

1st Vice Commanders Newsletter

I know you have not heard from me for a while because I had some health issues. I had a slipped disc in my back which cause me to fall and fracture my hip and pop that disc all the way out. I had two surgeries one to fix my hip and one to put the disc back in place, but enough about me.

The 2nd district had a good 2019-2020 membership year. We had 12 posts to make quota and signed up 142 new members. The Sons of the Legion had 10 squadrons quota and signed up 176 new members. On June 23 we opened a new post in Mendon. We have two new County Commanders; Tim Shaw from the Bellefontaine post is the new Logan County Commander. Ken Zimmerman from the Bluffton post is the new Allen County Commander. I want to thank Tim and Ken for stepping up to county commanders.

As of August 26, the 2nd District is in 2nd place at Dept. standing at 54.94% of quota and have signed up 12 new members. The 2020-2021 Department Awards are as follow; September 11th all post that reach all-time will equally split a prize of \$2000.00. All post that reach quota will equally split \$2000.00. No repeat winners. Prizes awarded at Mid-winter. Any Time Post Awards, any post that recruits three new member or reinstates three expired members or transfers three post 888 members into their post- will receive \$100.00. Any Post that doubles these requirements will receive \$250.00. Any Post that triple these requirements will receive \$500.00. These reinstatements, new members and transfers must be completed by May 26, 2021 and must be completed on a Member Data Form and sent to Department for processing. The maximum payout for this award will be \$10,000.00. I will be sent out to all post the any- time post award validation form. November 11th all posts that reach all-time-high will equally split a prize of \$1500.00. All post that reach quota will equally split \$4500.00. No repeat winners and all prizes awarded at Mid-winter. Brown Jug Awards the 2nd district is in the Medium Brown Jug category to win the award we must have the highest quota percentage over75% to win \$1000.00. All districts qualifying with 75% will receive \$250.00. January 6, 2021 Post awards, all post that reach all-time-high will equally split a prize of \$1000.00. All post that reach quota will equally split \$3000.00. No repeat winner and prizes awarded at Mid-winter. March 31 District Awards all Districts that are quota on this date will split \$2,500.00. May 26th District Awards the District in first place in each category will receive \$750.00 and the Big One Pin. Individual Membership Recruiter Drawing, any member who recruits a NEW member or who reinstates an expired member will receive an entry into the drawing at the Mid-winter Conference and the State Convention. Note for every member you sign up or renew your name will be enter into the drawing. Fifteen winners will be drawn at Mid-winter and fifteen at State Convention. Winners will receive \$100.00 maximum pay out for both drawing will be \$3000.00.

On the District level any post quota by Veterans Day will receive \$100.00, any post quota before the end of the year will receive \$50.00 and any post that makes quota before convention will receive \$25.00. There is a lot of money for post and members to win by working on membership.

At the last Membership Meeting we passed a resolution to bring Ohio along to the National standard as far as number of members a post must have to be a post. The Ohio Constitution and By-law says a post must have 25 members. The National says a post must have 15 members to be a post. This change will be voted on at the next DEC meeting.

It is time for all to work on membership and make the 2nd District truly 2nd to none and win the Brown Jug and make the 2nd District a quota district.

Respectfully,

Mike Homan 1st Vice Commander

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Hope all Post are doing well in these challenging times we all are being forced to endure. Post have succeeded through their anxiety and found that doing business through the internet is easy and secure. Now the next trial for these Posts, if they haven't already, is to conduct membership online.

We have now entered into the 2021 membership year and we are presently in 2nd place in the Department and our division of membership. I have reviewed the list of cleared Post and found that 3 Post have not cleared. One Post, Post 2019, has just been newly chartered. Ada Post 185 has responded and was given direction to proceed and confident their membership cards will be forthcoming. Waynesfield Post 395 is the 3rd Post that hasn't responded. Perhaps our District Commander and 1st Vice can look into this matter so all Post will be cleared. These Post will not receive membership cards until Department receives their Post Officer Forms and their Post Consolidated Report. The Post Officer Forms must be filled out even if the officers are staying in positions.

Department News: A resolution is on the horizon that will benefit our Post in small communities that are struggling to sustain department membership requirements. On December 5, 2020, the DEC will be presented Resolution 21-02 to revise the Department Constitution and By-laws, Article IX, Section 2, requesting the level of membership requirement amended from 25 to 15. A study of the 528 Post in the Department disclosed that 25 Post may lose their charter if this resolution is turned down. 2nd District is well aware of the outcome as we closed Cairo Post 133 this year for this reason.

I will be sending out soon information on a new Department 888 membership engagement program. This program is being formed to eliminate the Department 888 membership and move them to a nearby Post. Each Post in our district will need to declare the acceptance of 888 Membership at National for this program to succeed.

National News: **Congress passes bill to provide additional funds to veterans' treatment courts.** Today, there are 561 VTCs and other Veteran-focused courts across America and VJO(veteran justice outreach) personnel at every VA medical center. Although VA does not provide funding directly to VTCs, VA supports VTCs through the participation of its VJO specialists as members of VTC treatment teams and through the health care services it provides many Veteran participants. This month, the Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019 (HR 886), which already passed through the House of Representatives and Senate, has been moved to the President's desk to be signed into law. This legislation creates a program through the Department of Justice that would provide funding and technical assistance to state, local, and tribal governments that have existing VTCs or are interested in starting one in their community.

Next District Conference will be held at Fort Recovery Post 345, September 13, 2020, 09:00. District Executive meeting will be at 08:45. Please make arrangement to send a representative from each Post to the conference.

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2nd District