



AMERICAN LEGION OF MONTANA
Adjutant's Newsletter
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CORRECTION: The dates for American Legion Boys State in the packets delivered after Department Convention are wrong; the dates for 2010 American Legion Boys State are 6 – 12 June. Please make the appropriate corrections.

2010 MEMBERSHIP: Currently membership is at 8942 or 71.54% of our Department Goal of 12,500. We have made our first three targets; our next target is 75% for December 9th. We are currently behind last year's membership in numbers, but not in percentage. Last year at this time we had five goal Posts and had 9182 members for 71.36%. Also at this time last year we still had three Posts with no membership transmittals, currently the same three Posts have not sent 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: Westby #229 – the first goal Post for this year; St Regis #13, Hogeland #59, Ennis #65, Culbertson #81, Charlo #126 and Troy #139. Congratulations also to District 1 for having the largest percentage of goal by Fall Conference.

ADJUTANT'S DRAWING: Gardiner #118 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.

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.

POST EXCELLENCE AWARD: The National awards for Post Excellence will be awarded again this year. 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 2010 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 4 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, 2009. Forms and instructions are available from Department Headquarters.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Nominations are due to Department Headquarters by January 15, 2010. 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 15, 2010; all targets must be shot and postmarked by February 1, 2009.

DUE TO THE HIGH COST OF POSTAGE THE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED MONTHLY; HOWEVER IF I AM PROVIDED AN EMAIL ADDRESS WE WILL EMAIL ONE. PLEASE ENSURE THE EMAIL ON FILE AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IS CURRENT; I RECOMMEND YOU SEND ME A TEST MESSAGE SO I CAN CONFIRM YOUR ADDRESS. THE ADJUTANT'S NEWSLETTER WITH ALL REQUIRED FORMS WILL ALSO BE ON THE MILEGION.ORG WEBSITE AS WELL.

THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS STAFF WISHES ALL A HAPPY THANKSGIVING and a MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Department Headquarters will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 26 & 27; Christmas & New Years from 2:00 pm on December 24 until 29 December; and 2:00 pm on December 31 until January 3.

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.