



# Department Membership Bulletin



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## Department Membership Target Goal at 88.80%

### Department & National Targets

Department was shy of hitting the Department's 90% Target with 88.80%, but the Department exceeded the National 85% Target with 88.11% which put us in 4th Place.

The 4th District is in the lead with 91.05% and the 2nd District with 90.51%.

Each District Commander who reaches 100% of their District Goal 30 days before the state convention will be presented with an embroidered jacket.

### 120 Posts Have Hit Goal

As of this date, One hundred twenty Posts have hit their membership goal, compared to 121 as of last year. Congratulations to those who have hit their goal. Let's make all of our posts 100% Goal Posts.

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**Next Target Date  
March 8 (95%)**

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### Recruiter & New Member Drawings

#### Recruiter Winners for \$25 Cash:

- Albert Tuma, Larimore**
- Harold Wolf, Bismarck**
- Arnie Havelka, Minot**
- John Stiles, Bismarck**

#### New Member Winners for \$25 Cash:

- Myron Hanson, Minot**
- Marie C. Zeller, Carson**
- Leonard Hoffer, Garrison**
- Kenneth Reed, Flasher**

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**Erie Post #223 Wins  
Target Date Drawing of \$50**

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**Spring District Meeting  
Schedule Set**

The Spring District Meetings have been set for March 22-26 and April 5-9. All meetings begin at 7:30 pm local time except for the Seventh district Meeting which starts at 7:00 pm (MST) and 8:00 (CST).

Each District will also need to select a Legionnaire to serve as District vice Commander. If your post has an outstanding member who would serve the District and Department well, you need to be at the District Meeting to get them selected.

Mark your calendars and spread the word for the 2010 Spring District Meetings to be held:

March 22	10th District	Forbes
March 23	1st District	Harwood
March 24	2nd District	Lakota
March 25	3rd District	Maddock
March 26	4th District	New Rockford
April 5	9th District	Williston
April 6	8th District	Reeder
April 7	7th District	Elgin
April 8	6th District	Bowbells
April 9	5th District	To Be Announced

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**Upcoming Events**

**March**

- 08 - 95% Membership Target
- 15 - Have Dinner on Cmdr Samuelson Form Deadline
- 22-26 - Spring District Meetings

**April**

- 05-09 - Spring District Meetings
- 09-11 - National Oratorical Contest, Indy
- 12 - 100% Membership Target

**District Standings**

- 4th - 91.05%
- 2nd - 90.51%
- 8th - 90.42%
- 10th - 89.18%
- 9th - 88.91%
- 5th - 88.57%
- 7th - 88.31%
- 6th - 86.34%
- 3rd - 85.76%
- 1st - 81.95%

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**THE VA WILL PROVIDE BURIAL FLAGS**

A United States Flag is provided, at not cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of deceased veteran who served honorably in the US Forces. It is furnished to honor the memory of a veteran's military service to his/her country. The Veterans Administration (VA) will furnish a burial flag for memorialization for each, other than dishonorable discharged veteran who served during wartime, who died on Active Duty after May 1941, who served after January 1955, and who served during peacetime and was discharged before June 1950.

Generally the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. If there is no next-of-kin, the VA will furnish the flag to a friend making a request for it. For those VA national cemeteries with an Avenue of Flags, families of veterans buried there may donate the flags of their loved ones to be flown on patriotic holidays. A completed VA Form 21-2008 is necessary to apply for a flag and generally the funeral director will assist with the application.

The law allows for the issuance of only one flag per veteran. If the flag is lost, destroyed, or stolen, the VA will not re-issue one. Some veteran's organizations or other community groups may be able to assist in obtaining another flag.

The proper display of the flag depends upon whether the casket is open or closed and the VA Form 21-2008 does provide the correct method for displaying and folding it. The burial flag is not suitable for outside display because of its size and fabric. It is made of cotton and can be easily damaged by weather.

For more information concerning burial flags, contact your local County Veteran Service Officer or call the VA customer service office at 800-827-1000.



## **2010 NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT AWARD**

This form must be completed and mailed to Department Headquarters, PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078, before May 26, 2010 or faxed to 701-293-9951. Forms received after that date will not be accepted.

### **AWARDS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBER RECRUITMENT**

**Regional Recruiter of the Year** (by Post Size Categories) - 4 new member recruiters in each region who signed up the highest number of new members with a minimum of 5 will receive a special designed cap pin.

