

AUGUST 2016

THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING will be held on August 13 in Pittsburg. Department Commander Bob Munson, Department President Claudia Satterlee, and Detachment Commander Tom Wallsmith are expecting a great turn out of Legion Family Members. It is not too late to send your reservation. The evening starts with a Social Hour at 6:00pm, a superb Dinner at 7:00 with Barbecue Ribs and all the fixings. Also bring items for a Child Welfare Auction. Cost is \$15 per person and should be sent to Cheryl Eastep, 215 W. 18th St. in Pittsburg, KS 66762.

MEMBERSHIP & POST ACTIVITIES: The Department Commander, Department Adjutant, Department Membership Chairman, and five District Vice Commanders will be attending the National Membership Training Session in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 28 - 30, 2016. The Department will also receive their 2017 Membership Goal at this function from Leading Candidate for National Commander 2016-2017 Charles Schmidt from the Department of Oregon.

COFFEE CUPS AND EARLY BIRD AWARDS: September 15 is the deadline to be used in determining the winner of Coffee Cups and Early Bird Awards. Coffee Cups are awarded to the Post or Unit with the greatest percentage of Membership compared to the same time last year. Early Birds are awarded to Posts reaching or exceeding 75% by the September 15th deadline. Only those Memberships received at Department Headquarters by September 15 will count toward those Awards.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2016: The Kansas Delegation will be housed at the Holiday Inn Riverfront, 600 W. Third St., Covington, KY. The Parade will take place on Sunday, The Kansas Caucus on Monday Morning and the Kansas Party on Monday evening which will be a cruise on the Ohio River. The Opening Session starts on Tuesday morning, The National Commander's Dinner on Tuesday evening and the Convention Adjourns on Thursday afternoon with the Election of the New National Commander for 2016-2017.

CAMPORAMA will be held at Wakefield City Park on Milford Lake, September 2-5, 2016 (Labor Day Weekend). Bring the entire family and enjoy yourselves. You can bring your RV, Trailer, or Pup Tent to sleep in. Fees apply by your age, no fibbing to the Attendant. Come out and spend some time with other American Legion Family Members, you will be glad you did.

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EISENHOWER DAY AND DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING: The Annual Eisenhower Pilgrimage and Department Vice Commander Terry Marr's Homecoming will be a combined event again this year on Saturday, October 15, 2016, in Abilene. Following the Presidential Wreath Laying Ceremony at 10:30am, all American Legion Posts, Auxiliary Units, SAL Squadrons and other affiliated groups are invited to participate in the Legion Family sponsored pilgrimage. Full details will be sent to all Posts next month.

ONLINE RENEWAL CREDITS: Department is notified of online renewals and the credit memos are sent to the Post Adjutant twice a month. These members are added to the Post total at that time and the Posts may use the credit after they receive that credit memo. Please remember to mail or otherwise issue the member's card to the member. **DO NOT** transmit the National and Department Record card to Department Headquarters. Receiving them will cause duplications and create misunderstandings, delay, etc.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REVITALIZATIONS have already kicked off and is in High Gear. If you are interested in working to sign up Members for Your Post, calling them on a Phone Bank, going door to door to seek out those Members that have NOT paid their current year DUES, Please check with your Post Commander, District Commander or District Vice Commander to assist. The more MEMBERS working MEMBERSHIP the better!

POST OFFICERS REPORT: If you have NOT sent in your Post Officers Report, PLEASE do so NOW! We are missing a bunch. This is Department and National's way of contacting your Post if any information is needed throughout the Membership Year, and also to get credit listed in the National Library Archives for the Office that your Officers hold for the year. If you have a yellow mark on your envelope we have not received a Post Officers Sheet from your Post.

DEPARTMENT STILL HAS A SUPPLY OF THE BOOKMARK RULERS: These would make a great Back-to-School handout. They are packaged in bundles of 250. Send your request to Department Headquarters to be ready for the start of school. They are available for the cost of the postage.

DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE: If any Member has a question or needs assistance, PLEASE do NOT hesitate to call or e-mail and WE will do our utmost to help you or get you steered in the right direction.

Thank you for being a Member of The Greatest Veteran Organization in the World (in my personal opinion.)