



Department Membership Bulletin



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DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP GOAL AT 66.88%

The Third Target Date goal was 55% and congratulations to all 10 Districts for exceeded this percentage. The 7th District came out on top with 69.76% and the 2nd District came in second with 69.43%.

The Central Region is on top with 66.81% of goal followed by the Eastern Region with 66.65%. Third is the Western Region with 64.70%. The Department as a whole is sitting at 66.88% of our 2010 goal.

There were 185 posts out of 219, that either met or exceeded the 55% Third Target Date goal compared to 178 last year.

Military Community Covenant

Legionnaires, we need your help with a goal of 100% Military Community Covenant signings. Enclosed in this bulletin is a list of counties and organized cities who have NOT yet signed a military covenant. (Those not highlighted). For information on the Military Community Covenant, visit the ND League of Cities website at NDLC.org.

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**Butte Post #270 Wins
Target Date Drawing of \$25**

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**Next Target Date
Monday
November 16 (65%)**

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District Standings

Seventh	69.76%
Second	69.43%
Fifth	69.01%
Tenth	68.45%
Eighth	66.33%
Fourth	66.03%
Ninth	65.18%
Third	64.20%
First	63.22%
Sixth	60.20%

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Schedule of Oratorical Contest

Enclosed in this bulletin is the schedule of the 2009-2010 District Oratorical Contests for your information. Posts that will have a contestant to compete in the District Contest are urged to alert the student and the school of the scheduled contest in your District and to see to it that arrangements are made for any transportation that may be necessary for that student to appear at the contest.

The State Oratorical Contest will be held in Mandan on February 6, 2010, at 1:30 pm at the Seven Seas.

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Veterans Day Speech Available Soon

The Department Headquarters has Suggested Speeches written by National Headquarters Public Relations Division. Call 701-293-3120 and ask Sarah to have the speech sent to you or click on www.legion.org and the speech can be found on the Public Relations tab.

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NEW FORM TO HELP COMPLETE CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

Included in this bulletin is a form that was developed by Ninth District Commander Michael Weyrauch that will help complete the Consolidated Post Report throughout the year. The post will need to duplicate the form for each month of the year or for the months the post has activity.

The 2009-2010 Consolidated Post Report from National will be sent out in the February 2010 bulletin, so these new forms need to be filled out beginning with last June 2009 through May 15 of 2010.

This form is perhaps the most important document your Post can complete and submit. This information will be combined with that of other Posts, which submit forms to be put into the report annually sent to Congress. Your Post is encouraged to send a photocopy to your own U.S. Representative. This summary is "US" when the National Commander and others testify on Capitol Hill on behalf of The American Legion and all veterans. Each post has a story to tell and when we speak collectively, our strength is magnified...your Post needs to be a part of that united force.

Every blank or line does not have to be filled in. Few Posts can claim activity for every item listed. If the Post has one program, then that should be the one reported. If your Post had projects, activities or events which cannot be adequately covered on the report form, attach a narrative (written description/pictures/newspaper articles). The narrative report will be reviewed by personnel at National Headquarters. Your report is a measure of performance for your Post and shows you are "Still Serving America".

Commander Samuelson's Sky Lantern Project

To kick off the National Emergency Fund and Comfort Warrior fundraising project on Veterans Day, Commander Samuelson has ordered 500 Sky Lanterns to be released by his home post on Veterans Day. Posts wishing to order Sky Lanterns can order through the website at www.theskylantern.com or call the toll free number at 1-888-449-3586. When ordering, use the North Dakota Department of The American Legion's name to receive the bulk rate. Posts are encouraged to create their Sky Lantern release event.

Upcoming Events

October

- 12-13 Commander/Adjutant's Conference
- 12-15 Nat'l Fall Meetings (Indianapolis, IN)
- 25-30 Legion College (Indianapolis, IN)

November

- 11 Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
- 15-20 American Education Week
- 26 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
- 22-27 National Family Week

<http://www.ndlegion.org/MembershipBulletins/Bulletins.html>

SCHEDULE OF 2009-2010 DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTESTS NORTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION

Posts that will have a contestant to compete in the District Oratorical Contest are urged to alert the student and the school of the scheduled contest in your District and to see to it that arrangements are made for any transportation that may be necessary for that student to appear at the contest!

