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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - May 11th, 2016



The American Legion
Department of Virginia
Membership Report
May 11th, 2016

JOIN US!

AMERICAN LEGION

Membership Rewards

100% Award
Old Dominion Award
GOLD - April 6th
Silver - April 20th
Blue - May 4th

53 Posts achieved the Dominion Award.

56 Posts - 100% Goal

CONGRATULATIONS

Department Commander Chapman returns medals, green beret to veteran's widow.



...Veterans still serving

A Green Beret, Purple Heart, Bronze Star among other awards and decorations discovered by a Goodwill Store Manager, a Navy Veteran who reached out to American Legion Post 3 in Salem, Virginia to find their way home to their rightful owner.

Thus started the medals on their journey home to the widow of Vietnam U.S. Army Special Forces Combat Veteran Richard Keener in Los Angeles, California.

Hand delivered by the Department of Virginia Commander Jim Chapman to the veteran's widow - Pat Keener.

[Read the complete story here.](#)



VETERANS STILL SERVING....

Renewals continue to slightly surpass prior years
 New Members slightly ahead of 2015
 New Members behind 2014

Renewals



RENEWALS - this week

The Northern Region turned in 17 renewals followed by the East with 13 and the West with 7. Please contact your members and renew those that have not done so.

GREAT JOB ALL !

NEW MEMBERS - this week

The Northern Region led the Department this week with 23 New Members followed by the Eastern Region with 19 and the Western Region signing up 1 New Member.

Traditional New Members



MARKET PENETRATION
 behind the prior two years

Market Penetration



Market Penetration

This is calculated using the eligible veteran population in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Increasing the enlistment of new members increases our Market Penetration.

COMMANDER CHAPMAN TO ANNOUNCE NEW MEMBERSHIP AWARDS !

Commander Chapman is in the process of reviewing and planning immediate implementation of a new series of membership awards that will be awarded at the Department Convention.

These awards will reward Posts, Districts and Regions that RENEW members not yet renewed for 2016

Award details and start date will be announced in the next few days to the Regional Vice Commanders and District Commanders.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE JOIN WITH YOUR POST AND DISTRICT MEMBERS TO HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE !

REGIONAL STANDINGS

Eastern Region - 93.649%

Western Region - 91.923%

Northern Region - 91.543%

DISTRICT STANDINGS

The 3rd District retained First Place

The 5th District retained Second Place
The 2nd District retained Third Place

CONGRATULATIONS

3RD District Cmdr Fanning (67) - 96.668%
5th District Cmdr Hart (147) - 95.141%
2nd District Cmdr Scott (37) - 94.722%

THE TOP TWELVE
DISTRICTS HAVE ALL REACHED
OR EXCEEDED 90% OF GOAL!

Two Districts advanced in the District Standings this week.

- Cmdr Price (177) - 17th District - up to 6th Place
- Cmdr Eubank (93) - 9th District - up to 13th Place

CONGRATULATIONS - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

ALL REPORTS

Regions & Districts with Market Penetration

Posts by Percent Goal

Posts by Post Number

Posts by Category (S, M, L & XL)

Traditional Department Report

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS....



**AMERICAN LEGION
LICENSE PLATE**

This project is ongoing. We need more applicants to meet our required goal of 450



**DOD improves
Discharge Upgrade Process**

**American Legion Riders
from across the country
to meet at Fairfax Post 177**

Legion Riders will be meeting at Fairfax Post 177 over Memorial Day weekend to join in the Rolling Thunder activities. Emblem sales and National Staff will be in attendance.

Please feel free to join us on Friday, May 27th for a dinner and POW/MIA ceremony with a number of Gold Star Families.

[CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)



**MORTGAGE FREE
HOMES
TO VETERANS**

Donated homes to award to deserving military families from Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Meritage Homes.

Homes are constantly being added - click here to see the current list.

THE APPLICATION



**Formal Presentation
5/12 at 10:30am**



OCW grant will provide relaxation for wounded warriors.

[Read the complete story here.](#)

YOUR POST EVENT HERE

**Picnic, BBQ
Fish Fry, Dance,
..publicize your Post
Event here !**



EMAIL LINK

We will include your Post's upcoming events. First come, first served. Please email us about your event !

**for
Veterans with PTSD**

More Information

The policy change was especially helpful for Vietnam veterans, whose post-service PTSD diagnoses had not been recognized by the BCM/NR up to that point. Unfortunately, the memo did not explicitly allow veterans who had been denied under the old rules to reapply under the new rules. To correct this error, DOD issued a memo on February 24, 2016, clarifying that those veterans may reapply under the new policy. It also waives the statute of limitations in those cases. If you or someone you know wishes to apply for a discharge upgrade under this policy.



**2016 State Convention
July 7-10, 2016**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Richmond-Midlothian
Koger Center**

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For God and Country,

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