**Department Recruiter of the Year** - One individual selected from the Regional winners who signed up the most new members will receive travel allowance to the Dept Convention in Fargo to include roundtrip mileage, one night hotel accommodations and two reserved tickets to the Convention Banquet during the convention where he or she will be honored. They will also receive a plaque from National and their name will be entered in the National competition for a chance to win a trip to the National Convention.

**Gold Division Membership** - Department award given to any recruiter who signs up 25 new members. They will receive a Gold Division Cap and Shirt.

**Gold Platoon Membership** - Department award given to any recruiter who signs up 15 new members. They will receive a Gold Platoon Cap and \$15 Cash Prize.

**Gold Squadron Membership** - Department award given to any recruiter who signs up 5 new members. They will receive a Gold Squadron Cap.

### **NEW 2010 MEMBER RECRUITER CERTIFICATION**

All new members must be enrolled by May 15th and their membership mailed to Department Headquarters by May 26th to qualify. A NEW MEMBER is defined as any member signed into The American Legion for 2010 that was not a member of The American Legion for the 2009 membership year. Therefore, reinstated members, who last paid dues in 2008 or earlier, are considered NEW MEMBERS. **\*\*You MUST include a list of names of new members recruited for each recruiter being certified for an award!!!!**

Recruiter's Name	Complete Address and Phone Number	**No. of New 2010 Members Min. 5 to qualify - attach list

Name of Post Officer & Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Tabulation As Of: February 8, 2010**

Feb-8 90 % Target Date

**Vice Commander Robert Krause (Fargo) Eastern Region 2010 Goal is 7,782 : Feb-8 Target is 7,004**

**2010 Region Membership is 6,746 86.69 % of Goal 86 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2009 Region Membership 7,558**

District 1: Commander Robert Bergman : (701) 282-7777 1714 Evergreen Way, West Fargo ND 58078				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
! Binford	21	19	17	17
Buffalo	94	85	75	95
/* Buxton	22	20	23	24
/ Casselton	82	74	74	80
/ Cooperstown	88	79	80	92
Dazey	38	34	25	37
/*! Erie	33	30	33	32
Fargo	1,430	1,287	1,055	1,328
/*! Fingal	16	14	16	16
/* Finley	96	86	96	97
Galesburg	33	30	28	30
/ Gardner	27	24	26	29
Hannaford	46	41	38	44
/* Harwood	150	135	161	166
Hatton	104	94	82	103
Hillsboro	134	121	115	122
Hope	99	89	82	95
Horace	27	24	22	25
Hunter	28	25	24	28
Kindred	46	41	32	39
Leonard	38	34	31	32
/ Mayville	81	73	75	83
Nome	12	11	10	13
Page	29	26	22	24
/ Portland	88	79	81	88
/* Sanborn	56	50	59	61
Sharon	26	23	18	22
Valley City	259	233	225	246
<b><u>Dist 1 Totals</u></b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>2,881</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>3,068</b>
	28 Posts		81.95 % of Goal	

District 2: Commander Eugene Kachena : (701) 284-6913 P.O. Box 45, Pisek ND 58273				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
! Pekin	21	19	20	20
Pembina	93	84	83	96
/ Petersburg	51	46	49	50
/* Pisek	38	34	38	40
/ Reynolds	10	9	9	11
/ St. Thomas	60	54	54	57
Thompson	53	48	47	54
/* Tolna	44	40	45	46
Walhalla	125	113	104	110
	<b>2,823</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,555</b>	<b>2,755</b>
<b><u>Dist 2 Totals</u></b>	33 Posts		90.51 % of Goal	

  

District 10: Commander Kenneth Wiederholt : (701) 678-2366 P.O. Box 87, Gwinner ND 58040				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
Abercrombie	34	31	28	30
/*! Cayuga	12	11	14	14
Cogswell	29	26	21	24
/ Edgeley	62	56	56	60
Ellendale	96	86	82	96
/* Fairmount	50	45	50	52
/ Forbes	35	32	33	34
/ Forman	26	23	23	24
Galchutt	21	19	18	21
/*! Gwinner	79	71	83	81
/ Hankinson	110	99	106	118
/ Havana	30	27	28	29
/ Kulm	23	21	21	24
LaMoure	82	74	64	69
/ Lidgerwood	111	100	105	113
Lisbon	85	77	75	81
/ Milnor	60	54	55	60
/ Mooreton	24	22	22	24
Oakes	216	194	187	214
/ Rutland	19	17	17	18
Sheldon	46	41	40	45
Verona	17	15	14	16
Wahpeton	364	328	304	363
/ Walcott	44	40	43	46
/ Wyndmere	81	73	77	79
	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>1,735</b>
<b><u>Dist 10 Totals</u></b>	25 Posts		89.18 % of Goal	