<u>DISTRICT CONTESTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CITY</u>
7 th	Jan 9 (Sat)	1:30 pm MST	Hwy 21 Cafe	Flasher
3 rd	Dec 5 (Sat)	1:00 pm	Leeds High School	Leeds
4 th	Nov 18 (Wed)	3:00 pm	Jamestown City Hall 102 3 rd Ave. SE	Jamestown
6 th	Dec 5 (Sat)	10:00 am	Granville High School Media Center	Granville
2 nd	Dec 2 (Wed)	1:30 pm	American Legion Club	Park River
8 th	Dec 12 (Sat)	1:30 pm MST	Belfield High School Music Room	Belfield
5 th	Jan 3 (Sun)	3:00 pm	Bismarck Legion 1022 E. Divide Ave. (N. Door)	Bismarck
10 th	Dec 12 (Sat)	1:00 pm	Hankinson High School New Auditorium	Hankinson
1 st	Dec 17 (Thurs)	3:30 pm	Harwood Elementary School 110 Freedland Dr.	Harwood
9 th	Dec 19 (Sat)	10:00 am	Ray High School School Library East Door	Ray

<u>DIVISION CONTESTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CITY</u>
East (Winners of Districts 1-2-3-4-10 will compete in the East Division Contest)	Jan. 9 (Sat)	1:00 pm	Maddock High School	Maddock
West (Winners of Districts 5-6-7-8-9 will compete in the West Division Contest)	Jan. 16 (Sat)	1:00 pm CST	Watford City High School Media Center	Watford City

STATE FINALS Feb. 6 (Sat) 1:30 pm Seven Seas Mandan
(Winners and Runnersup in East and West Division Contest appear at the Winter Conference for the 2010 State Championship)

June 1, 2009 - May 15, 2010 Consolidated Post Reporting by Month

_____ - Month/Year

Veterans Affairs & Rehab

Cases _____ \$ aid given _____ # hrs VA Hospital _____ Post has active VA&R _____ Post has active Ser Off _____
Post has Heroes to Hometown Rep _____

National Security

Blood donor program - # of pints _____ # of donors from Post _____ **ROTC medals** - No. presented by Posts _____
Energy - Post has Chairman _____ **Crime Prevention** - Post has program _____ **Fire Prevention** - Post has program _____
Homeland Security - Does post participate _____ POW/MIA chairman _____ Post have Foreign Relations Committee Chair _____

Public Relations

Post have active PR Chairperson _____ Post produce Post Publications _____ # of annual community events _____
Post Participated in **911 Community Commemorative Event** _____ **# of times post mentioned in the following media during the past year?**
Radio _____ TV _____ Cable Access TV _____ Newspaper stories _____ Newspaper letters to the editor _____

Uniformed Groups

Post Sponsors: Color Guard _____ Fire Squad _____ No. of Funeral Hours by vets _____ Cost of Uniformed Groups \$ _____

Economics

Post has Employment Chairman _____ Post have Homeless Veterans Chairman _____ # Vets referred to LVER or DVOP _____
No. placed in employment _____ No. placed in job training program _____ Promote Emphy Older Worker/Employer of the Yr _____

Submitted award nominations in the following:

Homeless Veterans Outreach _____ Employer of Disabled _____ Employer of Older Workers _____ LVER _____ DVOP _____ Local Off _____
Employer of vets large category +200 employees _____ Employer of vets medium category 50-200 employees _____ Employer of vets small category 50 or less _____

Americanism

Boys State # of boys _____ Cost \$ _____ **AmLeg Legacy Scholarship donated** \$ _____ **Baseball** - Team sponsored _____ Cost \$ _____
Scouting - Posts sponsor Scout units _____ # of youths in Legion Scouting _____ Donated to Scouting Activities \$ _____
Oratorical Contest - Post sponsored local contest _____ # of Local contestants _____ Cost to Post \$ _____
Education - School Award Program Post Participation _____ No. of Awards presented _____ Participation in American Education Wk _____
of Schools assisted by Posts _____ Cost to Post \$ _____ # of Scholarships Awarded _____ Value of Awards \$ _____
Hours of service to Education Program _____ Additional amounts expended on Education Program \$ _____
Flag Education - # of presentations to local groups _____ Cost to Post \$ _____ **Post Participation:** Flag Day _____ Get out the Vote _____ Vets Day _____
Memorial Day _____ July 4 _____ Legion Birthday _____ Four Chaplains Sunday _____
Community Service - Estimated hours _____ Cost to Post \$ _____ **Junior Shooting Sports Program** - # Youth involved _____ Cost to Post \$ _____
American Legion Riders - Post has Rider group _____ No. of Legion Family members _____ # of Community Events Sponsored _____

