

The Legionnaire "Reconnecting"



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Commanders Comments

Hello all,

Let me begin by thanking everyone who worked so hard to reach our membership goal dates. We slipped a little on the last one, but that doesn't mean we can't catch up on the next one.

I am very much looking forward to our Legion Family Birthday Party in Fillmore. The guys and gals in District 6 have worked so hard to make this a special event for us. It would please me no end so see every Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion member in attendance. We are also please that our National Vice Commander Morris Bentley will be with

us for this occasion. Come and meet him, he is a great guy.

If there are any remaining WWII South Pacific veterans whose names need to be turned in, please do so, in order that we may honor them at our Department Convention in St. George.

Appreciate our District Commanders getting the dates for their Spring Conventions into Dept. in a timely fashion so that we can plan our attendance.

I want to tell you what a great time we had at the Dept. Oratorical; the youth did such a fantastic job. All of them will make great leaders in the future. To the judges, time

keepers and district escorts thank you so much. And of course none of this would happen without all the HARD WORK Allan Setterberg puts in for this event. Thanks Allan you're a great friend. And as if Allan didn't already have enough to do, he has volunteered to put together the Book of Reports for our June convention. Would all of our committee chairmen and department officers please get your reports to Allan by June 11th.

For God and Country

Thank you,

Fred Mason

Commander

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Goals

Our Department membership goal is **9300**

Nationally we stand 38th out of 55 Departments at roughly 82%.

If you have non-renewed members go get them. **Every Post Officer should recruit one new member**

District 3 was the sole qualifier for the Calendar year bonus with a 7% increase over the previous year.

The Department Headquarters is

Seeking your help in keeping updated on changes in your Post. When there is a change of address or a change in officers, we really need to be informed **ASAP**.

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Membership

We did a good job of meeting our goals for the first five target dates and, of that, I am proud as all of you should be. We didn't meet our February goal of 85% and I am disappointed. We were doing so well. It's looking like we are not going to meet our goals for the remaining three target dates either. As the song says, "we've got a long way to go and a short time to get there".

As I said in our last newsletter, 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. New memberships are not nearly keeping pace with losses. We are running out of time for this membership year. Please become and remain proactive.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to the South Cache dinner party last month. What a pleasure it was to see how that post has developed into such a strong post in the last few years. They have really done a good job. The food was great, the hospitality was excellent.

District 6 under the leadership of Wayne Jackson will be conducting two post revitalizations in late March. He has Michele Steinmetz and hopefully one other recruiter scheduled to spend seven days in Sanpete, Millard and Sevier counties. District and post officers will be involved too. I will be with them every day. I have great expectations for this membership drive. The timing couldn't be better. It immediately follows our Department Birthday Party in Fillmore. There should be maximum awareness in all of District 6 of the American Legion presence in those counties. We will be recruiting for all posts in those counties.

I need to give a giant "attaboy" to Fillmore City. Millard County, District 6 and Fillmore Post 61 for all the effort they have put forth in planning for our birthday party. I hope everyone appreciates what a great job they have done. It is going to be a fun weekend. I encourage all of you to attend.

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. 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.

Glen Bradford

Department Vice Commander



March 2010

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Svgs</i>	15 <i>Legion B'Day</i>	16	17 	18	19	20 <i>Birth-day Party</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Upcoming Events

March 1-3
Spring meeting
Washington DC

March 20, 2010
DEC meeting
Post 61 @ 2

March 20th



Legion Birthday
Party
Fillmore Post 61

April 21st
Legion Western
Scramble Golf
Tournament
Sky Mountain G.C
Post 90
St. George, UT

April 2010

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



Spring Conferences

District 8
4/10/10
Red Garter
Wendover

District 5
11 am
TBA

District 7
Golden Corral
St. George

Dist 1& 2
Post 134
Clearfield

District 4
1 pm
Spanish Fork

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK



Hello All,

We have some great events coming up in the next couple of months, but first I would like to thank all those responsible for a great oratorical contest on February 14th @ the SLVAMC. We had a good turnout and enjoyed some stunning competition from some amazing high school students from Salt Lake, Smithfield, Orem, South Jordan Ogden and Riverton. The winner and our representative to compete in the National Finals was **Amanda Tibbets** from Riverton High. Amanda and her mother will be going to Indianapolis in early April to compete for an \$18,000.00 scholarship. Good Luck to Amanda. I would also like to thank the judges: Ron Wood, Ellen Setterberg, Dave Swafford (SAL Commander), Tom Blockovitch, Jeff Setterberg, and of course, **Allen Setterberg** who directs and runs the show. He has done a wonderful job over the years and it is something I always know will go off without a hitch, because he is in charge.

Our 91st Birthday Party will be hosted by Fillmore Post 61 on the weekend of the 20th of March. They asked to host at the December DEC and we needed to do something different than making everyone come to Salt Lake. The Legion Family in Fillmore has done an outstanding job getting this program together. There will be activities for everyone on Saturday and Sunday. Golf, Awards, ATV rides, Museum Tours, a little bit of Legion business and a great banquet on Saturday Night. Cost for the meal will be \$15.00 at the door. We would certainly like to thank Millard County for a substantial donation to keep the costs for everyone down. Also,

Paradise Golf Resort will be allowing anyone connected with the Birthday Party to play golf all day for \$10.00. I am a golfer, and that is a fantastic deal. Most of the attendees from out of town will be staying at the Best Western Paradise. **Remember, everyone has to call and make reservations with them**, even though I have given them a list of expected guests. To include our Western National Vice-Commander, Morris Bentley, who will be visiting from Idaho.

