

THE "MIGHTY" FIFTH DISTRICT

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

John's "Mighty 5th" box scores as of February 26, 2009

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "A" (Over 300)				
21	799	638	79.85	18
111	331	323	97.58	* 8
165	356	330	92.70	9
182	309	259	83.82	8
	1,795	1,550	86.35	43

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "C" (100-199)				
37	135	122	90.37	5
101	188	174	92.55	* 6
104	141	110	78.01	5
179	144	117	81.25	5
194	194	179	92.27	6
313	149	133	89.26	5
338	114	100	87.72	4
540	104	93	89.42	4
	1,169	1,028	87.94	40

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "D" (1-99)				
178	54	49	90.74	3
231	26	28	107.69	** 2
284	35	8	22.86	3
293	89	102	114.61	* ** 4
306	47	50	106.38	** 3
489	99	107	108.08	** 4
603	37	28	75.68	3
850	20	20	100.00	** 2
	407	392	96.31	* 24

POST	GOAL	TOTAL	%	DEL.
Group "B" (200-300)				
28	239	217	90.79	7
113	240	191	79.58	7
199	212	203	95.75	* 6
208	219	195	89.04	6
437	292	252	86.30	8
550	257	239	93.00	7
	1,459	1,297	88.90	41

District Total: (4,830) 4,267 88.34%
(May 08) Delegates 148 + 4 = 152

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

COMMANDER, DAVID PRICE:

March is upon us; we are rounding the "far turn" and heading for home (i.e., the 5th District 2009 membership goal of 4,850), let's not pull up short. It only takes 48.5 additional members to move up one percentage point.

The most obvious resource is your Post's roster. All 2008 members that remain unpaid for 2009 should be contacted (by mail, telephone and/or in person) and encouraged to renew their membership. Don't stop there; follow-up on "drop-outs" from 2007, 2006, etc.

See you all at the next 5th District meeting, on March 8, 2009, at Reams Post 182, Veterans Memorial building, 427 Main Street, Suisun City, the home Post of 1st Vice Commander John Aldridge. Regards

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FIRST VICE-COMMANDER, JOHN H. ALDRIDGE: (NOTE: Please pay attention to the enclosed survey)

I want to take this opportunity to thank all Post Commanders and everyone involved in membership. Thank you for the excellent work you've been doing. As you can see from above, the District has 4,267 members paid for 88.34% of membership goal. The District is in 12th place in Department standings and 2nd place in Group "C". Area 1 is at 87.71% and ranks 2nd in Area standings. Department is at 81.52% 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.

Responses from the Survey have been compiled onto a spreadsheet and will be made available to you at the District meeting. We hope to implement most of the recommendations soon.

Thank you for you comments and God Bless you.

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MARCH 2009 DISTRICT MEETING: **** **NOTE: Please bring a gift (white elephant) for our REHAB raffle ******

The next District meeting will be Sunday, March 8, 2008. Hosted by Reams Post 182. It will be held in Suisun City, at the Veterans Memorial building, 427 Main Street, Suisun City, CA. (707)208-5333, 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:

1st Vice Commander John Aldridge is making an attempt to give District members some suggested changes in the way we do business. I got a brief look at some of the suggestions submitted by our District members. Unfortunately most of the members did not respond. We all agree that meetings can be boring and take too long. Most may want to leave prior to lunch. Remember that the post that hosts a District meeting may use the lunch as a fund raising attempt to cover costs of hosting the meeting. In most cases the District meeting ends within an hour to an hour and a half after lunch. We do need to not make reports too long and just get the message across. More info at District meeting.

The next District meeting is our fourth 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 2008/2009 Department Roster. If your find and 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.

I have enclosed a condensed copy of the January 18th District meeting. This will save time at the District meeting as we will not have to read four pages of minutes.