Children and Youth

of C&Y Activities Held _____ Cash aid given to benefit children \$ _____ Value of goods given \$ _____ # of children given aid _____
Post Participation: Halloween Safety _____ Child Safety _____ Family Support Network _____ April is C&Y Month _____ Natl Family Week _____
Special Olympics _____ Administration costs \$ _____ Parties, Dinners Prizes & Gifts \$ _____ All other expenses \$ _____
Contributions:
United Fund \$ _____ Red Cross \$ _____ Cancer Research \$ _____ Handicapped Children \$ _____ AmLeg Endowment Fund \$ _____
Children's Hospital \$ _____ AmLeg Natl Emergency Fund \$ _____ All other sums \$ _____

Membership Tabulation As Of: October 12, 2009

Oct-12 55 % Target Date

Vice Commander Robert Krause (Fargo) Eastern Region 2010 Goal is 7,782 : Oct-12 Target is 4,280

2010 Region Membership is 5,187 66.65 % of Goal 86 Posts *** 2009 Region Membership 7,554**

District 1: Commander Robert Bergman : (701) 282-7777 1714 Evergreen Way, West Fargo ND 58078				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Binford	21	12	15	17
/ Buffalo	94	52	49	95
/ * Buxton	22	12	23	24
/ Casselton	82	45	57	80
/ Cooperstown	88	48	56	92
/ Dazey	38	21	21	37
/ Erie	33	18	25	32
/ Fargo	1,430	787	814	1,328
/ Fingal	16	9	9	16
/ Finley	96	53	83	97
/ Galesburg	33	18	18	30
/ Gardner	27	15	26	29
/ Hannaford	46	25	2	43
/ Harwood	150	83	133	166
/ Hatton	104	57	53	103
/ Hillsboro	134	74	89	122
/ Hope	99	54	70	95
/ Horace	27	15	17	25
/ Hunter	28	15	19	28
/ Kindred	46	25	28	39
/ Leonard	38	21	25	32
/ Mayville	81	45	64	83
/ Nome	12	7	9	13
/ Page	29	16	22	24
/ Portland	88	48	56	88
/ Sanborn	56	31	51	60
/ Sharon	26	14	18	22
/ Valley City	259	142	173	246
<u>Dist 1 Totals</u>	3,203	1,762	2,025	3,066
	<u>28 Posts</u>		<u>63.22 % of Goal</u>	

District 2: Commander Eugene Kachena : (701) 284-6913 P.O. Box 45, Pisek ND 58273				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Pekin	21	12	10	20
/ Pembina	93	51	73	96
/ Petersburg	51	28	0	50
/ * Pisek	38	21	38	40
/ Reynolds	10	6	7	11
/ St. Thomas	60	33	42	57
/ Thompson	53	29	29	54
/ * Tolna	44	24	45	46
/ Walhalla	125	69	88	110
	2,823	1,553	1,960	2,755
<u>Dist 2 Totals</u>	<u>33 Posts</u>		<u>69.43 % of Goal</u>	

District 10: Commander Kenneth Wiederholt : (701) 678-2366 P.O. Box 87, Gwinner ND 58040				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Abercrombie	34	19	19	30
/ Cayuga	12	7	9	14
/ Cogswell	29	16	12	24
/ Edgeley	62	34	33	60
/ Ellendale	96	53	60	96
/ Fairmount	50	28	41	51
/ Forbes	35	19	27	34
/ Forman	26	14	18	24
/ Galchutt	21	12	16	21
/ Gwinner	79	43	76	81
/ Hankinson	110	61	78	118
/ Havana	30	17	25	29
/ Kulm	23	13	15	24
/ LaMoure	82	45	47	68
/ Lidgerwood	111	61	79	113
/ Lisbon	85	47	60	81
/ Milnor	60	33	44	60
/ Mooreton	24	13	13	24
/ Oakes	216	119	166	214
/ Rutland	19	10	1	18
/ Sheldon	46	25	32	45
/ Verona	17	9	10	16
/ Wahpeton	364	200	214	363
/ Walcott	44	24	40	46
/ Wyndmere	81	45	67	79
	1,756	967	1,202	1,733
<u>Dist 10 Totals</u>	<u>25 Posts</u>		<u>68.45 % of Goal</u>	

