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First of all I want to congratulate Squadron 597 in Carrollton for reaching 100% plus 2 new members they are the 1st Squadron in our Division and also the Detachment to reach their goal of 100%. They will be receiving a \$50.00 check from Detachment for reaching goal before December 31 Deadline.

It's been 5 months now since you have had your election of officers in your Squadron. Certification of officers must be sent into Austin the day of or the day after the election to receive your new cards. As of last week every Squadron is certified. Upon receiving your new cards all newly elected officers should have their dues paid in full either by their Squadron or pay for it them self's. There is 19 Squadrons out of 44 Squadrons that have not even sent in any membership and only 18 Squadrons out of 44 that have made the Target date set by National at 25% before 10/12/2017. So that means 29 Squadrons are sending in Membership out of 44. That's not good at all, is there a reason for this? Your District Commander should have already contacted their Squadrons to find out why the membership is not being turned in. SAL 1st Division has been around for 24 years now and has only been in 1st place a couple times by the time Department Convention is held. 1st Division has more members than the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Divisions. So why are we always in 2nd, 3rd or 4th place every year? We should be in 1st place all the time. At this time we are in 3rd place. Again that is not good and the reason why is your not sending in your membership. Only you can make the difference to get your Squadron, District, and 1st Division back on top again. I personally would like for you to set your goal at 100% plus 1 new member and that's not asking for much. Show some pride in your Squadron and let your Squadron, District, and 1st Division be #1 and out shine the rest of the Divisions in the Detachment of Texas.

Constitution and By-Laws not on File 9-23-17

Your District Commander will be contacting the following Squadrons on your Constitution and By-Laws that are not on file in Austin. These should have been done a year ago. 15, 182, 376, 111, 275, 368, 424, 504, 511, 597, 60, 135, 356, 624, 838, 129, 169, 198, 209, and 264

I want to hear back from all of you with your ideas and accomplishments. E-mail me what your Squadron is planning such as a Chili-Cook off, BBQ Cook off, events that your Squadron is planning to do. I will add them to these future newsletters. Please fill free to call upon me anytime I am here for you. We are a big Family and all of us must work together to meet our goals and make the future of the Son of the American Legion great.

2 Squadrons so far have donated Money to the Hurricane Harvey School Supply relief fund, Squadron 81 in Duncanville \$750.00 and Squadron 21 The Colony \$200.00 That's what I call stepping up to the plate and getting things done. Great Job to both Squadrons.

Well that's all for now and hopefully the next time I write a letter I'll have something good to say about Membership.

Thank you

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