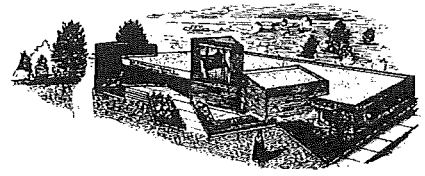


THE STATE ADJUTANTS LETTER



KANSAS DEPARTMENT



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STATE CONVENTION RESULTS: Terry Marr from Post 408 in Derby-Haysville has been elected to lead the Kansas American Legion for the 2017-18 membership year. Marr was elected Department Commander during the final business session of the 99th Annual Convention of Kansas' largest veterans' organization in Topeka on May 21. An Air Force veteran and a 16 year life member of the American Legion. Terry's American Legion service includes a just completed term as Department Vice Commander, District Commander, Vice Commander and other offices at the District and Post level.

Dan Wiley of Leavenworth Post 23 was elected as Department Vice Commander. A 25 year life member Wiley has served as Department Judge Advocate and the Leavenworth Post as Commander and other offices. He earned his eligibility in the United States Air Force. Also elected were Area East Vice Commander Lynn Wichman from Seneca Post 21 and Area West Vice Commander Gary Foos from Bazine Post 392. Wichman will oversee membership efforts in Districts 1-2-3-4 and Foos will work in Districts 5-6-7-8. Rick Lowrey from Wichita Post 256 and Clint Williard from Winfield Post 10 were elected as Department Masters at Arms.

Enclosed in this Adjutants Letter are the minutes of the last two Department Executive Committee Meetings held prior to and after the Department Convention.

JUST 3334 MORE MEMBERS are needed to reach 30,170 (our Nationally assigned goal). Contact your un-renewed members and mail every available 2017 membership to Headquarters as soon as possible.

POST OFFICER SHEETS NEEDED: If your Post has not sent Department Headquarters the names of its 2017-18 officers yet, please see that it does now! All Posts who report their officers by June 1; file a Service Officer report by March 1, 2018; a Children & Youth report by District Convention and a Post Consolidated report by May 1, 2018 will receive a 100% Reporting Certificate. 81 received this award for 2017; let's make it 181 in 2018!! If you have a yellow mark on your envelope we have not received a Post Officer Sheet from your Post. We must have this form even if there are no changes. Post Adjutant's packets and membership cards will be delivered or mailed in the next two weeks. Make sure we have your Adjutant's correct name and address for these all important mailings.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Fred Churchill of Lenexa Post 407 the winner of the drawing for \$100.00 among Legionnaires who qualified as a new Gold Star Member for 2017. It certainly pays to be a membership recruiter.

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2018 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN: Officially gets underway July 1, 2017. The new membership cards will be delivered to every Post in the next couple weeks. Don't forget to transmit your Post's Officers and Life Member cards to Headquarters immediately and all others at least every two weeks, more often if necessary.

LEGION FAMILY HOMECOMING will be held Saturday, July 22 at Wichita Post #4, 816 N. Water, Wichita, KS. Every Post is encouraged to have at least one representative at the Commander's Homecoming for the first statewide 2018 membership turn-in. But do not hold membership cards for this or any other membership turn-in. Post Adjutants should make a membership transmittal every two weeks, more often if necessary.

ATTENTION: Early Bird and Coffee Cup Awards will be determined by your Post's membership transmitted and received at Department Headquarters as of September 15.

BASEBALL: All Coaches, managers, and adults who are working with baseball teams must pass background checks prior to team registration. To register go to the registration page at www.baseball.legion.org to begin the registration process. Once you register and are approved, you will be able to pay National and State fees, and purchase your insurance all from that site. All forms will be available for you to complete. Deadline to submit your roster for all classes is June 15.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held at Concordia Golf and Wellness Course at Concordia, July 15-16, 2017. Posters and entry forms have been mailed to all Posts. For further information contact State Golf Chairman Carroll Peppersack, 805 N. Kansas Ave., Frankfort, KS 66427, telephone 785-292-4665 or email left-handersden@netzero.com.

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS: Anyone planning to attend the Reno National Convention, August 18 - 24 must make their housing arrangements through Department Headquarters. All delegates, alternates and those who have requested information will receive a mailing concerning their housing within the next two weeks.

OLD RECORD CARDS: Department retains record cards for three years before disposing of them. They are available to Posts upon request. Many Posts use them to find prospective members as well as several other uses. The 2013 record cards are now available upon request--hurry they will be disposed of in September.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Burr Oak and McCracken for making GOAL; and to Columbus, Derby-Haysville, Dodge City, Clearwater, Independence, Mayetta #410 and Tonganoxie for making QUOTA. (As of May 30.)

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF MAY 26, 2017: District VII, 1,165 - 87.86%; District V, 3,668 - 87.50%; District III, 2,787 - 85.46%; District I, 4,894 - 84.54%; District IV, 3,693 - 84.03%; District VII, 1,986 - 83.90%; District VI, 3,117 - 82.74% and District II, 4,235 - 82.73%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 1,291. Total membership is 26,836. Membership last year this date was 29,797. We are BEHIND 2961 members.