



**Membership Report - December 23rd, 2015**





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TO ALL MEMBERS:

This week the **top Three Districts** in the Department are:

- From the **Western Region**:
  - **8th District** led by Cmdr Billy Lark (265) at 85.140% followed by the
  - **5th District** led by Cmdr Tom Hart (147) at 84.373% and...
- From the **Northern Region**:
  - **13th District** led by Cmdr Joe Dudley (2003) at 83.909%

This week the **Western Region** maintained **First Place** with a goal achievement of 83.329% (up from 82.703% last week and 80.164% the prior week).

The **Northern Region** retained **Second Place** with a goal achievement of 79.360% (up from 77.820% last week and 75.140% the prior week).

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### **The top Three Districts in the Northern Region are**

- **13th District** led by Cmdr Joe Dudley (2003) (3rd place in the Department) at 83.909%
- **17th District** led by Cmdr John Price (177) (10th place in the Department) at 80.116%
- **14th District** led by Cmdr Eddie Humes (188) (11th place in the Department) at 79.855%.

The Eastern Region is close behind at 78.713%.

### **The top Three Districts in the Eastern Region are**

- **1st District** led by Cmdr Jack Wood (159) at 82.596%
- **11th District** led by Cmdr Brentlinger (284) at 82.587% and the
- **3rd District** led by Cmdr Linda Fanning (67) at 78.753%

#### TRANSMITTALS:

This week, the **Northern Region** led the

**Department** in the number of Posts submitting Transmittals. 27 posts in the North, submitted transmittals - which equated to 204 Member Renewals, 32 New Members and 13 Paid Up For Life! CONGRATULATIONS!

The Eastern Region followed close with 23 posts submitting transmittals which equated to 91 Member Renewals, 19 New Members and 3 Paid Up For Life!

The Western Region had 19 posts submitting transmittals which represented 44 Member Renewals, 7 New Members and 1 Paid Up For Life.

**Please contact your Post and District Commanders and see how you can assist with the Membership efforts.**

We need your help not only to identify areas and posts that need assistance but also in manpower to assist in the revitalization efforts. Please contact your District or Post Commander, District or Post Membership Chairs, Regional Vice Commanders or members of the Membership Committee to lend a hand. Please

help us to grow the best Veterans Service Organization to help our Veterans, their families and the community. We are scheduling a number of revitalizations and need your help !

For this report we have categorized posts into four different categories.

- Small Post - 2015-16 Goal is between 1 and 100 members
- Medium Post - 2015-16 Goal is between 101 and 300 members
- Large Post - 2015-16 Goal is between 301 and 600 members
- Extra Large Post - 2015-16 Goal is above 601 members.

**In the Small Post Category:** - SEVENTEEN, yes, SEVENTEEN POSTS at or over 100% - Congratulations.

• **Portsmouth Post 37 (2nd District) - 333.333%**

- Farmville Post 32 (5th District) is at 211.765%
- Yorktown Post 165 (3rd District) is at 131.818%
- Aylett Post 314 (3rd District) is at 125.000%
- Tabb Post 1991 (3rd District) is at 124.000%
- Jarratt Post 264 (4th District) is at 110.000%
- Big Island 217 (10th District) is at 109.524%

- Gretna Post 232 (6th District) is at 107.595%
- Virginia Beach Post 81 (2nd District) is at 105.263%
- Emporia Post 151 (4th District) is at 103.529%
- Rocky Mount Post 111 (6th District) at 102.632%
- Hampton Post 31 (3rd District) is at 102.500%
- Lovingston Post 17 (10th District), Troutville Post 240 (District 9), Dinwiddie Post 149 (4th District), and Blackstone Post 40 (District 5) all at 100%

**In the Medium Post Category: - THREE posts at or over 100%!**

- Post 1 Richmond (11th District) 111.712%
- Post 99 Halifax (5th District) 104.787%
- Post 201 Powhatan (11th District) 100.000%
- Post 116 Louisa (13th District) 95.413%
- Post 55 Fredericksburg (12th District) 94.706%
- Post 83 Mathews (3rd District) 94.022%
- Post 41 Berryville (15th District) 91.351%
- Post 265 Gate City (8th District) 90.909%

**In the Large Post Category:**

- Midlothian Post 186 (11th District) 85.908%
- Newport News Post 25 (3rd District) - 85.583%
- Danville Post 325 (6th District) - 85.100%
- Grundy Post 164 (8th District) at 84.651%
- Lorton Post 162 (17th District) - 82.008%
- Roanoke Post 3 (9th District) - 80.102%
- Danville Post 1097 (6th District) - 79.800%
- McLean Post 270 (17th District) - 79.560%
- South Hill Post 79 (5th District) - 78.969%

**In the Extra Large Post Category:**

- Charlottesville Post 74 (13th District) at 87.468%
- Colonial Heights Post 284 (11th District) at 84.690%
- Fairfax Post 177 (17th District) at 83.744%
- Alexandria Post 24 (17th District) at 83.029%
- Stafford Post 290 (16th District) at 82.714%
- Lynchburg Post 16 (10th District) at 81.961%
- Manassas Post 10 (16th District) at 81.730%
- Springfield Post 176 (17th District) at 79.703%
- Vienna Post 180 (17th District) at 79.448%

**The Holidays are here and the dues increase will take effect soon. Please encourage your members to renew now prior to the effective date of the dues increase.**

This week I have FOUR reports for you.

- **The Traditional Department Headquarters Report. This can be downloaded by clicking here.**
- **This report sorts all posts by percent of goal attainment to date and lists the number of members needed to reach various percent of membership goal tiers. I hope you will find this useful. Please click on this paragraph.**

**This is the same report as above**

**sorted by POST NUMBER.**

- **This report shows the regional and district standings with the eligible veteran population in the district and percent market penetration last year, with the current membership number and once goal is reached. Again, please click here for this report.**
- **This link includes all of the above.**

**There are many more eligible Veterans out there waiting to join.... JUST ASK!**

(SPECIAL NOTE: If you are having trouble in downloading any of the reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.)

**ON Thursday, March 10th, Friday, March 11th and Saturday March 12th, 2016 there will be a Membership Drive / Revitalization effort in Virginia Beach headquartered at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel. Service Officers will be in attendance. The Media will be advertising the event and mailings will be sent to Veterans in the area. YOUR HELP IS**



**NEEDED. Please contact the 2nd District Commander Alonzo Scott (putit@msn.com) and schedule to volunteer for a few hours.**

**Members of all Districts  
are welcome  
and needed !**

**DUES INCREASE:**

At the National Convention this year a resolution was passed that raised the National Membership Dues by \$5.00. (This is a one-time \$5 increase!) This dues increase will go into effect at National Headquarters on January 20th, 2016. Membership submittals to Department Headquarters received on or prior to January 15th, 2016 (NOT postmarked ... actually received) will be at the current rate. Memberships received after the 15th of January 2016, must include the \$5.00 increase.

Please feel free to contact me at any time to assist your Post, District or Region in your membership efforts.

The Department Commander and I along with

all of the Department Officers, Committee Chairs and staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Please keep our men and women in uniform both past and present in your thoughts and prayers.

For God and Country,

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**