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5th DISTRICT PRESIDENT, Nancy Evers

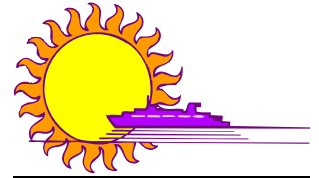


. "Charting a course to New horizons"

Greetings ladies:

Wow, here it is mid-year already! We only have two more meetings. March 8th in Suisun City is our next meeting. I'm hoping to see a lot of you there. Don't forget if you have questions you can call, but the District meeting is full of answers!! Hope all of you had a good Holiday Season and that 2009 will be good for all. Take care and see you soon ...
Legion Love Nancy Evers

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DATES TO REMEMBER: (2009)

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:

May 16/17 – Linda Post 807, District 4

Mighty "Fifth" District Meetings:

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

May 31, 2009 – ***CHANGE*** Vallejo Veterans Build. 420 Admiral Calaghan Ln. Hosted by Vallejo Post 104

Past Commander's Club:

Special Events:

May 17, 2009, Sunday, Boy's State Luncheon at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial building.

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 District meeting.

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MINUTES OF MEETING, Sunday, January 18, 2009

NOTE: The minutes listed below are in a condensed format. For Complete minutes of the meeting, they will be available at the District meeting.

- 1-3. Meeting open normally at 10:00am, was hosted by Petaluma Post 28, at the Veterans building in Petaluma.
- 4-5. Roll call Officers 8 present 2 excused. Posts 13 present, 12 absent and one excused.
6. Critic and Resolutions committee appointed.
7. Distinguished guest introduced by Bob Mattson. Nine past District Commanders in attendance.
9. "Early Bird" ribbons given to posts in attendance.
10. Minutes of previous meeting dispensed with.
12. District Officers made their reports of activities since last meeting.
13. Reports of the Department Commissions:
 - a. Aerospace – report on the Petaluma Air Show. Low attendance because it was not publicized.
 - c. Americanism – 28 National Certificates were given out at Area I meeting to be distributed to the Districts.
 - d. Scouting – Eagle Scout of the year, applications due Department by March 1st. 28th annual Camporee, 1st week of August 2009. Scouting Square Knot is awarded to Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and SAL who are involved with scouting.
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation. Bud Simmons sent a lengthy report with 16 items effecting veterans.
14. District Advisory to Department Standing Committees (one year terms)
 - a. Blood Donor – Dixon had blood drive collected 40 pints. Next scheduled for January 27th.
 - b. Insurance – 48 states sign up for insurance and its benefits. They offer free \$1,000 policy for those veterans that apply. They also have a good Travel Insurance.
 - c. Inter-Post Relations – Jack Flynn made a report about getting officers for the District. He appeal to the members to be on the lookout for members willing to assume the position of Officers in the District.
 - d. POW/MIA – written report containing information of identified MIA's. Noticed has been received that the "National League of POW/MIA Families". May soon close for lack of funding or donations.
16. Reports of the Advisory Committees to the Department Commissions:
 - a. Boy's State – Session will be June 20-27, 2009. Cost is \$280.00 per delegate. District is authorized 53 Boys. The Boy's State Luncheon will be Sunday, May 17th at the Santa Rosa Veterans building. Money goes for transportation.
 - b. Children and Youth – Some changes to form this year. Web site to be updated. Temporary Financial Assistance program was described. The AL Child Welfare Foundation and Special Olympics were discussed.
 - c. Finance – Department operating within budget. Donations to VA & R Program are tax deductible.
 - d. Housing – 10 rooms available for Riverside Convention. Cost is \$82.00. contact Paul Ball.
 - e. Ways and Means – collected \$113.00 from days raffle.
18. Post Commanders made their reports.
19. Correspondence was read.
20. Unfinished business:
 - a. 5th District Bylaws revision needs a few minor corrections. Committee will take care of and present in future.
 - b. Report of National Commanders visit to California
 - c. Report of Veteran Day activities and parades.
21. Sick Call – Art Corbett and Dick Bettencourt
22. New business:
 - a. Members advised of Four Chaplin's Ceremonies. Department was May 7th in San Francisco.
 - b. Report of change in date for Area I meeting to May 7th and 8th.
 - c. Motion, seconded, passed to donate \$1,000 to Fisher House at Travis AFB.
 - d. Motion, seconded, passed to have District endorse Kevin Kilkenny for Area I Commander next year.
23. Resolution Committee present certificate to Petaluma Post 28.
24. Good of the Legion:
 - a. Many handouts were available on table in rear of room for all members present.
 - b. Victor Kestner spoke on trying to revitalize the Past Commander Club. (PCC).
- 25-27. Normal adjournment ceremonies at 2:00pm.

Robert R. Safreno, Adjutant