Beginning in April, Districts will begin their Spring Conventions. The dates are included in the previous page calendar.

Two orders of business that need to be attended to ASAP are: Consolidated Post Reporting and Post Data Forms. These will be going out in the mail shortly and need to be completed by April 15th. The CPR, is also available online at www.legion.org and at www.utlegion.org. **The Post Data forms need to include the correct address for renewal notices, current Commander and Adjutant, and most importantly, Post Dues amount.** These forms are an integral part of our abilities to get National the correct information for membership, announcements, news and other related business. It is therefore **crucial that they are accurate and up-to date.**

.Later in this newsletter there is information for a golf tournament being hosted by St. George Post 90 on April 21st. They need you golfers to go down and support the programs before it gets hot, hot, hot. Thanks you all.

Regards ,

Greg Rowley

Department Adjutant

BW Paradise Resort # is (435) 743 6895

Mention Legion Birthday for the \$59.00 special rate.

Boy's State



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Notice...Notice...Notice

Legionnaires, you are cordially invited to join us for this year's Boys State Program at Weber State University June 7th through 11th. The counselors meeting will be conducted at 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 6th. All it costs you is your time.

You should also be in contact with your local high schools now to ensure your candidates for this year's program are interviewed and prepared to attend.

A reminder that each student citizen will receive three (3) semester hours of college credit and that last year's citizens received more than \$320,000.00 in scholarships.

Sooo, come one; come all as we teach the future leaders of our communities how to govern themselves. For questions, call Richard Fisher @ (801) 773-9312 or Bob Jones @ (801) 336-6951.



Gracious Father to thee we pray

That we might Please thee every day

With thy guidance We shall succeed

With thee stepping at our side.

Our challenges are great, courage is called

Our future is in our hands, if we are?

No one group working alone and

Not caring will achievethe task

Right, Left, Middle going their own way

It's not the way, We the people should display

It's up to us, can we do the task?

With Thee Father and our devotion we can.

God Bless America

Amen

Byron M. Lewis Dept. Chaplain



Department Secretary: News,

Hi Legionnaires,

As I'm writing this, I can't believe we are into March already. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. Commanders and Adjutants, please make sure one of you signs the Member Data Forms, when someone is transferring into your Post. Again please **DO NOT SEND** a separate check for each member that is renewing. Please send just one. When you have your Post elections. Please send me a copy of the new officers. Include name, address, phone number and email if they have one.

Again **DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIP**. We have a lot of Posts that think they need to hold it for what ever reason. Please when you get a new member, fill out the 3 part card completely. That includes name, address and what period they served in. That includes members that have not renewed the last couple of years.

Remember that District Conventions are coming up. It's really important that each Post sends someone (or more) to these meetings. This is where you get important information. If you don't go then you have nothing to complain about later. Remember its like voting.

Thank you for all you do.

Virginia McKay

Administrative Assistant

American Legion Dept. of Utah

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

2009/2010

Squardon Name & Number	Goal	PD.Members	Total	Percent	ENDING
Myton SQ. 5	18	13	13	72%	
Ogden SQ. 9	33	31	31	94%	
Park City SQ. 14	5	8	8	160%	
Tooele SQ. 17	10	10	10	100%	
Duchesne SQ.22	0	0	0	0%	
Heber SQ. 23	7	4	4	57%	
Ferron SQ. 42	9	8	8	89%	
Payson SQ.48	15	14	14	93%	
Smithfield SQ. 58	15	4	4	27%	
Pioneer SQ. 66	29	31	31	107%	
Holladay SQ. 71	58	48	48	83%	
Orem SQ. 72	22	18	18	82%	
Sandy SQ. 77	23	32	32	139%	
Enterprise SQ. 80	34	35	35	103%	
Layton SQ. 87	39	22	22	56%	
St. George SQ. 90	7	3	3	42%	
Gunnison SQ. 104	22	25	25	114%	
So. Salt Lake SQ. 112	84	55	55	65%	
Huntsville SQ. 129	59	36	36	61%	
Kearns SQ. 132	59	26	26	44%	
Clearfield SQ. 134	88	67	67	76%	
Robin Wetzler SQ. 139	13	21	21	162%	
TOTAL	658	511	511	76%	

UPDATE Regarding

AMERICAN LEGION POST 90 St. George, Utah TO HOST GOLF TOURNAMENT

Due to the shortness of time we are reducing the size of this years tournament. By reducing the size it makes it more affordable.

Being it is restricted to only 72 players it will be on the first in applicants only.

The American Legion Post 90 will be hosting the 1st Annual Western States Invitational Scrambler Golf Tournament at St. George, Utah on April 21, 2010. The tournament will be organized under the guidance of Bill Haynes, Post 90 Special Events Director. For details, Bill can be reached at 435-656-4512, Cell 435-705-4190, or by e-mail at golf@americanlegionpost90.org.

The tournament, 4-man scramble, one round at Sky Mountain Golf Course in Hurricane, Utah.

It is anticipated that there will be a total of 72 players from across the Western United States. Each foursome will consist of an "A" player, a "B" player, a "C" player and a "D" player.

Entry fees are set at \$100 per player. Throughout the game, awards will be made for "Closest to the Pin", "Longest Drive" and other events as determined by the committee. A box lunch is provided each day.

There will be an Awards Ceremony at the conclusion of the Tournament with a buffet and entertainment by The Color Country Chorus. Numerous prizes will be awarded. The location is anticipated to be located at the Legion Hall in St. George, Utah.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS March 20th

