

FROM THE SONS

Greetings to all

February 11, 2010

This week, our Adjutant has the floor on the topic of membership.

We tried to make the 75%. At this point we are at 71%, (transmittals is on the way). Squadron and our officers did a great job this past 2 weeks with membership. We have 7 Squadrons at or above 100% we still have a long way to go, there are still 31 Squadrons not at 100%. Most of them are close. We still have 3 Squadron that have not sent in any dues as of yet. Let's try to get them going; we do not want to lose any members. Most of the time all it takes is a contact to get them started. Also, they may have the dues paid but is still with the Squadron membership chairman. I have noticed that with the last transmittal some of the dues were paid to the Squadrons back in the summer months and it is just getting to me now. Please, if your Squadron has any dues get them in to me. They are delinquent at this time and any and all SAL benefits can not be used, so let's get those dues in.

Again, just a reminder. Any changes that need to be made for a member needs to be made on a member data form and sent to me, not on the member's dues cards. They will not get changed if not on a data form. Thank you and let's keep up the great work.

Ron Densmore
Detachment Adjutant

National Veterans Assistance Day is May 15th. The Sons of the American Legion observe this day by helping a veteran or veteran's family. To those members and squadrons who do this year round, I salute you. To those wanting to start now is the time. We can help in so many ways, giving rides to appointments, run errands, and help with yard work or small home repairs. Your squadron can do clean up and repairs around the Post or hold a meal or event to honor these veterans in some small way. I'm asking all sons to give a little time to show respect for those who secured our freedom. I also ask that squadrons report these efforts on their consolidated report forms they will receive this spring. The National Veteran's Assistance Day program was started by past SAL National Commander Raymond Giehll in 2008 to thank and assist veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families.

The Detachment of Maine Annual Lobster Raffle has officially begun. Tickets are one dollar each or a book of six for five dollars. See your local SAL Squadron or Detachment officer for tickets. Squadrons, if you sell out of tickets, call Joe Cooper at 342-3098 to get more. First prize is a lobster bake for 50 people anywhere in Maine (\$800 value) includes lobster, clams and all the fixings. Second Prize is \$75 worth of lobster. We draw the winners on the Legion Birthday in March. The proceeds will go to help Maine Veterans.

Post 14 Fairfield will hold a bean supper and sock hop on Saturday, February 20th. The supper runs from 5 to 7 PM and is \$5 per person, \$3 for children under ten. The sock hop

runs from 8 to midnight and is \$5 per person. There will be prizes for the best dressed a twist contest and a 50/50 raffle. Music of the 50's and 60's provided by DJ Cooper. This event benefits the Pine Tree Camp Society.

If your Squadron has an event and would like it in the SMILE or would like a Detachment visitor at your next meeting, contact me at unclebru2@aol.com.

Yours in service.

Bruce Pierce, Detachment Commander.