

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT - April 13th, 2016**



The American Legion  
Department of Virginia  
Membership Report  
April 13th, 2016



**Membership Rewards**

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

**52 Posts achieved the Dominion Award.**

16 Posts currently over 95% and 49 posts over 90% -staged for the Award.

**Haymarket Post 1799 requests and receives a Grant from Operation Comfort Warrior for Bull Run Wounded Warrior Retreat in Haymarket, Virginia**



**\$ 10,000.00**

**Veterans still serving.....**

**Serving our Willing Warriors**

In a sleepy corner of northern Virginia lays the thriving town of Haymarket, home of Park Valley Church where the first seeds of a mission of hope and help were sown. Although this close congregation was a great source of support for its members and the local community, Pastor Barry White challenged his flock to reach out yet further to find a need and step in to address it.





On July 19th 2012 Shirley and John Dominick formally founded Serve Our Willing Warriors, a non-profit 501c3. The group's goal was to establish a retreat for recovering service members to escape the clinical hospital environment, reconnect with their families, to refresh their minds and renew their spirits.

In 2013, SOWW purchased 37 magnificent acres of scenic property on the edge of Bull Run Mountain in Haymarket, VA. The 11,000 square foot house built in 1977, underwent an extensive two-year renovation and now boasts five bedroom suites, a gourmet kitchen, game room, physical therapy and massage therapy rooms, and library. The retreat has two decks to accommodate the majestic views, an inviting stone patio with fire pit, a playground, BBQ area, vegetable garden, serenity garden, and walking trails.

The makeover of this property was an incredible example of community goodwill, with over 100 professional contractors donating material and labor valued at over \$1 million dollars. This effort also required hundreds of volunteers giving thousands of hours of their time and energy.

The Bull Run Warrior Retreat was presented to the general public at a ribbon cutting ceremony held on July 4th, 2015 and will officially open on Veteran's Day, November 11th, 2015. Click here for more info - [Willing Warriors](#) [Bull Run Warrior Retreat](#)

### [The American Legions Operation Comfort Warrior](#)

Realizing the impact that SOWW and the Bull Run Warrior Retreat is making on our Wounded Warriors, Members of Department of Virginia Haymarket Post 1799 applied for and were recently awarded an American Legion, Operation Comfort Warrior grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. This grant will cover the costs which includes meals, lodging and events at The Bull Run Warrior Retreat for wounded warriors and their families for 5 weeks.



**VETERANS STILL SERVING....**

**HOME AWAY FROM HOME !**

**Bull Run Warrior Retreat**

Renewals continue to surpass prior years

New Members slightly ahead of 2015

New Members slightly behind 2014

**Renewals**



**NEW MEMBERS - this week**

The Western Region led the Department this week with 14 New Members followed by the Eastern Region with 7 and the Northern Region signing up 4 New Members.

**Traditional New Members**



**RENEWALS - this week**

The Western Region turned in 26, followed by the Eastern Region with 10 and the Northern Region with 9.  
Thank you !

**GREAT JOB ALL !**

**REGIONAL STANDINGS**

**Eastern Region - 92.598%**

**Western Region - 91.033%**

**Northern Region - 90.491%**

**DISTRICT STANDINGS**

**The 3rd District retained First Place**

**The 5th District retained Second Place**

**The 11th District retained Third Place**

## CONGRATULATIONS

3RD District Cmdr Fanning (67) - 96.202%  
5th District Cmdr Hart (147) - 93.828%  
11th District Cmdr Brentlinger (284) - 93.295%

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

Additions to over 90% Districts this week !  
Cmdr Lark (265) - 8th District achieved 90.148%  
Cmdr Owen (104) - 10th District achieved 90.022%

One District advanced in the District Standings this week.

- Cmdr Dudley (2003) - 13th District - up to 5th Place

**CONGRATULATIONS - KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

### ALL REPORTS

Regions and Districts with Market penetration

All Posts with tiers sorted by Percent Goal

All Posts with tiers sorted by Post Number

All Posts sorted by Size - S, M, L, XL

Traditional Department Report

## OF SIGNIFICANT NOTE POSTS ON THE MOVE !

52 Posts earned the 100%  
Dominion Award.

16 Posts currently over 95% of goal achievement  
and 49 posts over 90% of goal achievement  
all in striking distance of the Dominion Award.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

# KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !

MEMBERSHIP IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL - JUST ASK !

## OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS....



**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

### AMERICAN LEGION LICENSE PLATE

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

#### THE APPLICATION



**Spring Fest - 30 Apr 16**  
(Noon to 5pm)  
featuring local favorite  
Anthony and the Conquerors

[Click for more info !](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT  
AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 280  
463 N. Battlefield Blvd.  
Chesapeake, VA

**Battle of Great Bridge**  
May 14th, 5pm - \$20  
**Fight Night**



**DOD improves  
Discharge Upgrade Process  
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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Convention Registration](#)

families from Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of America and Meritage Homes.

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



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