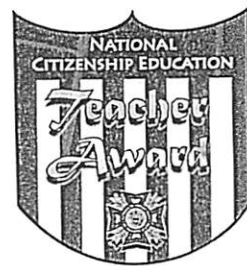


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Our Special Guest for the Dinner will be The VFW Commander in Chief Keith Harman

Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Annual Awards Dinner



LAST CALL

SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2018, Starts Promptly At 12:45pm

**IN THE GRAND BALLROOM OF THE ROCKY HILL
SHERATON HOTEL CAPITAL BLVD ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT
\$20.00 per person**

LAST CALL

The winners of the 47th Annual State Voice of Democracy and Youth Essay and Teacher of the Year Programs will be announced at this Dinner. We need your cooperation to make this a Huge Success. Please make checks payable to THE DEPT. OF CT VFW or just VFW and mail with the reservation form below to: RICH DIFEDERICO, CHAIRMAN - P.O. BOX 429 - ROCKY HILL, CONNECTICUT 06067

Buffett Menu

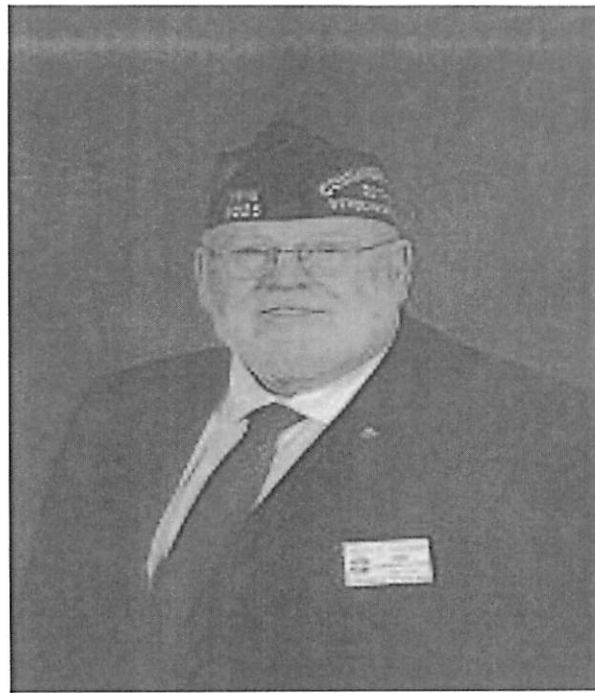
*Plated (pre-set) Caesar Salad - Roast Sirloin of Beef with Homemade Brown Gravy
Traditional Mashed Potatoes - Roasted Carrots - Rolls - Butter - Coffee - Tea
Desert - Tiramisu*

Please send me _____ Tickets to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Awards Dinner

NAME: _____ STREET: _____ TOWN: _____

ZIP _____ CHECK/MONEY ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED.

Deadline for tickets is Wednesday January 10, 2018



COME MEET AND GREET THE VFW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF KEITH HARMAN

When: Saturday January 13, 2018

Where: VFW Post 9460 in Stratford arriving at 10:00am

VFW Post 5095 East Hampton arriving at 1:00pm

VFW Post 2138 Rocky Hill arriving at 3:00pm

It isn't often we have a sitting Commander-in-Chief come into Connecticut. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this special event to greet the Chief.

There will be refreshments for all at each of the three stops the Chief will make.

The State Commander has sent a letter to each Post Commander to be present at one of stops, or to send someone to represent their post. All District Commanders and officers as well as VFW State Officers and Chairmen are expected to attend and Auxiliary Officers and chair persons are also highly encouraged to attend. Please be sure that the members of your post and auxiliaries are informed of these visits and also encouraged to come and meet the Chief at one of the stops.



TO: All Members
FROM: Robert Priest, State Commander
RE: Council of Administration Meeting

The Third scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2017 - 2018 VFW year, will be held on MONDAY – JANUARY 29, 2018 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Madeley - Roberts VFW Post 574 7 Northwest Dr, Plainville, CT. Phone No: (860) 747-2993.

All Post Commanders are invited to attend this meeting **and bring any Post Officer or Member** who may wish to attend. Every VFW Member is welcome.

If any State Officer, District Commander or State Chairman is unable to attend this meeting, please notify the State Adjutant at Department Headquarters at: (860) 616-2363

Food will be available prior to the meeting starting at 6:00 pm.

Dress is Blues and Greys and VFW cap.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th of January 2018.

