



# The Great Eighth District NEWSLETTER

## **MARCH DISTRICT MEETING IS CANCELED**

### **Commanders Report - : Rick Mitchell [changes212@hotmail.com](mailto:changes212@hotmail.com)**

I attended the Lincoln Pilgrimage on Feb. 11th. As the Commander of The Great 8th District and being the top in our Division, I received a small #1 gold pin and a pull over Shirt. This being said we have dropped to 13th in the state. This is the lowest we have been in in two years. The Division has the 5 last places covered. The 3rd and 4th Divisions are pushing really hard. If our numbers do not go up real soon, I was told last night that the Commander of the Division wants to hold another revitalization on April 23, 24 and maybe the 25th. Now that's Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8AM to 4 PM. I for one would rather not have one, but we need to get our numbers up. Post 691 & 1139 are only 5 away from 100% and Post 1259 only 1 away from 100%. Post 828 Markham Manor, 398 Hazel Crest, 1198 Forest park and 615 Tinley Park are below the National Target date of February 12, at 85%. I have gotten 2910 lists for all of these Post except 1198, which I will work on getting do this week.

Comrades, this is coming down from the Department and not just the Division. I received letters, emails and phone calls every week pushing for more members. Our Department Commander Roy Weber says we are in our final push to get 100%. February 18th we were still 7702 short of the goal. At that time we were 304 short of 100% for our District and today February 28th we are 279 short for the District.

Everyone needs to remember that our election will be here soon and if you wish to run for a position, you need to get your Resolution in for that position in your Post or the District.

### **Sr. Vice Commanders Report - Al Lopez [a.lopezf14@gmail.com](mailto:a.lopezf14@gmail.com)**

Nothing to report

### **Jr. Vice Commanders Report - Ricky Serrano [Ricky.Serrano@carrageservices.com](mailto:Ricky.Serrano@carrageservices.com)**

Comrade Commander and Senior Vice Commander of each and every Post, please continue working your membership and help make the 8th District be top in Department.

Nominations for positions in the 8th District Officers is coming up in soon, its less than 2 months away.

Upcoming events Annual Department Convention in Springfield, IL Dates 7-11 July-2020

2020 Youth Police Program in Springfield, IL Dates 14-26 June-2020

American Legion Birthday 15 March 2020

**Adjutants Report - Mike Wunder, (708)598-4622 Fax: 708-598-4622 [captwunder4@aol.com](mailto:captwunder4@aol.com)**

Well, it's March. Officially only three more weeks to Spring. The country seems to be in a panic over the news reports concerning the coronavirus, even though the annual influenza virus has infected thousands of people this year. Your cell phone is inundated with robo-calls from political candidates and or causes. The usual TV programs are preempted for televised "debates" which are not debates but glorified confrontational news conferences.

Having survived the cold war panic of nuclear war of the 1950s, the duck and cover drills of elementary schools, the three mile Island disaster, the Cuban missile crisis, the oil well disaster in the Caribbean, Hurricane Katrina, the 9/11 terror attacks, just to recall a few, I say Chill Out People, buy a rod and go fishing. We survived them all; we'll survive the current Zeitgeist.

If you are really interested in more than the social media of tweets, chirps, et.al, and seek discussion of issues and events, I suggest you go on line and follow "The Burn Pit" an American Legion on line forum containing rational discussion of them.

On a more localized basis, attendance at the February District meeting was again sparse to say the least. After the 14 in attendance in January, 16 District members signed the attendance log. Ten of te 21 District Post were represented. Our next meeting is March 26, 2020, at Schultz Post 697,18255, Grant St Lansing IL. 60438. Refreshments will be served!

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#### **Happenings around the District:**

**REMEMBER** is your Post is having a special event you can enter it on the Event Planner on the District's website <http://8thdistrictillegion.org> We will do our best to get it in the newsletter and on the website. (*The event must **not** be less than two weeks away*)

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**District Meeting Dates and Locations** March 26 -**CANCELED**; April 23- Tinley Park Post 615; May 28- Evergreen Pk Post 854; June 25 – Marrs-Meyer Post 991; July – Department Convention No District meeting

**EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

**THE FIRST DIVISION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO WILL BEGIN COLLEGE THIS FALL.**

**FOUR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ONE TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMPRISE THIS ALLOCATION.**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:**

**STUDENT MUST BE A SON/DAUGHTER OR GRANDSON/GRANDDAUGHTER OF AN AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. IN THE EVENT THE LEGION MEMBER IS DECEASED, THE CURRENT COMMANDER OF THE DECEASED'S POST MUST CERTIFY PAST MEMBERSHIP.**

