

Department Membership Committee
September 26, 2008

MEMBERS: Carnie Jackson, Chairman
Bill Hafeman
Tim Hernandez
Don Hatfield
Mike Krieg
Richard Dubay
Tom Derenzy
Mike Trickey

GUESTS: 35 guests present

The Department Membership Committee was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairman Carnie Jackson in the Huron room of the Valley Plaze Resort in Midland, Michigan.

Commander Montgomery of the 17th District was Chaplain.

Election of Secretary: It was moved by Doug Carigan and supported by Kenneth Pierce that Terry Montgomery as secretary. Motion carried.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
A \$25.00 gas card will be given to all Post Commanders that achieve 100% before May 13, 2009. District Commanders will receive a Cap for 100% membership. Anyone getting new members will receive a Certificate from Department of Michigan. This years goal is 84, 200 for 2008 – 2009.

Recruiter Awards:

1. Gold Brigade – 30 members - \$150.00 and a Jacket
2. Silver Brigade - 20 members - \$100.00 and a Shirt
3. Bronze – 10 members - \$50.00 and a Certificate

Looking at raw numbers for recruitment of New Members based on size of Post. Post will receive a certificate.

Michigan Website: www.michiganlegion.org
National Website: www.legion.org
National website has all the awards listed for National.

DMS Coordinator – Tim Hernandez

The number of National members is slowing down because National is doing the Recruiting for the next two years. First year dues are \$25.00 – Second Years dues will be \$35.00. We need to work on transferring them into local Posts. We will not get any names until the second year. The cost to Department of Michigan has gone away. National will keep all money for two years and will do the mailings.

Tim said we still have 6000, 225 members in Michigan. He would like this number cut in half this year.

Al Ford said National is mailing out a letter with benefits. Al will be at the DMS meeting at National Headquarters next month.

Jim Wallace from the 6th District tells us that the National Guard may join The American Legion with 1 day active duty.

On November 6, 7, 8, 2008 will be the Membership Roundup. Information will be sent out as soon as the route is determined.

Wilson Coomer and Bill Hafeman stated that there is a membership video coming out next month. It was done in Midland last week..

To all District Commanders that we need all Members not just PUFLS.

Department has a PSA dvd that are 2 minutes in length. Give Department a call for a copy.

Jerry Dennis – NEC:

Jerry introduced Clarence Hill, leading Candidate for National Commander from Atlantic Beach, Florida.

Please let Department Headquarters know of your deceased members. You may send them in on a piece of notepaper with just the names and ID numbers. Barb Money, removes the deceased members, they aren't sent to National Headquarters.

The Jacobetti Home Post only wants to have 15 members.

All Commanders and Adjutants of Post should attend the District Adjutants school.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Richard Dubay and seconded by Ken Pierce to adjourn this meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carnie Jackson