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Vice Commander Kevin Semmens (New Rockford) Central Region 2010 Goal is 4,622 : Oct-12 Target is 2,542

2010 Region Membership is 3,088 66.81 % of Goal 57 Posts *** 2009 Region Membership 4,539**

District 3: Commander Kent McDougall : (701) 266-5586 6556 98th St. NE, Rocklake ND 58365				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Belcourt	53	29	39	54
/ Bisbee	27	15	20	23
Brocket	13	7	0	12
/ Cando	91	50	72	94
/ Devils Lake	62	34	41	54
Dunseith	34	19	17	33
Edmore	32	18	15	27
/ Hampden	17	9	16	17
/ Knox	19	10	14	17
/ Langdon	218	120	146	211
/ Leeds	34	19	21	26
/ Maddock	77	42	53	74
/ Milton	32	18	18	32
/ Minnewaukan	34	19	26	37
/ Oberon	23	13	15	22
/ Osnabrock	15	8	10	14
/ Rolette	101	56	96	102
/ Rolla	127	70	72	112
Rugby	182	100	88	172
/ Sarles	53	29	34	55
St. John	16	9	1	14
! Starkweather	7	4	1	0
/ York	32	18	19	32
<u>Dist 3 Totals</u>	1,299	716	834	1,234
	23 Posts		64.20 % of Goal	

District 4: Commander Dean Entzminger : (701) 485-3774 P.O. Box 257, Gackle ND 58442				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Bowdon	14	8	12	13
/ Carrington	115	63	78	110
/ Fessenden	79	43	69	81
/ Gackle	84	46	71	92
/ Goodrich	69	38	39	70
/*! Hamberg	4	2	4	4
/ Harvey	86	47	63	82
! Hurdsville	9	5	8	8
Jamestown	346	190	176	328
Kensal	53	29	8	54
/ McClusky	47	26	38	48
/ McHenry	15	8	12	14
/ Medina	42	23	31	42
/ New Rockford	131	72	102	137
/ Streeter	58	32	50	58
/ Sykeston	61	34	34	64
/ Wimbledon	65	36	45	70
/ Woodworth	41	23	31	42
<u>Dist 4 Totals</u>	1,319	725	871	1,317
	18 Posts		66.03 % of Goal	

District 5: Commander Kevin Slagg : (701) 448-2800 P.O. Box 502, Turtle Lake ND 58575				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Ashley	60	33	38	62
/ Bismarck	797	438	484	760
/ Dawson	72	40	59	70
/ Fredonia	30	17	28	32
/ Garrison	160	88	124	165
/ Hazelton	32	18	27	32
/ Lehr	28	15	15	26
/ Linton	170	94	137	178
/ Napoleon	155	85	101	157
/ Riverdale	34	19	24	33
/ Tappen	20	11	14	21
/ Turtle Lake	125	69	96	133
/ Washburn	135	74	110	140
/ Wilton	61	34	46	59
/ Wing	63	35	47	64
Wishek	62	34	33	56
<u>Dist 5 Totals</u>	2,004	1,104	1,383	1,988
	16 Posts		69.01 % of Goal	

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Oct-12 55 % Target Date

Vice Commander Oran Keith (Sherwood) Western Region 2010 Goal is 6,357 : Oct-12 Target is 3,496

2010 Region Membership is 4,113 64.70 % of Goal 76 Posts *** 2009 Region Membership 6,207**

District 6: Commander Arnold Havelka : (701) 340-2965 4020 38th St. SE, Minot ND 58701				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ * ! <i>Benedict</i>	8	4	9	9
/ <i>Berthold</i>	45	25	32	42
/ <i>Bottineau</i>	140	77	96	138
/ <i>Bowbells</i>	36	20	27	36
/ <i>Butte</i>	111	61	87	112
/ <i>Columbus</i>	27	15	23	30
/ <i>Donnybrook</i>	41	23	33	44
/ <i>Drake</i>	62	34	47	64
/ <i>Flaxton</i>	19	10	12	21
/ ! <i>Glenburn</i>	12	7	11	11
<i>Granville</i>	56	31	24	50
<i>Kenmare</i>	67	37	21	63
<i>Lansford</i>	21	12	2	13
/ <i>Lignite</i>	21	12	13	24
<i>Makoti</i>	59	32	7	65
/ * <i>Max</i>	9	5	9	11
/ <i>Minot</i>	720	396	440	607
! <i>Minot AFB</i>	24	13	10	10
<i>Mohall</i>	124	68	13	117
/ * ! <i>Newburg</i>	13	7	14	14
/ * <i>Plaza</i>	18	10	23	24
/ <i>Portal</i>	27	15	20	24
/ <i>Ryder</i>	25	14	15	25
/ <i>Sherwood</i>	70	39	59	74
/ ! <i>Tolley</i>	10	6	8	8
/ <i>Towner</i>	20	11	16	21
/ <i>Upham</i>	28	15	23	30
/ <i>Velva</i>	180	99	115	168
<i>White Shield</i>	48	26	20	59
/ <i>Willow City</i>	52	29	31	51
<u>Dist 6 Totals</u>	2,093	1,153	1,260	1,965
	<u>30 Posts</u>		<u>60.20 % of Goal</u>	