Robert Priest

State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz State Adjutant/Quartermaster

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



Department of Connecticut Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States

P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, CT 06067 (860)616-2360 Fax: (860) 616-2364
hqct@vfw.necoxmail.com vfwct.org

URGENT AND IMPORTANT 2017-2018

DEPARTMENT SOLICITION FOR ADS FOR THE CONVENTION AD BOOK FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT VFW HAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PRIVATE CONCERN TO SOLICIT ADS FOR OUR CONVENTION AD BOOK THAT HELPS TO PAY FOR THE STATE CONVENTION. BECAUSE OF THAT, CONNECTICUT HAS THE LOWEST CONVENTION DELEGATE FEE IN THE COUNTRY.

OUR COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN US PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING CALLS FROM YOUR LOCAL TOWN MERCHANTS AS TO THE LEGITIMACY OF THIS PROGRAM. WE WILL BE USING YOUR POST AS A REFERENCE.

I CANNOT IMPRESS UPON YOU THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM, AND I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT IN THIS VENTURE.

ALL POST MEMBERS AND ESPECIALLY EMPLOYEES THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONES, SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THIS COMPANY, CONSULT TELE – COMMUNICATIONS, REPRESENTS OUR ORGANIZATION. WHEN INQUIRIES ARE MADE REGARDING THIS COMPANY AS BEING LEGITIMATE, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT: 860- 616- 2363 OR TO PASS ON OUR PHONE NUMBER/S.

WE TRUST YOU WILL POST THIS NOTICE IN YOUR POST HOME AND INFORM ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS AND THOSE THAT NEED TO KNOW ESPECIALLY YOUR BARTENDERS, (IF YOU HAVE A CANTEEN) THAT ANSWER THE POST PHONE. PLEASE INFORM THE MEMBERS OF YOUR AUXILIARY AS WELL.

NO VFW POST WILL BE SOLICITED BY OUR VENDOR; ALL REQUESTS FOR CONVENTION ADS FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL COME FROM DEPARTMENT. MONIES RECEIVED FROM OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES WILL GO SOLELY TO OUR DEPARTMENT. NO VFW MONEY WILL GO TO THE VENDOR.

WE WILL AGAIN THIS YEAR ASK OUR POSTS AND AUXILIARIES TO PURCHASE ADS IN OUR CONVENTION BOOK. (Starting in January). BY DOING SO, WE THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE ADS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL ME AT HEADQUARTERS AT: (860) 616-2363.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION,

RON RUSKO, STATE ADJUTANT/QUARTERMASTER

OVER

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

"Helping All Veterans and Families Past, Present and Future"

Dec./ Jan. 2017-18

To All State Officers, District Commanders
Post Commanders

Subject: Safety Program

The Heating and Holiday season is here, Let's help our Post,
Neighbors and Friends have a safe heating and holliday season.

1. Have your heating system cleaned and checked.
2. Have your chimmy cleaned and checked for flu gas leaks,
3. Keep all candles away from curtains and other flammable objects.
4. Check all lighting for frayed cords.
5. Do not use GAS GRILLS indoors for any reason.
6. Keep all sidewalks cleaned of ICE and SNOW.

Bruce Messenger
State Safety Charman



**DISTRICT THREE
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
AND VFW AUXILIARY**



TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON

**HONORING
"Our Stars of Third District"**

**Lee Wilson
Commander**

**Candy Shepard
President**

**Saturday, February 24, 2018
Smalley Brothers VFW Post 6123
36 Fairview Street
Windsor Locks, Conn. 06096**

**Meet and Greet 12:00 P. M.
Luncheon 1:00 P.M.**

**BUFFET
POT ROAST WITH GRAVY
OVEN ROASTED POTATOES WITH CARROTS, ONION, CELERY
GREEN BEANS WITH BACON
SLICED HAM WITH PINEAPPLE
ROLLS & BUTTER**

COFFEE, TEA DESSERT

TICKETS \$20.00 PER PERSON

CUT OFF DATE FEBRUARY 9, 2018

Make checks payable to: "THIRD DISTRICT AUXILIARY" and mail to: Doris Laferriere, Treasurer; 30
Waranoke Road; Manchester, Ct. 06040

#Tickets _____ at \$20.00 each \$ _____

Name _____ Post/Aux _____

TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

OVER

District 1 testimonial is Saturday March 24th in Danbury starting at 5pm

Kim McCaroll, District one President

The 4th District Testimonial will be on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the Montville Memorial VFW Post 10060 in Uncaville starting at twelve noon.

