

Greetings from the Detachment. Another year is about to begin and we have four of the five divisions certified and 13 of the 23 districts certified. A good start for a good year.

Membership is the backbone of this organization and without a strong membership our projects such as The Haven, CWF, Josh Dogs, Boys State, Boy Scouts, VA&R cannot be carried out. All of these need hard work, input, and money provided by dues, donations, and sometimes sweat to make them work.

Through membership, new faces are taught the ways of leadership, conduct, the history, and meaning of The Sons of The American Legion.

Recruitment is one way to get new faces in. Another is to invite ones that have always been there, but have never been approached to attend our functions. A phone call or email before any meeting, fund raiser, or get together might make the difference in a new leader maturing into the next commander of a Squadron, District, Division, or Detachment.

Jimmy Hunter and Ed Cavanaugh are ready to teach any squadron or number of squadrons the proper way to conduct meetings. A good thing to know when starting new squadrons or refreshing old ones.

Let us all try to work together to build a stronger Sons of the American Legion. Commander Phillip Shipley says to be on mark this next year for membership and to retain old membership is the only way to keep our organization strong and growing.

For God and Country

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