

Commander's Update
"What's Happening in the Mountain Post"
1 October 2007

Comrades,

As we start another month I wish to thank every one of you for your efforts in making our little post one of the best in the Department of New Mexico. Earlier last month I received a call from our State Commander congratulating me on the fact that 11999 was leading the Department of NM in every category including community service. Based on your efforts, and the merit of our position within the Department, he has appointed me as one of the representatives for the Department of NM at the National Conference in Washington D.C. this coming March.

Speaking of National Appointments, I returned yesterday from Certified National Recruiter training at our National Headquarters in Kansas City. I can't wait to share the knowledge I gained with the rest of the Department. I now have the added responsibility of holding a position at the national level, but along with it, the tools to reach All-American for the Department as well as our Districts and Posts, and this all adds to the national legislative voice we have in Washington. If you are interested in learning some valuable techniques for recruiting you should keep your eyes peeled for training opportunities that will be coming available shortly.

Our Post remains the only post in the state to reach 100% membership for the 2007-08 year, but we must continue our recruiting efforts. We need find new members, and encourage them to get involved with our post and the communities. This post serves more than 9 different mountain communities, and there is so much we could accomplish if we weren't spread so thin. Let's continue to seek out veterans who are eligible to join our organization. Our membership drive at Lumberjack Days in Cloudcroft didn't yield us any NEW members but we did transfer two valuable life members in from other posts.

As I have mentioned before I have completed the state VFW website. If you haven't looked at the site yet I encourage you to do so. There is a lot of information available. The address for the site is: <http://www.nmvfw.org>

Don't forget that our post will be celebrating its 5 year anniversary on October 12th. I have sent invitations out to several members of the local government, fire departments, and media, asking them to join us for the Post Standard dedication ceremony that evening (5:30 pm) at the Cloudcroft Village Council chambers. State Commander Lawrence will be doing the dedication, and the Boy/Cub Scouts will be assisting us as color guard.

I am attempting to make this monthly letter into a post newsletter. I will be including an additional page in our mailing that lists upcoming events and activities. Some of our members do not have access to e-mail or the internet, and I wish to reach as many as possible. Also I know many of you are very busy within your own communities and if you had a little warning a list of events might help you find a moment to help us out with some event or activity.

Yours in Comradeship,

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