



From the desk of Paul Hayse

Greetings:

Spring is in the air, things are finally starting to green up, and Detachment convention is right around the corner.

We have over 129 squadrons at or over 100% with many more above our target at 90% April 12. There are 4 districts at or over 100% with eleven over the 90% target. Retention is decent in the detachment with almost 82%.

Illinois is showing 89.665% nationally as of April 6th. I know we can make our Central Region Vice Commander, Michael Lawler proud and get us to 105% before national convention.

The month of May is time for squadron, district and division nomination of officers with June election time for said officers. Start thinking about who you want to represent your voice this coming year.

Speaking of your voice, don't forget to fill out your consolidated report form! It is our voice in our nation's capital!! We were over 41% on reports turned in last year with donations totaling over \$344,484.02 and hours of service at 53,296. We were proud last year at National Convention in Cincinnati, OH with those numbers and I know we can do better this year.

If you have any questions on how to fill out the form, please contact me or our Commander Phillip Shipley.

"The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance"

- Socrates

Yours in service,
Paul A Hayse