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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - July 6th, 2016



The American Legion
Department of Virginia
Membership Report
July 6th, 2016

...Veterans still serving



My Fellow Legionnaire,

2015/2016 has been a great year. This email transmission brings to a close my term as your Membership Chairman.

As some of you may know, one of the appointments that the Department Commander makes when elected to office is the Membership Chairman. I am thankful to Commander Chapman that he gave me the opportunity to serve and work

on membership this year with you, the members of the Membership Committee, and District Chairmen, some of whom were fiercely engaged in the effort. What was clear to me at the outset, after reviewing all of the Membership Statistics and market data available, was that there must be a strong focus on membership; not only the recruitment of new members, but also the actual engagement of existing members both at the Post and Department level.

As we all know, The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans' service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

We, as the American Legion, are nonpartisan and due to our membership numbers, have great political influence perpetuated by not only our grass roots involvement in the legislative process but also by our individual sense of obligation to community, state and nation which drives an honest advocacy for Veterans in Washington. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to the nation's veteran's community.

Our success as The American Legion depends entirely on active membership participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. Our membership numbers determine how loud our voice is and to what extent it is heard on Capitol Hill.

Membership is the responsibility of us all, regardless of the past positions or titles held. **WE ALL NEED TO CONSTANTLY HELP AND WORK ON MEMBERSHIP!**

As you engage your friends, neighbors and coworkers to join our great organization, please explain what we do, and even if their time is previously committed, their membership is important as the more members we have, the more we can accomplish towards our stated goals.

I would like to sincerely thank you for this opportunity. I would be remiss in not thanking the many who have e-mailed and called me with words of appreciation for the new delivery vehicle and format for the Weekly Membership e-mail. I do not know what the New Commander's Department Membership Chairman has in store for you but I am sure it will be fitting and appropriate and continue in the effort to take our Membership in the Department of Virginia further into the future.

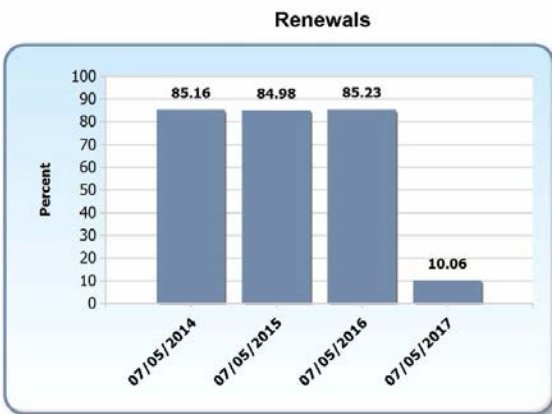
May God Bless you all and may God Bless these United States of America and all those, both past and present that sacrifice so much for our freedom.



Robert B. Sussan
Department of Virginia
Membership Chairman 2015-2016

VETERANS STILL SERVING....

Renewals continue to slightly surpass prior years
New Members behind prior years



RENEWALS - this week

The Northern Region led by turning in 18 renewals followed by the Eastern Region turning in 4 renewals.

NEW MEMBERS - this week

The Northern Region turned in 8 new members with the Eastern Region turning in 5 New Members.



MARKET PENETRATION behind the prior two years



Market Penetration

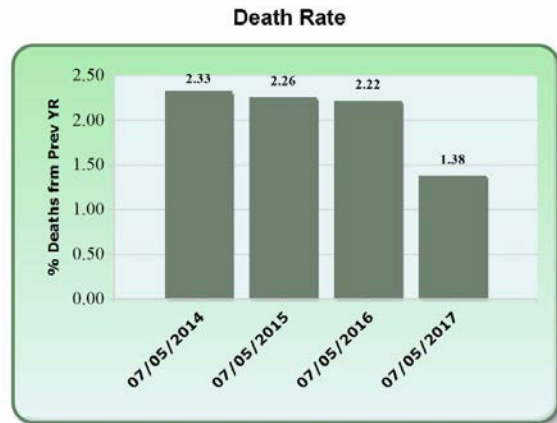
This is calculated using the eligible veteran population in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Increasing the enlistment of new members increases our Market Penetration.

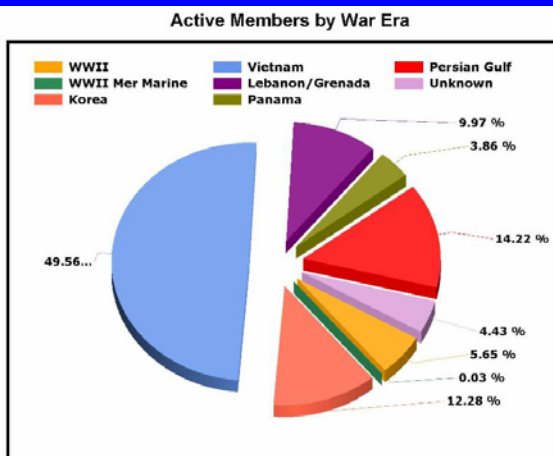
Members transferred to Post Everlasting

Death Rate

Over the years, the number of current members passing away has decreased slightly.



Membership by War Era



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Many members have asked what is the makeup of our membership by war era. The chart is as of today's date.

REGIONAL STANDINGS

Eastern Region - 95.112%

Western Region - 93.260%

Northern Region - 92.938%

DISTRICT STANDINGS

The 3rd District retained First Place

The 2nd District retained Second Place

The 5th District retained Third Place

CONGRATULATIONS

3RD District Cmdr Fanning (67) - 98.567%

2nd District Cmdr Scott (37) - 96.469%

5th District Cmdr Hart (147) - 95.863%

THE TOP FOURTEEN

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

16th District, Cmdr Ward (34) to 9th place - 93.526%
15th District, Cmdr Lockhart (21) to 16th Place - 87.578%

CONGRATULATIONS - FOR ALL THE HARD WORK !

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[Regions & Districts with Market Penetration](#)

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Traditional Department Report

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS....

11th District Annual Golf Tournament

Providence Golf Club
1160 S. Providence Rd.
Richmond, VA

JULY 7TH, 2016

Registration - 10am
Shotgun Start - 11am
Registration Deadline - July 1st, 2016



Thursday, July 7th, 2016 (Registration Deadline - July 1st, 2016)
11am Shotgun Start (Registration begins at 10am)

- > Captains Choice
- > Box Lunch
- > Prizes: Closest to pin on Hole #6
- Closest to line on #15

ENTRY FEE -

\$ 70.00 for an individual
\$ 280.00 Team of four (4) Players
(Includes - green fees, cart and unlimited range balls & Box Lunch)

Mulligan available for \$5.00 each (4 per person MAX)

**For more information contact:
Mr. Willie D. Ransom - 804-380-2900**

Make check payable to "Eleventh District" and mail with registration form to:

Carroll Londoner
1533 Monmouth Drive
Richmond, VA 23238
EMAIL CARROLL LONDONER

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American Legion
Department of Virginia
FRIDAY NIGHT BEACH PARTY



ENJOY A FUN FILLED EVENT

FRIDAY Night, July 8th

MUSIC~ DANCING~ PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION~50/50 RAFFLE

Flat Screen TV, John Deere Tractor, Unique Items in Silent Auction

FEATURING A Large Variety of Music by:

Veteran owned- R.J. ENTERPRISES

Parlor C&D Double Tree 9:00 P.M. to Midnight

HOSTED BY- Colonial Heights Unit 284

FIRST 200 Participants to arrive will

receive a "Shopping Bag of Goodies"

Cash Bar Available and Snacks Provided

****TICKETS \$8.00 AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR****





**Blessed Sacrament Huguenot
Barham-Sowers Field**
2501 Academy Road
Powhattan, VA 23139

July 13th
Arrival and Set-Up
July 14th
Opening Ceremony - 6pm
July 17th
Closing Ceremony - 6pm
July 18th
Disassembly of Wall

Questions or to Volunteer

Contact Ray D'Agunno
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RGDAgunno@live.com

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**MORTGAGE FREE
HOMES
TO VETERANS**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION
LICENSE PLATE**

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

THE APPLICATION



**Boys Nation emphasizes
respect for others' values**



2016 Boys Nation -7/22 to 29.

AGENDA

Boys Nation emphasizes
respect for others' values

WATCH VIDEO

**Dept of Virginia
American Legion Family
LEADERSHIP
COLLEGE**

**August 12 -14th
Double Tree by Hilton
Richmond-Midlothian
Richmond**



**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
form**

Homes.

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**Leadership College
Reservation and Fees
due to Dept. HQ
no later than
July 28th, 2016**

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