



# Swing For the Fences

February 1, 2017

## FOUR CHAPLAIN SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

As we remember these four chaplains and others that died on the Dorchester, take a moment and learn about the ships that helped the survivors of this USAT ship.

Here, then, is the rest of the four chaplains' story:

<http://www.armedtoserve.com/BUCKLER/DorchesterUntoldStory.html>

On Jan. 22, 1943, the Dorchester left Staten Island for the North Atlantic carrying 904 men, mostly replacement troops for bases in Greenland. Built in the 1920s as a luxury cruise ship, the vessel had come out of mothballs to aid the war effort. At Newfoundland, Canada, the Dorchester picked up two freighters and U.S. Coast Guard cutters Tampa, Comanche and Escanaba as escorts.

It was a rough trip for the little convoy. Periodically, winter winds whipped the North Atlantic to an icy froth, and the ships flopped about like toy boats in a riled bathtub.

"At times I thought the Dorchester was going to disintegrate," recalls Epstein.

Ice and heavy seas tore away part of the Tampa's anti-submarine rocket platform and washed some life rafts overboard. Sea spray froze on everything, including men's faces. To make matters worse, Coast Guard sonar detected the presence of a German submarine.

"Nerves were at the breaking point," recalls Tampa boatswain's mate John Pearse. "A submarine could easily come to periscope depth, and a U-boat running on the surface was virtually invisible to radar and sonar back then."

By Feb. 2, however, the convoy had moved to within 150 miles of Greenland. Protective air cover would be available the next morning, but that night Dorchester Captain Hans Danielson told the troops to sleep in their clothes and life jackets an order ignored by many.

His fear was well founded. At 12:55 a.m., a torpedo ripped into the Dorchester's right side, and the old ship immediately began to sink. As the men clamored to the deck, the four chaplains on board — Jewish rabbi Alexander Goode, Catholic priest John Washington, and Protestant ministers George Fox and Clark Poling — took charge of handing out life jackets. When the supply was exhausted, the chaplains removed their own life jackets and courageously gave them to others.

Minutes later, the Dorchester went under — with the four chaplains standing on the deck, their arms linked, singing praises to God. Many other men also went down with the ship. Hundreds more plunged into the icy water.



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## Truth finally told

Here, however, is where truth sometimes becomes a casualty, too. Contrary to most tellings of this story, the Coast Guard did not steam on ignorantly into the night. Aboard the nearby Comanche, sonar operator Dick Swanson heard the torpedo hit.

"The sound quality was not good that night," he recalls, "but there was no doubt about what it was." Immediately, the Coast Guard swung into action. All three cutters fired a fusillade of star shells, illuminating the scene in a ghostly white light — and making themselves sitting ducks for the sub. Loaded with depth charges, the cutters would likely disintegrate with any kind of a hit. As the Comanche escorted the two freighters out of the area, the Escanaba, which was not equipped with radar, began looking for survivors.

To prevent another attack, the Tampa screened (patrolled) the area, looking electronically for the submarine. Only recently did the significance of their maneuver become known.

In 1997, David Fox, nephew of chaplain Fox, went to Germany and located two crew members of U-223, the sub that sank the Dorchester. Through an interpreter, the men told Fox of lying terrified on the ocean bottom listening to the ping-ping of Coast Guard sonar, like large ball bearings being dropped on the sub's deck.

What the submarine crew did not know, however, was that the Coast Guard's hands may have been tied.

"I'm not sure what we could have done even if we had found the sub," says Pearse. "With all the men from the Dorchester in the water, depth charges were not really an option."

But the bluff worked: the sub remained pinned down, and the rescue continued.

Topside, the scene was grisly and surreal. Each life jacket carried a small, battery-powered red light to aid in rescue.

"There were acres of floating bodies," says Pearse, "and in the dark, those red lights dotted the water everywhere you looked."

Methodically, the Escanaba moved through the sea, crewmen in the bow calling out for survivors. But even with a life jacket, a man in this water could live no more than a few minutes, so individual bobbing lights usually marked corpses, not survivors.

### Coast Guard Saviors

Men in lifeboats and rafts fared better. One by one, the Escanaba sought these craft out, gently pulling alongside. A few Coast Guardsmen, specially trained and equipped with rubber suits, dove into the water to aid survivors and two life rafts to the cutter. As the sea tossed their little vessel, other Coast Guardsmen climbed over the side and down cargo netting to the water, where they guided the able-bodied to safety and carried up those too cold to save themselves.

Epstein was one of these. Initially thrown into the water, he swam in the darkness until other survivors in a life-boat hauled him aboard. By the time the Escanaba found them, however, he was too chilled to move, so two Coast Guardsmen carried him onto the cutter. Like other nearly frozen survivors, he was stripped naked, laid on a table, and literally rubbed back to life by the massaging hands of his rescuers. "I'm alive today because of those guys," he says. "They were wonderful."

In all, the Escanaba rescued 133 men. About 3:20 a.m. — for uncertain reasons — the Tampa went to protect the freighters, and the Comanche returned to screen for the Escanaba. But for Comanche CAPT Ralph Curry, simply riding shotgun was not good enough. Contrary to orders and protocol, he interrupted screening maneuvers again and again to rescue survivors.

"I thought it was more important to pick up the men," he says flatly. "They were all but frozen, and the only way to get them aboard was to throw a rope around them and haul them up like cargo."

Thanks to the Comanche, 97 more men were saved.

When it became clear there were no more survivors, the Comanche and Escanaba followed the Tampa and freighters toward Greenland. Within hours of the torpedo hit, the 230 Dorchester survivors were in the hospital — thanks to their Coast Guard protectors.

### Escanaba Tragedy

For decades, members of the cutter escort have wondered how their role in this event became so distorted.

"We abandoned the Dorchester all right," says Swanson, "but by that time she had been on the bottom for hours."

And, of course, there were 230 living, breathing testimonials to the success of the Coast Guard's rescue.

"The survivors became survivors because the Coast Guard picked them up," says Pearse.

Truly, the four chaplains did not have a monopoly on heroism that night.

Finally, there is a sad and ironic footnote to this story: Four months after the Dorchester tragedy, the Escanaba — while on another escort mission on June 13, 1943 — suffered a torpedo hit of her own. She sank immediately, and virtually all the crewmen (130) who performed so valiantly that night in the North Atlantic went down with her.

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For our Coast Guard members.



Today we start our way toward March 1, 2017: Legion Birthday Award Post Goal 95%

District Standings: A lot of movement took place this week.

CDR. Stephenson 13<sup>th</sup> has taken over 1<sup>st</sup> place, CDR. Rovinski 4<sup>th</sup> District has 2<sup>nd</sup> Place by a half of a percentage point behind first place and coming from 5<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. CDR. Johnson 8<sup>th</sup> District, is down in standing, but making moves to the top.

CDR. Lockhart 15<sup>th</sup> District is in 5<sup>th</sup> Place.

CDR. Barr 16<sup>th</sup> District moved from 11<sup>th</sup> place to 6<sup>th</sup>, CDR. Eidsvoog 17<sup>th</sup> District moved to 7<sup>th</sup> place but made a comment to the 16<sup>th</sup> that they would make the top three before it was all over. Another big move was made by the CDR. Scott of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District now in 10<sup>th</sup> place moving out 14<sup>th</sup> place. No new members to the 100% club

As a Department, On Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally, but #3 in the Southeast region.

Welcome to 112 new members this week.

For 2017: Needed to make 100% Department—6396. We need these shareholders to help keep The American Legion Strong.

*2017 Department of Virginia Bowling Tournament* – February 25-26, 2017

Post 364 Woodbridge is the Host details [http://valegion.org/?page\\_id=137](http://valegion.org/?page_id=137)  
APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY February 10, 2017

*Department-Spring-Conference cutoff date February 15*

<http://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2017-Fillable-Department-Spring-Conference-registration-form-revision5-11072016.pdf>

*Hiring of Hero Event* at the American Legion Washington Conference Friday, February 24.

Time 9a to 4p. Washington Hilton. Asking for Volunteers.

**Must be at Department on March 1:**

**Eagle Scout of the Year.**

<https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/publications/16ACY0716-Eagle-Scout-Nom-Form.pdf>

**Lucian Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund**

**This can be done online**

<http://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LUCIAN-BUTLER-AMERICAN-LEGION-form-02-02-2016-off-line.pdf>

**Middle School Essay** District winner to Department Chairman by March 1

<http://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/2017-Middle-School-Essay-Contest.pdf>

## **YOUTH CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**

<http://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/2017-Youth-Cadet-Law-Enforcement-Program-Application.pdf> **Dates**

*July 9-14th*

**State Golf Tournament:** May 19-21 Post 53 Front Royal

<http://valegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Department-Golf-Tournament.pdf>

Help wanted.

**Boys State** is always looking for Counselors. Please read

<http://www.vaboysstate.org/counselors/counselor-application.pdf>.

*Boys State: Cutoff Date is April 30, 2017*

*75th Session June 18- 24, Radford University.*

*If your Post has a new chairman, please have him contact the District or Department Chairman Stramm, email: [billstramm@gmail.com](mailto:billstramm@gmail.com) for help. Ask other service clubs to help with funding.*

*800 boys is the goal and every high school should send one.*

In 1939 it cost a Post \$10.00 to send one delegate to Boys State. That year 217 attended

### **Together Everyone Achieves More**

Post Membership *is not just one person*. It is a TEAM effort. One to welcome new members. One to teach the American Legion programs to the membership. One to keep older members updated on the Post. You are not a bill collector, you are looking for shareholders in the American Legion. The World's Largest Veterans Organization.

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*Bob Brady –Membership Chairman      Just keep swinging for the fences. Just ASK*

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**  
**REGION AND DISTRICT STANDINGS**  
AS OF 2/1/2017

**Regional Standings**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Stand-ings</b>	<b>Prior Year Mbrs</b>	<b>Curr Year Mbrs</b>	<b>Curr Year Goal</b>	<b>New Mbrs</b>	<b>Ren Mbrs</b>	<b>Paid Up For Life</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Per Cent of Goal</b>
NORTHERN	1	15215	13579	15348	603	7975	2041	2960	88.474%
WESTERN	2	7746	6774	7860	263	5218	729	564	86.183%
EASTERN	3	12267	10700	12447	682	6778	1339	1901	85.964%

**District Standings**

<b>District</b>		<b>Prior Year Mbrs</b>	<b>Curr Year Mbrs</b>	<b>Curr Year Goal</b>	<b>New Mbrs</b>	<b>Ren Mbrs</b>	<b>Paid Up For Life</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Per Cent of Goal</b>
THIRTEENTH	1	1963	1802	1980	112	1117	275	298	91.010%
FOURTH	2	1568	1433	1585	95	1029	157	152	90.410%
EIGHTH	3	1137	1042	1158	37	793	151	61	89.983%
SIXTH	4	1683	1523	1693	68	1239	120	96	89.959%
FIFTEENTH	5	1962	1750	1973	52	1323	172	203	88.697%
SIXTEENTH	6	4133	3693	4178	178	1961	584	970	88.392%
SEVENTEENTH	7	6192	5484	6221	243	2950	885	1406	88.153%
SEVENTH	8	886	792	899	24	585	126	57	88.098%
TWELFTH	9	1547	1398	1595	91	853	185	269	87.649%
SECOND	10	2706	2386	2749	208	1456	216	506	86.795%
FIRST	11	643	560	649	43	345	68	104	86.287%
NINTH	12	905	786	916	15	546	141	84	85.808%
FOURTEENTH	13	965	850	996	18	624	125	83	85.341%
ELEVENTH	14	3053	2629	3084	109	1713	346	461	85.246%
TENTH	15	1674	1433	1697	79	1098	106	150	84.443%
THIRD	16	2750	2294	2785	136	1382	367	409	82.370%
FIFTH	17	1461	1198	1497	40	957	85	116	80.027%
<b>TRADITIONAL:</b>		35228	31053	35655	1548	19971	4109	5425	87.093%
<b>POST 141:</b>		8062	7231	9024	50	4753	717	1711	80.131%
<b>CYBERPOST 1919:</b>		0	0	1	0	0	0		0.000%
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>		43290	38284	44680	1598	24724	4826	7136	85.685%
<b>NEW DMS:</b>			0	0					
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>			38284	44680					

**YEAR TO DATE TOTALS AND SUMMARY**

<b>CURRENT YEAR GOAL:</b>	44680
<b>MEMBERSHIP AS OF 2/1/2017 :</b>	38284
<b>REMAINDER TO MEET GOAL:</b>	6396

**EASTERN REGION-- FIRST DISTRICT-- (4 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
56 +	NORTHAMPTON	2/1/2017	245	225	222	247	27	142	16	40	91.093%
100	PARKSLEY	12/16/2016	25	22	23	26	0	0	5	17	84.615%
101	ONANCOCK	12/14/2016	19	16	18	20	0	6	10	0	80.000%
159	CHINCOTEAGUE	2/1/2017	354	297	320	356	16	197	37	47	83.427%
<b>CDR: STEVEN ATKINS(100)</b>			643	560	584	649	43	345	68	104	86.287%

**EASTERN REGION-- SECOND DISTRICT-- (14 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
5	NORFOLK	1/11/2017	144	88	130	144	4	61	5	18	61.111%
35	NORFOLK	2/1/2017	101	85	90	100	7	45	6	27	85.000%
37 ***	NORFOLK	2/1/2017	121	169	110	122	93	69	2	5	138.525%
60	NORFOLK	2/1/2017	58	51	56	62	2	33	3	13	82.258%
81 +	VIRGINIA BEACH	10/12/2016	21	17	17	19	0	13	4	0	89.474%
110 ***	VIRGINIA BEACH	2/1/2017	297	343	295	328	9	187	49	98	104.573%
113 ***	PRINCESS ANNE	2/1/2017	57	59	49	54	3	47	4	5	109.259%
118	NORFOLK	1/3/2017	21	13	22	24	0	7	3	3	54.167%
190	PORTSMOUTH	2/1/2017	280	221	244	271	17	175	10	19	81.550%
204 +	NORFOLK	1/4/2017	49	46	44	49	0	44	1	1	93.878%
280 +	CHESAPEAKE	2/1/2017	400	366	364	404	28	177	42	119	90.594%
310	CHURCHLAND	1/17/2017	80	65	81	90	1	43	8	13	72.222%
327	NORFOLK	2/1/2017	1051	847	950	1055	43	544	76	184	80.284%
1992	VIRGINIA BEACH	12/7/2016	26	16	24	27	1	11	3	1	59.259%
<b>CDR: ALONZO SCOTT(37)</b>			2706	2386	2474	2749	208	1456	216	506	86.795%

**EASTERN REGION-- THIRD DISTRICT-- (16 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
25	NEWPORT NEWS	2/1/2017	415	364	378	420	24	248	34	58	86.667%
31	HAMPTON	1/17/2017	89	73	82	91	2	39	17	15	80.220%
39	WILLIAMSBURG	2/1/2017	109	98	100	111	3	60	12	23	88.288%
48	HAMPTON	2/1/2017	106	96	98	109	0	46	32	18	88.073%
61	CHARLES CITY	1/25/2017	44	37	42	47	0	33	1	3	78.723%
67	HAMPTON	2/1/2017	183	135	167	186	13	78	29	15	72.581%
75 +	GLOUCESTER	2/1/2017	184	167	167	186	6	87	34	40	89.785%
83 +	MATHEWS	1/17/2017	181	171	164	182	3	127	18	23	93.956%
165	YORKTOWN	12/28/2016	35	31	33	37	1	21	6	3	83.784%
172	WEST POINT	11/30/2016	35	19	33	37	1	16	2	0	51.351%
273	POQUOSON	2/1/2017	115	106	107	119	1	51	29	25	89.076%
314	AYLETT	12/21/2016	47	33	43	48	2	15	12	4	68.750%

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368	NEWPORT NEWS	2/1/2017	1038	827	936	1040	77	492	116	142	79.519%
1776	WILLIAMSBURG	2/1/2017	105	85	93	103	0	50	10	25	82.524%
1991 +	TABB	12/16/2016	35	34	34	38	3	19	5	7	89.474%
1997	HAMPTON	2/1/2017	29	18	28	31	0	0	10	8	58.065%
<b>CDR: JOSEPH SHINE(75)</b>			2750	2294	2507	2785	136	1382	367	409	82.370%

**EASTERN REGION-- FOURTH DISTRICT-- (14 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
2	PETERSBURG	2/1/2017	402	354	363	403	27	239	34	54	87.841%
46	EMPORIA	2/1/2017	49	43	46	51	0	40	3	0	84.314%
49 ***	SMITHFIELD	1/31/2017	167	170	151	168	9	121	17	23	101.190%
57	SUFFOLK	2/1/2017	93	76	85	94	1	64	6	5	80.851%
73	FRANKLIN	12/21/2016	100	84	91	101	3	64	12	5	83.168%
88	SUFFOLK	2/1/2017	81	69	75	83	5	39	12	13	83.133%
120 ***	DISPUTANTA	1/31/2017	137	139	124	138	24	79	22	14	100.725%
146 +	HOPEWELL	2/1/2017	318	311	287	319	23	222	39	27	97.492%
149 +	DINWIDDIE	12/28/2016	31	30	29	32	1	22	3	4	93.750%
151	EMPORIA	8/2/2016	88	73	80	89	1	70	2	0	82.022%
160 +	SURRY	12/7/2016	35	35	32	36	0	27	4	4	97.222%
191	WAVERLY	1/18/2017	25	13	23	26	0	10	1	2	50.000%
264	JARRATT	10/26/2016	23	19	23	25	0	17	2	0	76.000%
276	BOYKINS	12/1/2016	19	17	18	20	1	15	0	1	85.000%
<b>CDR: JAMES ROVINSKI(120)</b>			1568	1433	1427	1585	95	1029	157	152	90.410%

**EASTERN REGION-- ELEVENTH DISTRICT-- (20 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
1 +	RICHMOND	2/1/2017	135	123	122	136	4	91	17	11	90.441%
38	RICHMOND	12/14/2016	18	13	17	19	0	11	1	1	68.421%
84 +	RICHMOND	2/1/2017	125	119	113	126	1	80	24	14	94.444%
87	AMELIA	2/1/2017	75	54	68	76	0	37	13	4	71.053%
91	CHESTERFIELD	8/10/2016	11	8	14	15	0	3	2	3	53.333%
108	RICHMOND	1/25/2017	32	22	30	33	0	16	4	2	66.667%
125	RICHMOND	1/31/2017	136	104	123	137	3	82	5	14	75.912%
136	ETTRICK	12/7/2016	23	21	22	24	1	20	0	0	87.500%
137 +	RICHMOND	2/1/2017	162	161	147	163	8	105	23	25	98.773%
144	HIGHLAND SPRINGS	1/11/2017	221	191	202	224	11	127	24	29	85.268%
186	MIDLOTHIAN	2/1/2017	376	321	338	376	20	204	29	68	85.372%
189	RICHMOND	1/3/2017	30	27	31	34	1	13	9	4	79.412%



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201	POWHATAN	2/1/2017	118	94	107	119	3	54	16	21	78.992%
210 *	RICHMOND	12/7/2016	19	21	21	23	6	9	2	4	91.304%
233 ***	RICHMOND	2/1/2017	54	62	50	55	10	38	5	9	112.727%
242	SANDSTON	1/17/2017	72	65	66	73	3	49	8	5	89.041%
244	GLEN ALLEN	2/1/2017	127	106	115	128	0	87	8	11	82.813%
284	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	2/1/2017	1135	970	1023	1137	30	589	147	204	85.312%
354	RICHMOND	2/1/2017	128	102	116	129	6	73	3	20	79.070%
361	RICHMOND	2/1/2017	56	45	51	57	2	25	6	12	78.947%
<b>CDR: AL HILLMAN(186)</b>			3053	2629	2776	3084	109	1713	346	461	85.246%

**EASTERN REGION-- TWELFTH DISTRICT-- (13 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
55 ***	FREDERICKSBURG	2/1/2017	175	193	161	179	27	133	22	11	107.821%
64	TAPPAHANNOCK	1/11/2017	49	45	47	52	3	28	3	11	86.538%
82	SALUDA	12/16/2016	23	21	25	28	1	5	7	8	75.000%
86	KILMARNOCK	1/17/2017	96	77	88	98	4	51	12	10	78.571%
89 +	KING GEORGE	2/1/2017	180	166	163	181	15	78	32	41	91.713%
117	REEDVILLE	2/1/2017	137	116	131	145	8	78	12	18	80.000%
148	COLONIAL BEACH	2/1/2017	246	212	223	248	13	148	19	32	85.484%
221	CAROLINE COUNTY	1/31/2017	48	40	49	54	2	22	7	9	74.074%
241	STORMONT	10/19/2016	14	9	14	15	2	7	0	0	60.000%
252	MONTROSS	1/25/2017	62	56	58	64	1	35	10	10	87.500%
320	SPOTSYLVANIA	2/1/2017	441	397	406	451	15	215	54	113	88.027%
329	DAHLGREN	12/1/2016	41	37	39	43	0	33	2	2	86.047%
401	WARSAW	1/17/2017	35	29	33	37	0	20	5	4	78.378%
<b>CDR: MILLIE HAMPTON(82)</b>			1547	1398	1436	1595	91	853	185	269	87.649%

**NORTHERN REGION-- THIRTEENTH DISTRICT-- (10 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
74 +	CHARLOTTESVILLE	2/1/2017	778	727	702	780	36	428	146	117	93.205%
90 ***	BEAVERDAM	1/25/2017	29	37	28	31	4	25	6	2	119.355%
116 +	LOUISA	12/28/2016	113	108	103	114	7	65	13	23	94.737%
128 +	STANARDSVILLE	2/1/2017	85	80	78	87	2	68	3	7	91.954%
156	ORANGE	2/1/2017	183	160	167	185	6	117	18	19	86.486%
157	MADISON	1/11/2017	150	125	137	152	12	61	21	31	82.237%
175 +	MECHANICSVILLE	2/1/2017	297	279	270	300	24	179	26	50	93.000%
206	ASHLAND	2/1/2017	38	24	36	40	0	17	4	3	60.000%
215	GOOCHLAND	2/1/2017	135	122	123	137	9	73	21	19	89.051%

**NORTHERN REGION-- THIRTEENTH DISTRICT-- (10 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
2003 +	FLUVANNA COUNTY	2/1/2017	155	140	139	154	12	84	17	27	90.909%
<b>CDR: G. STEPHENSON(157)</b>			1963	1802	1782	1980	112	1117	275	298	91.010%

**NORTHERN REGION-- FOURTEENTH DISTRICT-- (11 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
13 +	STAUNTON	2/1/2017	161	156	147	163	6	112	20	18	95.706%
27	DAYTON	2/1/2017	229	200	209	232	1	147	28	24	86.207%
76	HARRISONBURG	12/14/2016	42	34	40	44	0	28	5	1	77.273%
92	BATH COUNTY	12/7/2016	16	15	16	18	0	12	3	0	83.333%
126	BUENA VISTA	2/1/2017	84	68	77	86	3	52	9	4	79.070%
155	HIGHLAND	10/18/2016	6	5	14	15	0	3	1	1	33.333%
188	HARRISONBURG	1/18/2017	194	155	176	196	7	123	10	15	79.082%
222 *	ELKTON	9/8/2016	16	17	17	19	0	17	0	0	89.474%
278 +	PLAINS DISTRICT	12/28/2016	22	22	22	24	0	11	11	0	91.667%
291	LEXINGTON	11/2/2016	20	15	20	22	0	15	0	0	68.182%
340 +	EAST AUGUSTA COU	2/1/2017	175	163	159	177	1	104	38	20	92.090%
<b>CDR: JOE MCGUGAN(340)</b>			965	850	896	996	18	624	125	83	85.341%

**NORTHERN REGION-- FIFTEENTH DISTRICT-- (7 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
21 +	WINCHESTER	2/1/2017	439	404	396	440	16	311	36	41	91.818%
22 +	LURAY	2/1/2017	73	70	68	75	6	43	15	6	93.333%
41 +	BERRYVILLE	2/1/2017	175	167	159	177	3	129	7	28	94.350%
53	FRONT ROYAL	2/1/2017	357	295	322	358	11	208	41	35	82.402%
77	STRASBURG	2/1/2017	302	267	274	304	9	217	18	23	87.829%
166	NEW MARKET	2/1/2017	170	152	155	172	3	110	24	15	88.372%
199	WOODSTOCK	2/1/2017	446	395	402	447	4	305	31	55	88.367%
<b>CDR: L LOCKHART(21)</b>			1962	1750	1776	1973	52	1323	172	203	88.697%

**NORTHERN REGION-- SIXTEENTH DISTRICT-- (16 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
10	MANASSAS	2/1/2017	792	696	714	793	27	352	102	215	87.768%
28	TRIANGLE	2/1/2017	318	255	287	319	9	137	47	62	79.937%
34 +	LEESBURG	1/18/2017	80	75	74	82	1	37	16	21	91.463%
72	WARRENTON	2/1/2017	440	381	398	442	6	231	55	89	86.199%
114	MANASSAS	1/17/2017	67	59	61	68	3	36	12	8	86.765%

**NORTHERN REGION-- SIXTEENTH DISTRICT-- (16 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
150	STERLING PARK	1/11/2017	100	87	91	101	1	47	12	27	86.139%
158 *	MANASSAS	12/21/2016	29	30	27	30	0	15	7	8	100.000%
247	REMINGTON	2/1/2017	84	73	81	90	4	25	19	25	81.111%
290	STAFFORD	2/1/2017	678	604	611	679	24	335	81	164	88.954%
293 +	PURCELLVILLE	2/1/2017	220	201	198	220	31	103	18	49	91.364%
295	MIDDLEBURG	1/3/2017	27	24	25	28	2	17	0	5	85.714%
330 +	CULPEPER	1/17/2017	198	184	179	199	4	117	26	37	92.462%
360	WARRENTON	12/21/2016	31	24	31	34	1	16	7	0	70.588%
364 +	WOODBIDGE	2/1/2017	876	812	806	895	50	430	152	180	90.726%
1799 +	HAYMARKET	2/1/2017	112	106	103	114	7	45	14	40	92.982%
2001 *	ASHBURN	2/1/2017	81	82	76	84	8	18	16	40	97.619%
<b>CDR: WILLIE BARR(114)</b>			4133	3693	3760	4178	178	1961	584	970	88.392%

**NORTHERN REGION-- SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT-- (18 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
24 +	ALEXANDRIA	2/1/2017	712	654	644	715	31	260	109	254	91.469%
44	ARLINGTON	2/1/2017	97	69	88	98	4	34	16	15	70.408%
85	ARLINGTON	2/1/2017	191	163	173	192	8	107	18	30	84.896%
123 +	GREENSPRING	11/16/2016	55	52	50	56	3	33	15	1	92.857%
129	ALEXANDRIA	11/1/2016	21	14	20	22	0	9	3	2	63.636%
130 +	FALLS CHURCH	2/1/2017	206	194	186	207	12	120	27	35	93.720%
139	ARLINGTON	2/1/2017	303	263	278	309	12	136	44	71	85.113%
162	LORTON	2/1/2017	488	364	440	489	22	214	39	89	74.438%
176 +	SPRINGFIELD	2/1/2017	1307	1238	1177	1308	63	656	205	314	94.648%
177 +	FAIRFAX	2/1/2017	986	905	889	988	45	477	138	245	91.599%
180	VIENNA	2/1/2017	659	565	594	660	17	335	86	127	85.606%
184	HERNDON	2/1/2017	231	197	209	232	1	106	40	50	84.914%
194	ARLINGTON	1/11/2017	59	45	54	60	1	34	9	1	75.000%
225	FALLS CHURCH	12/16/2016	28	11	28	31	0	0	8	3	35.484%
270	McLEAN	2/1/2017	303	266	274	304	8	143	56	59	87.500%
1775	FORT BELVOIR	2/1/2017	51	48	50	55	1	28	13	6	87.273%
1976	ANNANDALE	2/1/2017	351	303	315	350	12	189	33	69	86.571%
1995 +	CENTREVILLE	2/1/2017	144	133	131	145	3	69	26	35	91.724%
<b>CDR: ROBT EIDSVOOG(176)</b>			6192	5484	5599	6221	243	2950	885	1406	88.153%

**WESTERN REGION-- FIFTH DISTRICT-- (13 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
8 +	SOUTH BOSTON	2/1/2017	284	271	257	286	10	226	18	17	94.755%

**WESTERN REGION-- FIFTH DISTRICT-- (13 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
32	FARMVILLE	12/12/2016	38	33	36	40	4	22	2	5	82.500%
40	BLACKSTONE	11/2/2016	17	12	16	18	1	7	4	0	66.667%
43	CHASE CITY	1/11/2017	107	89	98	109	0	75	8	6	81.651%
45	CLARKSVILLE	2/1/2017	58	46	54	60	2	25	8	11	76.667%
50	CREWE	2/1/2017	66	49	61	68	1	24	8	16	72.059%
65	LAWRENCEVILLE	1/25/2017	22	18	23	25	2	15	1	0	72.000%
79	SOUTH HILL	2/1/2017	435	377	397	441	12	309	15	41	85.488%
94 *	ALBERTA	12/14/2016	15	16	16	18	1	13	1	1	88.889%
99	HALIFAX	2/1/2017	209	127	192	213	3	111	7	6	59.624%
147	KENBRIDGE	2/1/2017	46	37	43	48	1	23	9	4	77.083%
260	KEYSVILLE	12/16/2016	135	96	126	140	0	83	4	9	68.571%
342	VOLENS	12/7/2016	29	27	28	31	3	24	0	0	87.097%
<b>CDR: LEONARD SMITH(79)</b>			1461	1198	1347	1497	40	957	85	116	80.027%

**WESTERN REGION-- SIXTH DISTRICT-- (13 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
6	ROCKY MOUNT	1/25/2017	117	93	106	118	3	81	6	3	78.814%
11 +	BASSETT	1/25/2017	54	50	50	55	0	39	4	7	90.909%
29 +	DANVILLE	2/1/2017	188	170	167	185	9	146	7	8	91.892%
42 ***	MARTINSVILLE	2/1/2017	101	105	91	101	15	72	9	9	103.960%
47	CHATHAM	2/1/2017	22	18	22	24	0	12	2	4	75.000%
78	MARTINSVILLE	1/31/2017	205	180	185	206	4	158	9	9	87.379%
96 +	CALLAWAY	12/7/2016	15	15	14	15	1	14	0	0	100.000%
105	STUART	12/21/2016	75	67	68	76	1	56	7	3	88.158%
111	ROCKY MOUNT	12/12/2016	40	35	36	40	2	15	12	6	87.500%
127 +	FLOYD	2/1/2017	76	69	69	77	2	51	11	5	89.610%
232 ***	GRETNA	1/31/2017	86	89	78	87	6	76	3	4	102.299%
325	DANVILLE	2/1/2017	326	295	296	329	13	247	21	14	89.666%
1097	DANVILLE	2/1/2017	378	337	342	380	12	272	29	24	88.684%
<b>CDR: WALTER DAVIS(29)</b>			1683	1523	1524	1693	68	1239	120	96	89.959%

**WESTERN REGION-- SEVENTH DISTRICT-- (9 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
7 +	PULASKI	1/18/2017	140	129	127	141	8	103	10	8	91.489%
9 +	WYTHEVILLE	12/28/2016	132	120	120	133	3	71	35	11	90.226%
18	MARION	1/25/2017	70	62	67	74	1	49	8	4	83.784%
20 +	BLAND	10/19/2016	49	46	45	50	4	37	4	1	92.000%
58 ***	DUBLIN	11/16/2016	40	45	37	41	5	37	1	2	109.756%

**WESTERN REGION-- SEVENTH DISTRICT-- (9 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
68	NARROWS	12/28/2016	101	84	92	102	1	58	21	4	82.353%
229	RURAL RETREAT	1/18/2017	139	122	127	141	1	77	31	13	86.525%
245	GALAX	2/1/2017	161	139	145	161	1	113	13	12	86.335%
311	PEMBROKE	12/28/2016	54	45	50	56	0	40	3	2	80.357%
<b>CDR: ETTAN MILLER(229)</b>			886	792	809	899	24	585	126	57	88.098%

**WESTERN REGION-- EIGHTH DISTRICT-- (12 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
12	ABINGDON	2/1/2017	108	96	99	110	3	70	12	11	87.273%
14	POCAHONTAS	11/16/2016	88	78	81	90	2	64	7	5	86.667%
122	BLUEFIELD	11/14/2016	25	20	24	27	0	14	6	0	74.074%
133 +	TAZEWELL	2/1/2017	119	109	108	120	5	83	11	10	90.833%
135 +	DAMASCUS	12/7/2016	41	38	38	42	1	34	2	1	90.476%
164 +	GRUNDY	2/1/2017	391	368	355	394	6	269	81	12	93.401%
185 +	JONESVILLE	2/1/2017	49	48	46	51	2	35	8	3	94.118%
208 +	LEBANON	2/1/2017	79	73	73	81	1	59	9	4	90.123%
227	CLINTWOOD	1/11/2017	21	19	21	23	0	13	4	2	82.609%
243	NORTON	12/21/2016	83	67	76	84	3	51	9	4	79.762%
265 +	GATE CITY	2/1/2017	114	107	104	115	4	92	2	9	93.043%
775 +	POCAHONTAS SCC	1/25/2017	19	19	19	21	10	9	0	0	90.476%
<b>CDR: PERRY JOHNSON(133)</b>			1137	1042	1042	1158	37	793	151	61	89.983%

**WESTERN REGION-- NINTH DISTRICT-- (10 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
3	ROANOKE	2/1/2017	358	319	320	356	9	221	53	36	89.607%
4 +	COVINGTON	12/16/2016	56	52	51	57	1	41	7	3	91.228%
30	RADFORD	2/1/2017	38	31	35	39	0	19	8	4	79.487%
59	CHRISTIANSBURG	1/4/2017	103	87	94	104	2	66	12	7	83.654%
80	VINTON	12/21/2016	95	83	86	96	2	63	13	5	86.458%
93 +	BUCHANAN	12/21/2016	54	50	50	55	0	37	8	5	90.909%
182	BLACKSBURG	1/4/2017	61	50	56	62	0	34	8	8	80.645%
240	TROUTVILLE	11/1/2016	45	31	46	51	1	13	13	4	60.784%
248	ROANOKE	2/1/2017	95	83	86	96	0	52	19	12	86.458%
<b>CDR: JAMES EUBANK(93)</b>			905	786	824	916	15	546	141	84	85.808%

**WESTERN REGION-- TENTH DISTRICT-- (11 Posts)**

Post	Location	Last Transmittal	Prior Year Mbrs	Curr Year Mbrs	2/1/2017 90% Target Goal	Curr Year Goal	New Mbrs	Ren Mbrs	Paid Up For Life	On-line	Per Cent of Goal
16	LYNCHBURG	2/1/2017	997	833	897	997	59	638	43	93	83.551%
17 +	LOVINGSTON	2/1/2017	52	52	50	56	4	40	6	2	92.857%
36	ALTAVISTA	2/1/2017	43	40	41	45	1	26	6	7	88.889%
52	BROOKNEAL	1/31/2017	49	44	49	54	2	39	1	2	81.481%
54 +	BEDFORD	2/1/2017	137	135	125	139	5	98	19	13	97.122%
62	SMITH MTN LAKE	2/1/2017	34	31	32	35	1	12	6	12	88.571%
104	APPOMATTOX	1/25/2017	181	149	164	182	1	114	18	16	81.868%
134 +	DILLWYN	2/1/2017	34	33	32	35	2	31	0	0	94.286%
217	BIG ISLAND	12/28/2016	22	20	22	24	1	18	1	0	83.333%
269	CUMBERLAND	12/21/2016	33	29	32	36	1	25	1	2	80.556%
274	MADISON HEIGHTS	12/16/2016	92	67	85	94	2	57	5	3	71.277%
<b>CDR: DEAN JENNINGS(36)</b>			1674	1433	1527	1697	79	1098	106	150	84.443%

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+ POSTS EQUALING OR SURPASSING THEIR TARGET GOAL