



AMERICAN LEGION OF MONTANA
Adjutant's Newsletter
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2009 MEMBERSHIP: Currently membership is at 9992 or 77.66% of our Department Goal of 12867. We have made our first four targets; our next target is 80% for January 14. We are currently ahead of last year's membership in both numbers and percentage. Last year at this time we had eleven goal Posts and had 9903 members for 75.02%. Also at this time last year we still had three Posts with no membership transmittals, currently all Posts have made transmittals. Do not slow down on membership continue to push for your early renewals so we don't fall behind. Don't forget to be recruiting new members as well.

Congratulations to the following Posts for making goal: Billings Heights #119 – the first goal Post for this year; Whitehall #24, Fort Benton #26, Ennis #65, Richey #75, Culbertson #81 and Kalispell #137. Congratulations also to District 8 for having the largest percentage of goal by Fall Conference.

ADJUTANT'S DRAWING: Winifred Post #120 was the winner of the Adjutant's drawing at Fall Conference. They received \$50.00 when their Post was drawn for having sent in a receipt of Post packets after Department Convention.

DEPARTMENT PISTOL RAFFLE: The Department Executive Committee has authorized an American Legion 90th Anniversary Commemorative Pistol Raffle. This pistol is number 41 of 90 made, it is an M1911 .45 ACP. The raffle is to be conducted over the next 7 months and the winner will be drawn in Bozeman at the Department Convention. Each ticket is to be sold for \$10.00, for every ticket sold, your Post will mail \$5.00 per ticket and the stub (please mail the stubs in groups of 10) the Post will keep the remaining \$5.00. Tickets may be sold to anyone; purchasers do not need to be Legion Family members. All tickets and money are to be returned to Department Headquarters no later than 22 June 2009. **Each Post is responsible for returning unsold tickets, or \$10.00 for each unsold ticket not returned; accountability is a must.** Tickets were mailed in a separate envelope.

Additionally there are three more prizes which consist of: A Remington 700 SPS 300 Ultra Mag Rifle w/Leupold 3 x 9 scope and sling; Leupold Spotting Scope 4.5 x 14 x 40; and a Deluxe Reloading Kit

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S INCENTIVE AWARD: Legion Family members in every Post, Unit and Squadron are eligible to earn the National Commanders incentive award for recruiting or renewing 5 American Legion members. Additionally for those who recruit 8 new members you can be entered into a drawing to win 1 of 100 American Legion belt buckles. Certification forms were included in the September Adjutant's Newsletter and are available on the Department website.

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POST EXCELLENCE AWARD: There is a new National award for Post Excellence. To qualify for the award the Post is required to achieve a standard of participation in each of four areas, those being: membership, youth activities, community service, and support to currently serving troops or veterans.

BIG K: The Big K club for the 2009 membership will close on 31 December 2008, all applications and renewals must be received at Department by that date. The first \$400.00 drawing will be on 5 January.

EMPLOYER AWARDS: The Employer of Veterans, Employer of the Disabled, Employer of the Elderly and Employment Service Awards are due to Department by December 15, 2008. Forms and instructions are available from Department Headquarters.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Nominations are due to Department Headquarters by January 15, 2009. Forms and instructions are available from Department Headquarters.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM: All orders for targets for the National Postal Match must be postmarked by January 16, 2009; all targets must be shot and postmarked by February 2, 2009.

THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS STAFF WISHES ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Department Headquarters will be closed for Christmas & New Years from 2:00 pm on December 24 until 29 December; and 2:00 pm on December 31 until January 5

ATTENTION: Adjutants, please share this Bulletin with your Commander, and read this Bulletin at your monthly meeting; and then post it where it can be read by all members.