**THE SCHOLARSHIP IS A NON-RENEWABLE \$1,000.00 AWARD. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT:**

**[www.illegion.org/scholarship](http://www.illegion.org/scholarship)**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, P. O. BOX 2910, BLOOMINGTON IL 61702-2910 BY MARCH 15.**

**PHONE: 309-663-0361**

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**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**



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# Illinois Department of American Legion Membership Report

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District 8 / Commander: RICKIE J. MITCHELL / Fee Year: 2020

No.	Name	Goal	Last Year's Total	This Year's Total	New	% of Goal	2910 Transfers	Net Change
50	Blue Island	120	120	104	3	86.67%	0	0
111	Orland Memorial	152	152	152	5	100.0%	3	0
131	Chicago Heights	100	100	90	0	90.00%	0	0
330	Calumet Memorial	343	343	315	5	91.84%	0	0
398	Hazel Crest	49	49	39	3	79.59%	0	0
474	Rehfeldt-Meyer	88	88	75	2	85.23%	0	0
555	Jackson Park	22	22	22	1	100.0%	1	0
615	Tinley Park	410	410	348	7	84.88%	1	0
691	Milton W Mager Memorial	48	48	44	3	91.67%	0	0
697	Edward Schultz	205	205	193	10	94.15%	1	0
757	Green Oaks	53	53	48	2	90.57%	0	0
828	Markham Manor	17	17	11	1	64.71%	0	0
854	Evergreen Park	603	603	547	18	90.71%	11	2
990	Posen	37	37	38	1	102.7%	1	0
991	Marrs-Meyer	294	294	262	11	89.12%	4	0
1070	Thornton	65	65	59	3	90.77%	1	0
1139	East Hazel Crest	39	39	34	2	87.18%	0	0
1160	Glenn Maker	133	133	133	4	100.0%	2	0
1198	Park Forest	88	88	74	3	84.09%	1	0
1259	Sauk Village	20	20	19	1	95.00%	0	0
1993	Palos Memorial Post	52	52	52	4	100.0%	8	0
District 8 Totals:		2,938	2,938	2,659	89	90.50%	34	2

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Unit	Commander	Last Year's Total	This Year's Total	New	% of Last Year's Total	2910 Transfer	Net Change
14 - 3	RICHARD R. SCHOMER JR.	2,347	2,272	127	96.80%	125	4
18 - 4	ANNETTE M. ROWE	3,658	3,475	206	95.00%	55	1
20 - 3	NORMAN W. FLOWERS JR.	2,068	1,964	111	94.97%	8	10
13 - 2	KEITH E. NICHOLS	2,532	2,382	133	94.08%	7	20
15 - 3	STEVE SCHLIEPER	2,859	2,672	124	93.46%	10	9
12 - 2	ASCENSION R. HERNANDEZ	5,395	4,968	270	92.09%	37	21
23 - 5	STEPHEN J. OWENS	4,313	3,953	163	91.65%	10	23
17 - 4	NANCY A. ELDER	3,610	3,301	147	91.44%	17	14
21 - 4	RICHARD L. RUMP	3,022	2,759	137	91.30%	6	6
22 - 5	DONALD M. SCHEYER	4,243	3,862	169	91.02%	16	19
11 - 2	KEVIN R. LEONARD	8,576	7,780	442	90.72%	72	48
10 - 2	ROBERT BUCHER	2,794	2,529	126	90.52%	21	8
8 - 1	RICKIE J. MITCHELL	2,938	2,659	89	90.50%	34	2
16 - 3	DEANNE M. NIGHSONGER	3,648	3,270	121	89.64%	13	6
24 - 5	CHRISTOPHER L. HATCHER	1,807	1,614	84	89.32%	2	9
7 - 1	JOHN F. WOWK	2,135	1,894	401	88.71%	4	0
25 - 5	DONNIE R. HOUGHLAND JR.	2,762	2,444	107	88.49%	12	6
3 - 1	FRANK B. THOMPSON III	1,090	961	79	88.17%	2	0
19 - 4	GREGG M. ROBERTS	4,964	4,364	152	87.91%	20	15
2 - 1	LAWRENCE A. HIPPERT	992	869	65	87.60%	3	10
9 - 1	DALE D. TIPPETT	2,940	2,569	183	87.38%	33	10
4 - 1	ROBERT PRZYBYLINSKI	1,504	1,311	57	87.17%	6	3
5 - 1	DETRALL A. DEARBONE	1,302	1,122	68	86.18%	6	4
1 - 1	GEORGE C. RADKA	0	14	0	0.00%	0	14
District Totals:		71,499	65,008	3,561	90.92%	519	262
Post 2910 Totals:		2,644	2,344	57	88.65%		
State Totals:		74,143	67,352	3,618	90.84%	519	
- R7 / 2910 Transfers:			37				
Adjusted State Total:			67,315				
National Percentage:					90.79%		