



## **2<sup>nd</sup> District May Newsletter, 5/1/18**

### **“Second to None”**

Greetings from the Commander,

My year as Commander to the 2<sup>nd</sup> District is coming to a close. This has been a fun year with many new trials. I felt that the members of this district handled the changes well and I am truly honored to be associated with such fine comrades.

This year membership and earning the Brown Jug was the first trial to master and thanks to all the Post for your support. Instead of grumbling over the new program we chose to dissect the program and make it work. The result was being the only district to earn the Brown Jug. Thank you to the Post that stayed on time with the dates for turn-in.

How business is being conducted from Department down to districts has become faster than ever with the use of the computer. The trial here was first time uses of video conferencing for conducting DEC business in special situation and the knowledge for accessing such a conference. Some DEC members found amazement that their phone, with the help of grandkids, has more uses then talking. Others found excitement working with family members on how to navigate the computer. I am happy to say that 34 of the 36 Post in 2<sup>nd</sup> District has acquired access to MyLegion for conducting Post business. The computer is becoming the mainstay for business throughout the American Legion. The important item for each Post is to insure that each member has a contact option when renewing this year. It is vital that each member strive to acquire an email contact, even if your line of communication is through a family member. Presently 2<sup>nd</sup> District has 126 members that are not reachable. They are identified by a “Y” on your Post Roster. Department would like these cleaned up by June 1. Please see this is completed on time.

Latest information to communicate is with the refunding of monies for slots not being filled at Buckeye Boys State. The commission voted not to refund monies this year but use these monies as a donation to the program. This will be the practice going forward.

Another notification I am happy to announce is the creation of the American Legion Memorial Highway within the District on April 7, 2018. The memorial highway encompasses both Celina and St Mary's Post. The memorial highway is a section of St Rt 703 starting just beyond the intersection at St Rt 29 to just beyond St Mary's Post 323. You can see pictures of the event on the district Facebook page.

I am carrying over from last month the reports needed in order to receive 2019 membership cards at the Post. Consolidated Post Reports are available online through Mylegion. Hard copies with instructions will be mailed out to the Post on Friday, April 13. The deadline for completing this report is 6/1/2018. The next report needed is the Annual Post Certification report. This is the report that certifies the Post officers for 2018/2019 Legion year. Submit the report to department with the words "No Change" if the officers are not changing. **Please make certain that the information on Mylegion is current to include names, working phone numbers, and emails.** It's very hard for a new member to find a Post when it can't be found. The Post Certification report is needed by 6/1/2018 as well.

Our summer convention is just around the corner on 5/20/18 at New Knoxville Post 444. We are still in need of a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. Surly there is past post officer that has made a suggestion in a conversation of holding a position in the district. Please make myself, other district officers, or Past District Commander Ken Schutz aware of this individual so we can give this person needed information to make a sound decision. I am asking for each Post to copy this paragraph on their Post Mylegion message board so this gets out to the district membership. Thanks for your help.

For God, Country, and the American Legion.

Kent Long, Commander,

June 29-July 1, 2018, Department Convention, Columbus, Ohio @ the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215

Please get your events to John McJunkin so he can get them posted on the website. This is free advertisement to the Post. Hope to see you at the events and especially at the next conference.



# The American Legion



Second District

“Hospitality Suite”

2018 Department Convention

## Dear Fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliaries, and S.A.L.

We are asking for your help to make the District 2 Hospitality Suite “Second to None” at the 2018 Convention June 29 and 30. Please let me know what your Post, Auxiliary or Squadron is able to do to help make this happen. Our hope is that each would consider donating even with no one attending the convention. There is a definite need for donations of money, food, and drink items for offsetting the expenses of having a customary Hospitality Suite at the convention.

Some of the items that we have had in the past are:

Cheese Balls

Cookies

Candy

Cheese Trays

Meat Trays

Vegetable Trays

Sandwiches

Sloppy Joes

BBQ Beef

Crackers

Chips

Dips

Any donation of beer or alcohol is always welcome.

**Bottles of:**

Pepsi

Diet Pepsi

Coke

Diet Coke

7 Up

Diet 7 Up

Club Soda

Orange Juice

Tomato Juice

Water

We are also looking for help in setting up the Hospitality Suite Friday and Saturday June 29 and 30. Thank you in advance for anything you can donate for the Hospitality Room. I would like for the Posts, Auxiliaries, and Squadrons send me their intentions by the end of April so I can approach the District Executive Board for any additional funds in May if needed.

Sincerely,

Kent Long

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## **MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP**

We are not yet done with membership for the year. We are not at quota. There are 7 posts in the district that are at quota or higher. Let's all work to reach the quota goal for each post and for the district. The district needs 409 more members as of June 13. We are at 93.22%.

Remind your members that to stay continual in their membership, they must renew by June 30. We need to recruit new members whenever possible. Remember that membership is never ending. When year ends, the next one begins.

Dan,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander