



District 17 Communicator

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Commander's Corner

Legionnaires,

Membership is was off to a pretty good start. District 17th was ranked 6th in the Department. We have slipped to 9th. Going in the wrong direction! Only Posts 24, 123, 176, 184, 1775, 1976, and 1995 made their 50% goal. Several are close and should make it this week. Several are lagging way behind. If you need help, let Membership Chairman Yarborough or I know and will help you. We are currently at 49.951% of our goal for 2020. Only two posts did not reach the 14 August 35% goal. We all need to step up and keep moving forward. The next goal is 3 September – 50%.

On 8 September, we will have our first District Training session at Post 180 at 4 pm. Every post needs to be represented, either your Adjutant, your Membership Chairman, or both need to be there.

The following are the three goals and dates that we have to meet.

3 September – 50%

1 October – 55%

5 November – 65%

The individual post goals for this year are:

Alexandria Post 24 – 743

Arlington Post 44 – 86

Arlington Post 85 - 141

Greenspring Post 123 – 58

Alexandria Post 129 – 24

Falls Church Post 130 – 213

Arlington Post 139 - 240

Lorton Post 162 – 343

Springfield Post 176 – 1432

Fairfax Post 177 – 948

Vienna Post 180 – 686

Herndon Post 184 – 213

Arlington Post 194 – 49

Falls Church Post 225 – 31

McLean Post 270 – 339

Fort Belvoir Post 1775 – 55

Annandale Post 1976 – 302

Centreville Post 1995 – 159

Membership is a pain. I know, I've been the Membership chair at Post 24 for 19 years. But it is what keeps us going as an organization and we need to be dedicated to the job. I know we can do this, and it needs everyone to do their part..

Upcoming Legion Events:

If your post is having an event be it Legion, Auxiliary or SAL, let me know and we will add it to the newsletter. As a family, we will get the word out to every one to join your post family in supporting you.

Alexandria Post 24

Sunday, September 8: Clubroom Chili Cookoff. The clubroom will open at noon for the first NFL Sunday season. Bring a crock pot of your favorite chili to share or just bring your appetite.

September 11: Post 24 will hold their annual 9/11 memorial ceremony at the flagpole in front of the post. The ceremony will begin at 1930 prior to our General Membership meeting.

Arlington Post 85

Sunday, 8 September: SAL Steak dinner 8 Sep (doors open at 1230)

Saturday, 14 September:
Membership BBQ 14 Sept (Starts at 1600)

Sunday, September 15: Ladies Aux Dinner 15 Sep (doors open @1230)

Sunday, September 29: SAL Steak Dinner (Doors Open @1230)

General Billy Mitchell ALA Unit 85 will be hosting home-cooked dinners during the Redskin football season. Dinners vary from fried chicken to ham, lasagna, etc. They run from 3-6 pm each **home** game that is played in the afternoons. The prices vary from \$10 up depending on the dinner. Takeouts are welcome - just call the post at 703-527-8178 to place your order and it will be ready whenever you want it.

Springfield Post 176

On September 28, Squadron 176 is holding their 3rd Annual Pig Roast. Tickets are \$25 presale and \$30 walk-ins. There will be entertainment and is family friendly. For tickets, please visit Post 176 Bar Manager or contact Tyler Vanice at SALAdjutant@post176.org.

Upcoming Auxiliary Events

The NORTHERN ZONE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Virginia, is hereby called for Saturday, September 28, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at American Legion Stafford Post 290 located at 1141

Mountain View Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

Registration, networking, and morning refreshments for this workshop will be from 8:45-9:30 a.m. The workshop will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 290 will be the host unit for this function. Please wear ALA casual or business casual attire.

The Zone Leadership Workshop will be presented by Sallie Rossman, Department Leadership Chairperson. Sallie will be assisted by the department committee chairpersons who will provide an informative presentation on their programs. This workshop will provide valuable interaction between Unit members and department officers/chairpersons. The workshop is designed to expand members' knowledge not only in leadership, but to provide additional information on Auxiliary programs to better accomplish this year's Program Action Plan objectives.

Department President, Dr. Lisa Chaplin, has chosen the theme of "Honoring Service for 100 Years." To support the Department President's theme, please bring a "small" photocopy of a family member in uniform to share on a poster board collage entitled "Our Heroes--- Honoring 100 Years of Service" to the Northern Zone Leadership Workshop on September 28, 2019. A group picture will be taken with attendees and the collage.

Please RSVP to Karen Hunter by September 21, 2019 to let me know how many and who from your unit will be attending so that we have an accurate count for lunch. The price of lunch & morning snacks (\$8.00) will be collected at the door the morning of the workshop from 8:45-9:30. My contact information for is: khiteach@aol.com OR 703-830-1734 OR 703-314-6294.

Volunteer Opportunity:

The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial

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Let's all have a great September and See YOU at the Fall Conference on 29 September at Post 177. Exec Mtg at 12:30 and General Membership at 1 pm