	Mt. Pleasant	8	4	1	5	63%	79	
31	Manti	74	44	5	49	66%	101	
36	Salina	59	46	7	53	90%	172	
37	Monroe	44	26	4	30	68%	50	
45	Richfield	14	7	2	9	64%	241	
61	Fillmore	59	48	1	49	83%	120	
75	Elsinore	48	9	12	21	44%	83	
92	Loa	63	29	23	52	83%	90	
104	Gunnison	43	29	4	33	77%	80	
105	Centerfield	47	35	7	42	89%	67	
107	Moroni	20	13	1	14	70%	70	
118	Redmond	29	28	0	28	97%	44	
135	Delta	137	76	25	101	74%	176	
13	Posts	645	394	92	486	75%	1373	

DISTRICT SEVEN 2009-2010

Commander	Joe Rutledge						
<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
16	Milford	28	19	1	20	71%	173
18	Bryce Valley	10	9	0	9	90%	53
20	Parowan	12	6	2	8	67%	86
25	Panquitch	17		1	1	6%	73
32	Beaver	59	42	1	43	73%	125
69	Kanab	64	43	8	51	80%	98
74	Cedar City	77	44	9	53	69%	172
80	Enterprise	50	39	6	45	90%	73
81	Minersville	20	12	0	12	60%	26
90	St. George	376	237	61	298	79%	434
100	Hurricane	150	97	11	108	72%	161
114	Escalante	24	16	2	18	75%	46
120	Long Valley	10	9	0	9	90%	17
142	Sun River	84	46	2	48	57%	
14	Posts	981	619	104	723	74%	1537

DISTRICT EIGHT 2009-2010

Commander	Tom Blockovich						
<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
17	Tooele	71	41	6	47	66%	104
30	Bingham	6	2	0	2	33%	17
38	Magna	13	1	2	3	23%	108
60	Murray	6	1	2	3	50%	358
71	Holladay	636	335	55	390	61%	827
77	Sandy	149	131	15	146	98%	151
85	Draper	20	17	0	17	85%	89
112	So. Salt Lake	604	337	25	362	60%	453
119	West Jordan	14		2	2	14%	70
131	Dugway	6	1	1	2	33%	229
132	Kearns	200	109	28	137	69%	438
140	Riverton	60	38	3	41	68%	64
8240	West Valley City	60	54	0	54	90%	23
13	Posts	1845	1067	139	1206	65%	2931

DISTRICT NINE 2009-2010

Commander	Hal Hatch						
<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
5	Myton	38	24	1	25	66%	93
6	Fruitland	12	0	1	1	8%	53
11	Vernal	46	25	1	26	57%	152
22	Duchesne	42	22	10	32	76%	89
53	Altamont	33	18	7	25	76%	49
64	Roosevelt	92	49	12	61	66%	149
124	Jensen	84	46	3	49	58%	121
126	Fort Duchesne	28	18	1	19	68%	31
8	Posts	375	202	36	238	63%	737

HEADQUARTERS 2009-2010

<u>POST #</u>	<u>POST NAME</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
8	Headquarters	1500	844	104	948	63%	1987
8	DMS						

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Department of Utah		<u>GOAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PUFL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>ATH</u>
99 Posts	Department Goal	9300	5412	924	6336	68%	14729