



VFW Department of Wyoming News – February 2017

Important day in February

February 20 – Presidents' Day

900 Club

February 900 Club winners

1. Kirk A. – Sold by Post 9439 in Casper - \$500
2. Janet K. – Sold by Post 2221 in Laramie - \$300
3. Post 2673 in Cody - \$100

Post Surrender of Charter

Lincoln County Post 2802 in Kemmerer, Wyoming, surrendered its Charter effective January 25, 2017. All remaining post members are invited to join Pilot Butte Post 2321 in Green River.

Membership News from National

Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters is challenging every Post to put together teams to get facetime with lapsed members who have expired and members who will be coming due in the next few months. This event will take place February 17-19. Get out and knock on the doors of your members in hopes to collect 2016-2017 membership dues and help us make 100% membership as a National Organization for the first time in 24 years!

Your recruiting teams will run into members who will say “my dues haven’t expired.” Be prepared to explain a few things. The VFW Commander-in-Chief will be testifying before the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee on 01 March 2017. Inform your members that “By paying dues prior to this date, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will have a stronger voice on Capitol Hill. Now, more than ever, the size of our membership is important.”

CIC Duffy will be asking State Commanders for their report on the results of this campaign at the Commanders meeting in Washington D.C. in at the end of February.

Let's do Commander Miller proud! I sent out rosters to every post a couple of months ago. If you need help to get an updated roster, let me know! A/Q Trish

Mid-Winter Words of Wisdom

VFW National Programs Lead, Lynn Rolf, attended Mid-Winter in Gillette. Here are three important items he left us with.

1. If your post is struggling, work the programs! This will re-connect you with the VFW at all levels. The Buddy Poppy program especially helps get posts back on track.
2. Unmet Needs is a vital VFW Program. Since its beginning, 18 Wyoming veterans have received more than \$48,000 in help from Unmet Needs. The Department presented Lynn with a \$1,500 check for this National Program.
3. Community Service hours protect the VFW's non-profit status at all levels. Use this argument when your members ask why they need to document!

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy

The Department's Patriot's Pen winner is Dalton Peterson, an 8th grader sponsored by Post 6125 in Encampment.

The Department's Voice of Democracy winner is Courtney Michael, a 12th grader sponsored by Post 7756 in Gillette.

Department Website

Check out the new Department website at vfwwy.org. Our webmaster, Jim Bush from 11453, is getting it populated. Send suggestions to me and I'll pass them on.

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