Maureen Ducat



Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Connecticut

District 1

Testimonial Dinner

(Beef, Potatoes, Veggie, Salad, Rolls, Dessert)

Honoring

Commander Anthony "Tony" Puccio

President Kim McCarroll

Danbury VFW Post 149

Saturday March 24, 2018

Appetizers 5pm, Dinner 6pm

CASH BAR

Tickets \$25.00 per person

Any questions call Kim McCarroll Auxiliary President 203-482-9075 or email
kimmccarroll@yahoo.com

****No Tickets will be mailed check in at the door****

Deadline is March 17, 2018. Send checks payable to **District One Dept. of CT VFW:**
Kim McCarroll, 23 Philo Curtis Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

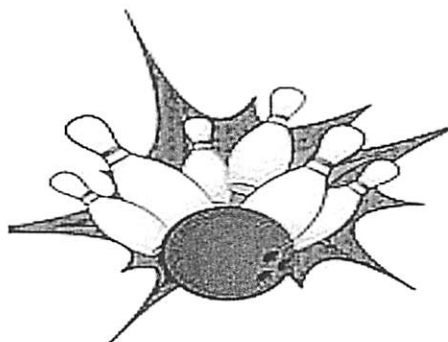
Number of Tickets: _____ Amount of Check: \$ _____
Post/Aux: _____ Name: _____



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



**Department of Connecticut
American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars Family
Bowling Tournament**



**Sunday April 29, 2018, 2pm
Bowl-O-Rama
2143 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT**

Open to all American Legion & VFW Family members and friends.
Let's get together for some fun & camaraderie & bring home the Trophy!!

Please form your 4 person Team(s) Now!

If you want to Bowl but don't have enough for a Team, sign-up anyway, we'll make room for you!

Only 20 Lanes are currently reserved.

Cost is \$20.00 per person, Includes shoe rental, 3 Games of Bowling and Pizza

Please return this portion with the Names in the order you will be bowling and send in by April 20, 2018.

Mail Checks Payable to: "American Legion Dept of CT"

American Legion Department of Connecticut

ATTN: Bowling Tournament

P.O. Box 208

Rocky Hill, CT 06067-0208

Team Name _____ Check# _____

Name	Post/Unit	District	Contact Information
1.)			
2.)			
3.)			
4.)			



**DISTRICT FOUR
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT
Veterans of Foreign Wars
and VFW Auxiliary**



TESTIMONIAL DINNER

HONORING

GARY BLACKSTONE
District 4 Commander

SHERILL AREL
District 4 President

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

**MONTVILLE MEMORIAL VFW POST 10060
91 Raymond Hill Road
Uncasville, CT 06382**

Cocktail Hour 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM – Dinner 1:00 PM

**Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast
Garden Salad
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable
Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Dessert**

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

Table Reservations in Groups of 8 Reserve _____ Table(s)

Please Reserve _____ tickets at \$25.00 each \$ _____

Deadline for tickets: March 10, 2018

No tickets will be sold at the door. Reserved tickets will be held at the door.

Checks payable to District 4 VFW and mail to:

Kenneth C. Hartline, Quartermaster (860) 599-5252
135 Asher Avenue
Pawcatuck, CT 06379