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**Vice Commander Kevin Semmens (New Rockford) Central Region 2010 Goal is 4,622 : Feb-8 Target is 4,160**

**2010 Region Membership is 4,090 88.49 % of Goal 57 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2009 Region Membership 4,546**

District 3: Commander Kent McDougall : (701) 266-5586 6556 98th St. NE, Rocklake ND 58365				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Belcourt	53	48	49	54
! Bisbee	27	24	23	23
/* Brocket	13	12	13	12
/ Cando	91	82	89	94
Devils Lake	62	56	51	54
/ Dunseith	34	31	31	33
Edmore	32	29	23	27
/ Hampden	17	15	16	17
Knox	19	17	16	17
/ Langdon	218	196	204	212
Leeds	34	31	25	26
Maddock	77	69	63	74
/ Milton	32	29	30	32
/* Minnewaukan	34	31	34	37
Oberon	23	21	18	22
Osnabrock	15	14	13	14
/ Rolette	101	91	98	102
Rolla	127	114	98	113
Rugby	182	164	142	173
Sarles	53	48	39	55
St. John	16	14	11	14
! Starkweather	7	6	1	0
York	32	29	27	32
<b><u>Dist 3 Totals</u></b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>1,237</b>
	<b>23 Posts</b>		<b>85.76 % of Goal</b>	

District 4: Commander Dean Entzminger : (701) 485-3774 P.O. Box 257, Gackle ND 58442				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
Bowdon	14	13	12	13
Carrington	115	104	92	110
/* Fessenden	79	71	79	81
/* Gackle	84	76	86	92
/ Goodrich	69	62	66	70
/*! Hamberg	4	4	4	4
/ Harvey	86	77	77	82
!/ Hurdfield	9	8	8	8
Jamestown	346	311	290	328
/ Kensal	53	48	52	54
/ McClusky	47	42	42	48
!/ McHenry	15	14	14	14
/*! Medina	42	38	43	42
/ New Rockford	131	118	127	137
/ Streeter	58	52	52	58
Sykeston	61	55	54	64
/ Wimbledon	65	59	63	70
/ Woodworth	41	37	40	42
<b><u>Dist 4 Totals</u></b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,317</b>
	<b>18 Posts</b>		<b>91.05 % of Goal</b>	

District 5: Commander Kevin Slagg : (701) 448-2800 P.O. Box 502, Turtle Lake ND 58575				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ Ashley	60	54	55	62
Bismarck	797	717	652	760
Dawson	72	65	62	70
/* Fredonia	30	27	30	32
/ Garrison	160	144	154	165
/ Hazelton	32	29	29	32
Lehr	28	25	18	26
/* Linton	170	153	174	178
Napoleon	155	140	133	157
Riverdale	34	31	29	37
Tappen	20	18	17	21
/ Turtle Lake	125	113	123	133
/* Washburn	135	122	135	140
/ Wilton	61	55	58	59
/ Wing	63	57	57	64
Wishek	62	56	49	56
<b><u>Dist 5 Totals</u></b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,992</b>
	<b>16 Posts</b>		<b>88.57 % of Goal</b>	

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**Vice Commander Oran Keith (Sherwood) Western Region 2010 Goal is 6,357 : Feb-8 Target is 5,721**

