



The American Legion
Department of Virginia
Membership Report - February 3rd, 2016



THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

SACRIFICE AT SEA



**FOUR CHAPLAINS
SUNDAY**

February 7th, 2016
(at a Post near you)

As the U.S.A.T. Dorchester sank, the Four Chaplains were seen linked - arm in arm, Praying !

Minister Fox, Rabbi Goode, Minister Poling and Father Washington were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart, and in 1948, Congress declared February 3rd to be Four Chaplains Day.

Please check with your Post or District Commander to locate a Four Chaplains service near you.



POST MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

82 Posts

(Eastern Region - 37 Posts)

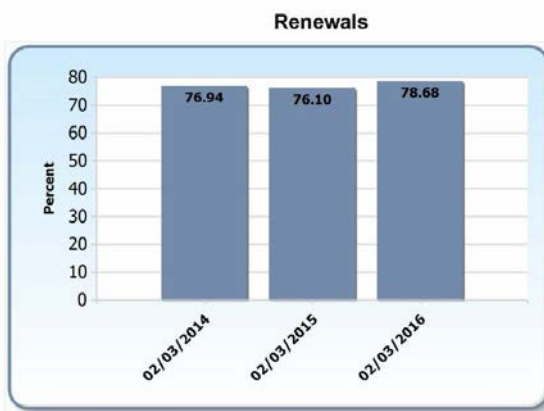
(Western Region - 26 Posts)

(Northern Region - 19 Posts)

**have been awarded the
Foxhound Award
for attaining 90% of Goal
by February 3rd**

**February 3rd, 2016 - Foxhound Award - 90% of Goal
March 2nd, 2016 - Legion Birthday Award - 95% of Goal**

Renewals and New Members continue to surpass prior years



RENEWALS - 231 this week !

The Posts in the Department continue to beat the last few years in the Renewal of existing members. This is critical to growth.

The Northern Region led this week with 126 renewed members followed by the Eastern Region with 71 Renewals then the Western Region with 34. Congratulations!

NEW MEMBERS - 49 this week !

The Posts in the Department continue to beat the last few years in the signing up of new members. Coupled with a high retention rate of existing members this is how we can experience growth.

The Eastern Region led the Department this week with 28 new members followed by the Northern Region with 13 new members and then the Western Region with 8. Great Job !



REGIONAL STANDINGS

The Eastern Region took over 1st Place

Eastern Region - 87.298%

Western Region - 87.253%

Northern Region - 85.877%

DISTRICT STANDINGS

**The Third District
took over 1st Place
and became the 1st District to surpass 90%**

**3rd District - Cmdr Fanning (67) - 90.111%
11th District - Cmdr Brentlinger (284) - 89.387%
5th District - Cmdr Hart (147) - 89.166%**

There was a lot of upward movement in the District Standings this week with 11th District moving up from 3rd place to 2nd Place, the 1st District from 8th place to 5th place, the 6th District from 11th place to 8th place, the 17th District from 12th place to 9th place, the 4th District from 13th to 12th place and the 16th District from 14th to 13th place.

TRANSMITTALS

This week the Department received **103 transmittals from Posts** (up from 81 last week).

The Eastern Region submitted 40 Transmittals, the Northern Region submitted 38 and the Western Region 25.

As we head towards the Spring Conference and a number of District revitalizations being scheduled, we need your help not only renewing those members who have not yet done so but also transfer some Headquarters Post members and sign up some new members.

This past week your Regional Vice Commanders received lists with all of the 2014 and 2015 members that have not yet renewed their memberships. Please check with your Post, District and Regional leadership to assist in calling those members and assisting in the Membership Renewal Effort.

MEMBERSHIP IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL - JUST ASK !

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

Download the following reports by clicking on the link below:

- [Region and District Standings with Market Penetration](#)

....at the Spring Conference



WALK FOR VETERANS

I am calling on all departments to conduct their own American Legion Walk for Veterans. Though far less contentious than what many of our Legion founders experienced 83 years ago, these events can send a similar message of support for those who have served.

Dale Barnett
National Commander

The purpose of this Walk is to raise public awareness about the crucial issues facing America's veterans and their families. An estimated 22 veterans a day commit suicide.

Traumatic brain injuries have become a signature wound of the Global War on Terrorism and up to 20 percent of the men and women who served in Iraq or Afghanistan are believed to experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Veterans still have difficulty receiving health care in a timely manner and many have been waiting years to have their disability claims resolved. We owe it to those who served our country to never forget their sacrifice and devotion. We are walking for those who marched for us.

The Walk will begin at 4:30 p.m. on March 12th. The length of the walk is 1 mile and will start at 2800 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 behind the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center on the beach with a half-mile turnaround ending at the starting location.



The registration fee is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 18 and under and will include a t-shirt for the first 100 people who register. (size of shirts are first come, first serve.)

All of the profits generated from this event will benefit The American Legion National Emergency Fund, which has provided more than \$8 million of assistance to American Legion Family members and posts that have been impacted by natural disasters in cities across the country since 1969.

Below is a link to the registration form.

Register early to get a t-shirt.

For more information about The American Legion Walk for Veterans event at the Spring Conference please feel free to contact me.

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[Walk for Veterans Registration Form](#)



SPRING CONFERENCE March 11-13, 2016



Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the

2016 Dept. of Virginia Spring Conference

that will be held from March 11th through 13th, 2016 at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 Shore Drive in Virginia Beach.

The Dept. Commander and I look forward to seeing as many as can make it. Please consider joining us and assist in reviewing our plans to make a difference in the lives of our Veterans, their families and the community. We can't do it without you. There is something for everyone to become involved with.

[Please click on this sentence to download the Conference Registration form and register early !](#)

**MEMBERSHIP - DISTRICT REVITALIZATION
AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE**

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.

Districts that we will be focusing on are those Districts that are within "commuting distance" of Virginia Beach - The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Districts. Please contact the District Commander to lend your support.

Members of all Districts are welcome and needed !

More District Revitalizations are being scheduled. Please contact your District Commander and offer your help.

Membership is all of our responsibility.

For God and Country,

Bob Sussan
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