Name: _____ Post/Aux. _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

<u>DIV 7</u>	<u>5 POSTS</u>	<u>D #</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>DIV 9</u>	<u>10 POSTS</u>	<u>D #</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
9066	FRANKLIN	4	62	57	91.94%	-5	10690	HIGGANUM	6	41	40	97.56%	-1
9422	WEST HAVEN	2	69	62	89.86%	-7	6121	PORTLAND	6	40	39	97.50%	-1
10321	HAMDEN	2	59	53	89.83%	-6	2774	SALEM	4	38	37	97.37%	-1
9990	STAFFORD SPRING	3	60	52	86.67%	-8	1840	MIDDLETOWN	6	37	36	97.30%	-1
1926	SIMSBURY	3	59	50	84.75%	-9	10589	COVENTRY	3	35	32	91.43%	-3
9544	SUFFIELD	3	70	56	80.00%	-14	2212	TAFTVILLE	4	45	41	91.11%	-4
							10201	BROOKFIELD	1	36	32	88.89%	-4
							6990	COLCHESTER	4	35	31	88.57%	-4
<u>DIV 8</u>	<u>18 POSTS</u>	<u>D #</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	9992	BLOOMFIELD	3	40	35	87.50%	-5
597	ANSONIA	2	50	52	104.00%	2	2849	HARTFORD	3	42	36	85.71%	-6
4608	LEDYARD	4	47	46	97.87%	-1	1009	BLOOMFIELD	3	33	24	72.73%	-9
9836	NEWINGTON	3	48	45	93.75%	-3							
12084	SEYMOUR	2	48	45	93.75%	-3	<u>DIV 10</u>	<u>18 POSTS</u>	<u>D #</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
8776	HEBRON	3	46	42	91.30%	-4	572	THOMASTON	5	28	28	100.00%	0
10466	SHELTON	1	46	41	89.13%	-5	3052	RIDGEFIELD	1	20	20	100.00%	0
1607	SOUTHBURY	2	55	49	89.09%	-6	938	WEST WILLINGTON	3	29	28	96.55%	-1
10362	MIDDLEFIELD	6	56	49	87.50%	-7	10190	GEORGETOWN	1	28	27	96.43%	-1
3336	EAST HADDAM	6	46	40	86.96%	-6	10169	DURHAM	6	23	22	95.65%	-1
10273	BRIDGEPORT	1	51	42	82.35%	-9	1792	GREENWICH	1	19	18	94.74%	-1
10052	CHESHIRE	2	56	46	82.14%	-10	9856	CORNWALL	5	18	17	94.44%	-1
10251	SOUTH WINDSOR	3	52	41	78.85%	-11	935	BETHEL	1	30	26	86.67%	-4
10112	COS COB	1	50	39	78.00%	-11	9243	LAKEVILLE	5	18	14	77.78%	-4
6726	ESSEX	6	54	40	74.07%	-14							

<u>DISTRICT #</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>DISTRICT 2</u>	2210	2068	93.57%	-142
<u>DISTRICT 4</u>	3038	2727	89.76%	-311
<u>DISTRICT 1</u>	2106	1881	89.32%	-225
<u>DISTRICT 3</u>	2594	2233	86.08%	-361
<u>DISTRICT 5</u>	1530	1301	85.03%	-229
<u>DISTRICT 6</u>	872	735	84.29%	-137
<u>AT LARGE</u>	14234	12501	<u>87.82%</u>	<u>-1733</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	26584	23446	88.20%	-3138

DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE MONTH
STANLEY BORUSIEWICZ DISTRICT 2

DIVISION COMMANDER OF THE MONTH

DIV 1	Richard-Kennedy	9460	STRATFORD
DIV 2	Charles-Barnsely	1946	NAUGATUCK
DIV 3	Kevin-Shepherd	6123	WINDSOR LOCKE
DIV 4	Neil-Hunt	296	WINSTED
DIV 5	Norman-Cote	5157	WATERTOWN
DIV 6	William-D'Appollonio	10688	CANTERBURY
DIV 7	Richard-La Barre	9066	FRANKLIN
DIV 8	Patrick-Freeman	597	ANSONIA
DIV 9	Harold-Edman	10690	HIGGANUM
DIV 10	James-Whalen	572	THOMASTON

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>06/30/18</u>
LIFE	9986	9647
NEW	254	116
REINSTATES	84	46
<u>CONTINUOUS</u>	<u>3911</u>	<u>2692</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>14235</u>	<u>12501</u>

87.82%

Comrades, I have been checking the membership standings of all the posts in CT. every morning and I can see that some of the posts are complying with the "Just 10 minutes" request I sent to everyone. I also see some are not. I don't know how I can impress upon you the importance of calling your unpaid and about to be an unpaid member to make sure their OK and not in a medical or financial crisis. It's our job as officers to do at least that much for our fellow comrades. PLEASE try and make that a priority for your post from here on in. Remember, you have member's who's dues expire every month now with the anniversary dues. Let me thank you in advance for your efforts. Bob Priest, State Commander