District 7: Commander Oretta Kilen : (701) 843-8173 P.O. Box 158, Almont ND 58520				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ <i>Almont</i>	21	12	17	22
/ ! <i>Beulah</i>	9	5	7	6
<i>Cannon Ball</i>	6	3	1	18
/ <i>Carson</i>	61	34	57	60
/ <i>Center</i>	76	42	51	72
/ <i>Elgin</i>	91	50	57	89
/ <i>Flasher</i>	106	58	80	108
<i>Fort Yates</i>	10	6	2	9
/ <i>Glen Ullin</i>	30	17	18	27
/ <i>Hazen</i>	83	46	75	85
/ <i>Hebron</i>	90	50	64	90
/ <i>Mandan</i>	495	272	318	474
/ <i>New Leipzig</i>	41	23	30	41
/ <i>New Salem</i>	76	42	57	76
<i>Selfridge</i>	9	5	1	9
/ ! <i>Solen</i>	5	3	4	4
<i>Standing Rock</i>	3	2	0	1
/ <i>Stanton</i>	28	15	26	30
<u>Dist 7 Totals</u>	1,240	685	865	1,221
	<u>18 Posts</u>		<u>69.76 % of Goal</u>	

District 8: Commander Duane Lutz : (701) 523-5174 201 4th St. SW, Bowman ND 58623				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ <i>Beach</i>	139	76	83	134
/ <i>Belfied</i>	242	133	164	261
/ <i>Bowman</i>	89	49	64	93
/ <i>Dickinson</i>	158	87	89	159
/ <i>Halliday</i>	50	28	33	48
/ <i>Hettinger</i>	115	63	56	105
/ <i>Killdeer</i>	104	57	70	112
/ <i>Mott</i>	157	86	115	159
/ <i>New England</i>	123	68	94	123
/ <i>Reeder</i>	49	27	35	48
/ <i>Regent</i>	53	29	34	51
/ <i>Rhame</i>	58	32	42	57
/ <i>Richardton</i>	90	50	69	95
/ <i>Scranton</i>	55	30	35	59
<u>Dist 8 Totals</u>	1,482	815	983	1,504
	<u>14 Posts</u>		<u>66.33 % of Goal</u>	

District 9: Commander David Rolfson : (701) 842-2040 3121 124th Ave. NW, Watford City ND 58854				
	2010 Goal	Oct-12 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ <i>Alexander</i>	23	13	21	25
/ <i>Crosby</i>	90	50	68	93
/ <i>Grenora</i>	89	49	66	93
/ * <i>Mandaree</i>	14	8	17	18
<i>New Town</i>	113	62	55	118
/ <i>Noonan</i>	50	28	44	50
/ <i>Parshall</i>	71	39	68	75
<i>Powers Lake</i>	34	19	16	31
<i>Ray</i>	36	20	18	35
/ <i>Stanley</i>	155	85	95	154
/ <i>Tioga</i>	115	63	87	110
/ <i>Watford City</i>	165	91	103	161
/ <i>Wildrose</i>	49	27	36	48
/ <i>Williston</i>	538	296	311	506
<u>Dist 9 Totals</u>	1,542	850	1,005	1,517
	<u>14 Posts</u>		<u>65.18 % of Goal</u>	

Department Totals	2009	2010
Department Membership Goal	19610	18,818
Post 500 Membership	271	159
Department Membership	18,571	12,547
Processed DMS Membership	0	0
Total Membership	18,571	12,547

219 Posts 2010 Percent of Goal is 66.88 %

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