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TO: Legionnaires

SUBJECT: Monthly Department Status

Greetings,

In an effort towards being transparent and forward in getting information out to Districts and Posts this year I intend to produce this monthly status report. Traveling and visiting our posts is still very much my main objective this year as your commander. Since it is difficult to inform everyone with the same information during my visits due to continual changes, I will use this method to relay some helpful information that will help keep everyone across our state informed and updated.

1). Training for Dues Direct Processing scheduled for November 7, 2020 has been canceled due to a software changes at National. The new platform will start to be integrated in November and is expected to be completed by the 1st of the year 2021. Though the look of MyLegion.org will be similar, many functions will be somewhat different and will require retraining. The training is scheduled to be held online on the last Tuesday of each month. More information on the training times and dates will be announced as they become available to us. The current MyLegion.org processing will no longer work and new passwords will be issued. As with any software conversions there will be problems so please be patient as we work thru those. This is a positive for us since we will be learning the new system, and it will provide greater flexibility for ours posts to access and set it up at their convenience.

2.) Congratulations to all of Colorado. We have reached our October 15th target date of 55% on memberships. We are also currently ahead of our membership numbers as compared to this time last year. Our next target date is November 12th, and our target is 65%. I know we can reach this as we have successfully done this many times before.

3.) We are Currently still promoting the flying of the flag with **“Keeping the Flame of Patriotism Burning”** theme. Certificates are available now. Just call

me personally or department staff and we will get them out to you. I have also created a certificate to be given to Law enforcement agencies called **“Backing Law and Order”**. Attached with these certificates is a statement of why I feel this is very important for us to recognize these selfless organizations. You can have them digitally sent and printed or we will print and mail to you. Please let as many know about these programs as you can. I will also be working on Certificates to recognize our 1st responders as well.

4.) We are looking at purchasing another meeting (like Zoom) or similar platform to aid our service officers in completing a form of tele-claim. Still some research to be done as to feasibility but are excited of the possibility of reaching more veterans across the state safely and efficiently.

5.) The annual December DEC meeting will be held on December 12th, 2020. Time and place to be determined based on COVID restrictions.

6.) On September 19th, The DEC conducted a vote and selected to the position of Sr Vice Commander - Chip Kossow and DEC Chairman - Greg Jackson, Congratulations SVC Chip.

7.) We are currently conducting finance meetings for our annual budget; we are also asking for volunteers to work on a fund-raising committee.

8.) Oratorical is rapidly approaching, I would love to see all 14 districts represented at the department competition. Remember this program is for High school Freshmen thru Seniors. More information can be found on <http://coloradolegion.org/4-pillars-2/americanism/oratorical/>

9.) Our Colorado Veterans Kids Fund and Veterans Assistance Fund is in desperate need of help this year. Please, if your post can organize a fund raiser and donate every little bit is appreciated. Please send to Department Headquarters or donate on-line or even by Go-fund-me account found our Facebook membership minute page and our colegionhq Facebook page. This winter is expected to be harder on families more than in past years when it comes to utilities and groceries.

10.) Department Finance Officer Marvin Weaver has signed all of the 3rd quarter online checks for our posts. If your post has money due, the check is in the mail. Marvin reports that all of our bills are current and we have money in the bank.

11.) Our holiday season is upon us. Please remember to think of our Blue star families and those deployed this next couple of months and reach out to them thru buddy checks, but also increase our Buddy checks to all veterans and their families and help us do what we can in reducing veteran suicides.

I ask and encourage you to please keep your focus on your mission working of the 4 pillars Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Defense, Americanism and Children & Youth programs that directly benefit the veterans, families and children in your communities. Please send us articles on events and great things you are doing in your communities.

If you would like me to visit your District or Post, please call and let us get a date and time set. Remember, our Vice Commanders and myself are here for you.

Please, if you have any questions call Adjutant Pat Smith or myself.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Jackson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Jackson, Commander
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