<u>DIV 1</u>	<u>2 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>DIV 4</u>	<u>8 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
9460	STRATFORD	1	444	421	94.82%	-23	296	WINSTED	5	157	150	95.54%	-7
7330	OAKVILLE	5	811	641	79.04%	-170	6851	CANAAN	5	143	136	95.10%	-7
							10732	BERLIN	3	138	129	93.48%	-9
							1523	PUTNAM	4	161	150	93.17%	-11
<u>DIV 2</u>	<u>11 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	6933	NOROTON HEIGHTS	1	150	138	92.00%	-12
1946	NAUGATUCK	2	229	288	125.76%	59	189	NEW LONDON	4	159	140	88.05%	-19
591	WALLINGFORD	2	235	237	100.85%	2	9452	PRESTON	4	170	143	84.12%	-27
7788	DEVON	2	268	246	91.79%	-22	574	PLAINVILLE	3	165	137	83.03%	-28
1724	WILLIMANTIC	4	261	239	91.57%	-22	3272	AVON	3	145	120	82.76%	-25
10060	MONTVILLE	4	225	206	91.56%	-19							
2046	MANCHESTER	3	245	221	90.20%	-24	<u>DIV 5</u>	<u>14 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
1265	PAWCATUCK	4	225	201	89.33%	-24	5157	WATERTOWN	5	125	124	99.20%	-1
10004	JEWETT CITY	4	337	289	85.76%	-48	603	NORWALK	1	103	100	97.09%	-3
511	NEW BRITAIN	3	237	201	84.81%	-36	5849	NIANTIC	4	106	99	93.40%	-7
1672	NEW MILFORD	5	230	191	83.04%	-39	145	BRIDGEPORT	1	124	115	92.74%	-9
9965	YALESVILLE	2	229	190	82.97%	-39	8075	PROSPECT	2	106	98	92.45%	-8
149	DANBURY	1	342	283	82.75%	-59	10689	ELLINGTON	3	118	109	92.37%	-9
9929	WEST HARTFORD	3	292	234	80.14%	-58	308	NEWTOWN	1	133	119	89.47%	-14
							6573	WATERFORD	4	100	89	89.00%	-11
<u>DIV 3</u>	<u>12 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>	2083	EAST HARTFORD	3	125	110	88.00%	-15
6123	WINDSOR LOCKS	3	184	170	92.39%	-14	7666	GUILFORD	2	103	90	87.38%	-13
3263	MYSTIC	4	220	202	91.82%	-18	2650	DANIELSON	4	103	89	86.41%	-14
594	NORWICH	4	220	200	90.91%	-20	7790	WATERBURY	2	87	75	86.21%	-12
201	WATERBURY	2	198	175	88.38%	-23	9617	STAMFORD	1	93	77	82.80%	-16
5446	PLAINFIELD	4	203	178	87.68%	-25							
1979	WOLCOTT	2	175	153	87.43%	-22	<u>DIV 6</u>	<u>14 POSTS</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% NOW</u>	<u>+/-</u>
399	WESTPORT	1	197	172	87.31%	-25	10688	CANTERBURY	4	85	82	96.47%	-3
5095	EAST HAMPTON	6	221	189	85.52%	-32	12106	BRANFORD	2	81	78	96.30%	-3
2138	ROCKY HILL	3	194	151	77.84%	-43	254	HARTFORD	3	81	76	93.83%	-5
10153	OLD SAYBROOK	6	198	142	71.72%	-56	1467	OLD LYME	4	80	74	92.50%	-6
							10059	TRUMBULL	1	73	67	91.78%	-6
							9918	CLINTON	6	81	74	91.36%	-7
							9427	FAIRFIELD	1	85	77	90.59%	-8
							10088	THOMPSON	4	71	63	88.73%	-8
							4740	WINDSOR	3	85	74	87.06%	-11
							2096	MADISON	2	81	70	86.42%	-11
							583	MIDDLETOWN	6	75	64	85.33%	-11
							10361	FARMINGTON	3	71	60	84.51%	-11
							4908	EAST KILLINGLY	4	85	71	83.53%	-14
							653	NEW CANAAN	1	82	67	81.71%	-15
							12150	NEW HAVEN	2	81	61	75.31%	-20

DEPARTMENT AT LARGE

15007 HARTFORD 99 1884 1556 82.59% -328

HONOR POST COMMANDER AND HONOR DISTRICT COMMANDER

DEADLINE: 31 January 2018

The award classes are as follows: Class A - Posts 501-1000 Members, Class B - Posts 201-500 Members, Class C - Posts 36-200 members.

If the Commanders attain at least 80% of last year's membership, as listed in Membership Bulletin

#1, a beautiful laser etched Acrylic Crystal award will be presented to the Commander of the Post in each of the 10 divisions (Honor Post Commanders) reporting the greatest percentage of their last year's membership.

The District Commander leading all Districts in the membership race shall be designated the Honor District Commander.