**2010 Region Membership is 5,613 88.30 % of Goal 76 Posts \*\*\*\*\* 2009 Region Membership 6,209**

District 6: Commander Arnold Havelka : (701) 340-2965 4020 38th St. SE, Minot ND 58701				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ * ! <i>Benedict</i>	8	7	9	9
/ * ! <i>Berthold</i>	45	41	45	42
<i>Bottineau</i>	140	126	121	138
<i>Bowbells</i>	36	32	30	36
/ <i>Butte</i>	111	100	107	112
/ <i>Columbus</i>	27	24	26	30
/ * ! <i>Donnybrook</i>	41	37	45	44
/ <i>Drake</i>	62	56	60	64
/ * <i>Flaxton</i>	19	17	19	21
/ ! <i>Glenburn</i>	12	11	11	11
<i>Granville</i>	56	50	42	50
<i>Kenmare</i>	67	60	36	63
<i>Lansford</i>	21	19	11	13
<i>Lignite</i>	21	19	16	24
/ * ! <i>Makoti</i>	59	53	65	65
/ * ! <i>Max</i>	9	8	11	11
<i>Minot</i>	720	648	600	607
! <i>Minot AFB</i>	24	22	11	10
<i>Mohall</i>	124	112	103	117
/ * ! <i>Newburg</i>	13	12	15	14
/ * <i>Plaza</i>	18	16	23	24
<i>Portal</i>	27	24	20	24
/ <i>Ryder</i>	25	23	24	25
/ <i>Sherwood</i>	70	63	69	74
! <i>Tolley</i>	10	9	8	8
/ * <i>Towner</i>	20	18	20	21
/ * ! <i>Upham</i>	28	25	31	30
<i>Velva</i>	180	162	143	168
<i>White Shield</i>	48	43	39	59
/ <i>Willow City</i>	52	47	47	51
<b><u>Dist 6 Totals</u></b>	2,093	1,884	1,807	1,965
	30 Posts		86.34 % of Goal	
District 7: Commander Oretta Kilen : (701) 843-8173 P.O. Box 158, Almont ND 58520				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ * ! <i>Almont</i>	21	19	23	22
! <i>Beulah</i>	9	8	7	6
<i>Cannon Ball</i>	6	5	4	18
/ <i>Carson</i>	61	55	58	60
<i>Center</i>	76	68	66	72
<i>Elgin</i>	91	82	81	89
/ * ! <i>Flasher</i>	106	95	108	108
<i>Fort Yates</i>	10	9	2	9
<i>Glen Ullin</i>	30	27	26	27
/ <i>Hazen</i>	83	75	81	85
<i>Hebron</i>	90	81	70	90
<i>Mandan</i>	495	446	413	475
/ * ! <i>New Leipzig</i>	41	37	41	41
/ <i>New Salem</i>	76	68	75	76
<i>Selfridge</i>	9	8	7	9
! <i>Solen</i>	5	5	4	4
<i>Standing Rock</i>	3	3	0	1
/ * <i>Stanton</i>	28	25	29	30
<b><u>Dist 7 Totals</u></b>	1,240	1,116	1,095	1,222
	18 Posts		88.31 % of Goal	

District 8: Commander Duane Lutz : (701) 523-5174 201 4th St. SW, Bowman ND 58623				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
<i>Beach</i>	139	125	121	134
/ <i>Belfield</i>	242	218	232	261
/ * <i>Bowman</i>	89	80	91	93
<i>Dickinson</i>	158	142	127	159
<i>Halliday</i>	50	45	43	48
<i>Hettinger</i>	115	104	87	106
/ * <i>Killdeer</i>	104	94	106	112
/ <i>Mott</i>	157	141	151	159
/ <i>New England</i>	123	111	111	123
/ <i>Reeder</i>	49	44	45	48
<i>Regent</i>	53	48	46	51
<i>Rhame</i>	58	52	49	57
/ <i>Richardton</i>	90	81	87	95
<i>Scranton</i>	55	50	44	59
<b><u>Dist 8 Totals</u></b>	1,482	1,335	1,340	1,505
	14 Posts		90.42 % of Goal	
District 9: Commander David Rolfson : (701) 842-2040 3121 124th Ave. NW, Watford City ND 58854				
	2010 Goal	Feb-8 Target	2010 Mbshp	2009 Mbshp
/ * ! <i>Alexander</i>	23	21	26	25
/ <i>Crosby</i>	90	81	88	93
/ <i>Grenora</i>	89	80	88	93
/ * <i>Mandaree</i>	14	13	17	18
/ <i>New Town</i>	113	102	112	118
/ <i>Noonan</i>	50	45	49	50
/ * <i>Parshall</i>	71	64	72	75
<i>Powers Lake</i>	34	31	26	31
<i>Ray</i>	36	32	30	35
<i>Stanley</i>	155	140	131	154
/ ! <i>Tioga</i>	115	104	111	110
/ <i>Watford City</i>	165	149	154	161
<i>Wildrose</i>	49	44	42	48
<i>Williston</i>	538	484	425	506
<b><u>Dist 9 Totals</u></b>	1,542	1,390	1,371	1,517
	14 Posts		88.91 % of Goal	

Department Totals	2009	2010
Department Membership Goal	19610	18,818
Post 500 Membership	271	210
Department Membership	18,584	16,659
Processed DMS Membership	0	0
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>18,584</b>	<b>16,659</b>

**219 Posts                      2010 Percent of Goal is 88.80 %**

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