

Greeting Fellow Sons,

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and safe new year's celebration. We have now left 2016 behind and enter into 2017. As hopefully everyone knows, the Mid-Winter D.E.C. is quickly approaching in 3 weeks (January 29, 2017.)

Please don't forget that 3rd Division Commander Ralph Rocco is inviting all Squadron Adjutants, Commanders, District and Division Commanders for a FREE breakfast and training session at Post 83 on Saturday, January 28. The training will be conducted by PDC Bartholomew, PDC Pack, and PDC Winkelmann. Breakfast will be at 7:00 a.m. and training will begin at 7:30 a.m. sharp. Post 83 is located at 4401 E. St. Elmo which is about a mile and a half from the Omni Hotel.

Please contact Ralph Rocco to let him know if you are planning on attending so they can have an idea of how many to expect for breakfast.

rrocco60@gmail.com or I am sure his number is in the Blue Book.

As of our last Membership Blast provided to us by our Membership Chairman "Emeritus" we had a great turn in from over the holidays. However, as Squeek states we need 43 more members to make our 60% goal. Division 3 is currently leading the membership race so if the other Divisions make a push to catch up by the goal date and the Mid-Winter meeting, we should easily make our state goal. With a state like Texas, it is my personal opinion that we should be much higher in the National Membership rankings. Let's everyone make membership a priority and show the rest of the country the true spirit of Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Texas.

As it relates to Public Relations, if we were able to develop a strong and consistent membership, fewer and fewer people would not know about the American Legion or the Sons of the American Legion.

Next, I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to keep up with the activities of the American Legion through the emails our state Adjutant send out and especially the American Legion Daily News Clips. It is a way see what is happening around the nation and especially within the government and VA.

Don't forget to share your own Squadron's activities with your fellow members, your Legion Post and Auxiliary, and most importantly the community of which you belong. Going back to membership, if people know the wonderful things that we do and how we serve veterans, families, and communities, we won't need to recruit new members, they will come to us.

Finally, on Friday evening, January 27, 2017 the Legion will be hosting a “Veterans Awareness Walk” from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. American Legion National Commander Schmidt and Auxiliary National President Davis will be joining in. Other dignitaries from the city and the state have been invited as well. For details, see the email from Adjutant Winkelmann or the attached flyer and registration. Registration needs to be completed by January 10.

I hope to see you all in Austin in 3 weeks.

For God and Country,

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