

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

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MEMBERSHIP for the 2008/2009 year.....

John's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of September 11, 2008

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A" (Over 300)				
21	799	483	60.45	18
111	331	193	58.31	8
165	356	252	70.79	* 9
182	309	204	66.02	8
	1,795	1,132	63.06	43

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "C" (100-199)				
37	135	100	74.07	* 5
101	188	125	66.49	6
104	141	90	63.83	5
179	144	87	60.42	5
194	194	139	71.65	6
313	149	105	70.47	5
338	114	66	57.89	4
540	104	53	50.96	4
	1,169	765	65.44	40

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "D" (1-99)				
178	54	40	74.07	3
231	26	20	76.92	2
284	35	8	22.86	3
293	89	89	100.00	** 4
306	47	51	108.51	* ** 3
489	99	68	68.69	4
603	37	20	54.05	3
850	20	13	65.00	2
	407	309	75.92	* 24

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B" (200-300)				
28	239	156	65.27	7
113	240	77	32.08	7
199	212	170	80.19	* 6
208	219	132	60.27	6
437	292	188	64.38	8
550	257	193	75.10	7
	1,459	916	62.78	41

District Total: (4,830) 3,122 64.64%
(May 08) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

NOTE: * Indicates Group Leaders
** Indicates 100% Posts/Groups

COMMANDER, DAVID PRICE:

The 5th District is off to a great start! The Department of California report of September 11, 2008, indicates that we have exceeded our 50% Early Bird Goal (3,122 members out of 4,830 total). All but two posts are reporting less than 50%; one is Mill Valley Post 284, which in the process of merging with Twin Cities Post 313. With my assistance, the Mill Valley Commander is in the process of awarding PUFL memberships to 27 of its existing members, the funds coming from the Post 284 treasury. The remaining 8 members are already PUFL's. This should be completed by month's end.

Past 5th District Commander, Paul Ball, is now the Membership Chairman for Area 1. Over the weekend of August 30 & 31, Paul and I attended the first Area 1 meeting of the 2008-09 year, at the Thomas Tucker Post 204, in Susanville. One of the major discussions concerned the fact that National is no longer sponsoring the Direct Mailing Service ("DMS") program. Each Post must now request its "Post 1000 Request for Transfer to a Local Post," from the Department, by Zip Code

Also, I have been informed by the Department that, as of September 9, 2008, a "Certification of Service Record of American Legion Post Officers," has not been received from the following Posts: 293, and 489. To avoid a notice of probation, please submit this certification to the Department as soon as possible.

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FIRST VICE-COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE:

As you can see from above, the District has 3,122 members paid for 64.64% of membership goal. The District is in 6th place in Department standings and 2nd place in Group "C". Area 1 is at 63.14% and ranks 1st in Area standings. Department is at 54.80% of goal. Now look above at your post and see where you stand. Each Post should be at or above the Department Goal. Send in those renewals; please do not hold on to them.

If you need help, please give me a call. The easiest way to contact me is via email (listed below), or you may call and leave a message. Please give the status of any Post 1,000 transfers or Project Stay Alive you have received in your Post report. Thank you, God Bless you and I hope to see you all at the District meeting in Vallejo.

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SEPTEMBER 2008 DISTRICT MEETING:

The next District meeting will be Sunday, September 28, 2008. Hosted by Mare Island Navy Post 550. It will be held in Vallejo, at the Veterans Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo, CA (707)315-2416 The meeting will start at 10:00am, with Coffee and Do-nuts prior to the meeting (about 9:00am). A lunch will be offered for a nominal cost.

5th DISTRICT ADJUTANT, ROBERT R. SAFRENO:

The next District meeting is our first meeting of the year and we would like to have every **POST** there. Please have a written report on hand when you make any reports at the District meeting. It will make it easier on us to keep accurate records of the proceedings. My mailing list is based on the 2007/2008 Department Roster. If you find an error or need to make a change, please let me know, so that I can update the data base.

NOTE: I am sending out the District bulletin, by e-mail to those that have e-mail addresses. It will accomplish three (3) things, we will save money on postage and you will receive the bulletin faster and your copy will be in color if you have a color printer.

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5th DISTRICT PRESIDENT, Nancy Ever

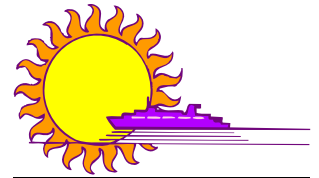


Greetings ladies:

As we start a new year, I welcome you all and hope to see a lot of you at our district meetings. "Charting a course to New horizons", will be this year's theme. At our first meeting (September 28th), our new Department President LuAnn Capazzi will be here for her official visit.

The meeting is in Vallejo (Unit 550), the distance is fairly close to everyone, please come and meet her. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

National American Legion Convention:

August 21-27, Louisville, Kentucky

Department of California:

June 18th – 21st, 2009, 91st Annual State Convention, Riverside, CA ****NOTE**** See below

Area I meetings:

November 22/23 – Willits Post 174, District 1

February 14/15 – Haggan Grant Post 521, District 6

May 16/17 – Linda Post 807, District 4

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

September 28, 2008, Mare Island Navy Post 550, Vallejo

November 9, 2008, Sotoyome Post No. 111, Healdsburg

January 18, 2009 – Petaluma Post No. 28, Petaluma

March 8, 2009 – Reams Post No. 182, Suisun

May 31, 2009 – Twin Cities Post No. 313, Larkspur

Past Commander's Club:

Special Events:

November 11, Tuesday, North Bay Veterans Parade, Petaluma

May 25, 2009, Monday, Memorial Day events and ceremonies at various Posts and communities.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION – JUNE 18-21, 2009 – RIVERSIDE, CA

Your 5th District has blocked out some rooms for the 2009 Convention. The hotel will be "The Comfort Inn" and its location is about one (1) mile from the convention center. If you would like to reserve a room, the deposit required is \$91.00. More information will be available at the September District meeting.