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NEWS FROM AROUND THE FODPAL WORLD

American Legion Flanders Fields Post 2 The Department of France

The American Legion family will be conducting a membership campaign on Saturday, 01 February at the AAFES PX on Chièvres Airbase from 1000 to 1800. We are also seeking new members for the American Auxiliary, The American Legion Riders, and the Sons of the American Legion. If you are interested in the American Legion and want to "Make a Difference", in your community contact us at flanders.fields.post.be02@gamil.com or visit us at the PX on Saturday, 01 February.

American Legion Susitna Valley Post 35 The Department of Alaska

Thank you to everyone who has liked or shared our page. We are slowly growing and at 200 Likes! Be sure to check the page on Sun or Mon for a weekly "What's Happening at the Post" for that week. If you have any questions, suggestions and more, just ask in a comment or message us.
Kristi, Post Service Officer

American Legion Susitna Valley Post 35 The Department of Alaska

Next Wednesday Jan 22nd from 4-5 PM, Senator Mark Begich will be at the post to hear from us veterans about our thoughts and concerns about the COLA cuts for military retirees. This is open to any veteran. Here is a link from American Legion headquarters about the cuts. <http://www.legion.org/legislative/218241/legion-battles-congress-cola-wars>

first-ever virtual town hall SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany

What: It's a town hall...from your couch, in your home, on your mobile phone, tablet device or (call us old-fashioned) computer. Simple, right? There's no speaking in front of a large group of strangers, or trying to rearrange your busy schedule for this town hall. You are just one click away from sharing your thoughts and bettering our community.

Why: One, because virtual town halls are cool, and it is the first one ever at Spangdahlem Air Base. Two (and more importantly), you can make a difference by telling us what you see on base. What's good, what's bad, what can be improved...we want to hear it all. Join in the conversation. Everything you bring to the table will be discussed and solved by your fellow members of Saber Nation at the Caring for People forum Jan. 29. All the feedback and proposed solutions go into the Community Action Plan, which paves the way for improving our community, now and in the future.

When and where: Thursday, Jan. 23 at 4-5 p.m. on our Virtual Town Hall event page [here](#).

How: It's simple...you post a question, comment, idea or suggested improvement any time from now until the actual town hall. Our subject matter experts respond and write your suggestion down for the upcoming forum of problem-solvers. If we haven't answered your question within the hour, we'll address it afterwards in an article posted on www.spangdahlem.af.mil. Simply put, we will answer your questions or address

your comment. Your voice will be heard.

Note on the where: when you do give us that feedback, make sure you write on our virtual town hall event page, not the main page. We want to ensure that all your thoughts and suggestions are seen and responded to, and this makes it easier for everyone to access.

Who: Don't worry, it's not just anyone answering your questions and responding to your comments. We've got a smart group of SMEs in various fields, ranging from civil engineering to DoDDs schools to Airman and Family Readiness Center programs, ready for you. They will be gathered together from 4 to 5 p.m. to answer your questions and take your comments and suggestions. There are six areas we'll focus on, but if you have something else in mind to improve about our community, don't be shy!

Single Airman Support

Health & Wellness

Spouse Support

Housing Support

Child & Youth Activities

School Support

The Catch: There's always one, right? Because this town hall is specifically about quality of life on base, and it is on a family-friendly forum, there are a couple rules. If you cannot abide by the rules, your comment will be deleted, and your question will not be answered.

We will not allow:

- Comments or submissions that contain vulgar, profane, hateful or abusive language or images; personal attacks ...of any kind; or offensive terms that discriminate against specific ethnic, national or racial groups.
- Comments that are spam, are clearly "off topic," or that promote services or products. Comments should be limited to those relating to the U.S. Air Force. Comments that make unsupported accusations will not be permitted.
- Posts specifically about political parties or individuals. This is not a political page - political rhetoric is not permitted.
- Comments that promote or advertise a business or commercial transaction. This includes promotion or endorsement of any financial, commercial or non-governmental agency.
- Comments that suggest or encourage illegal activity.
- For Official Use Only (FOUO), classified, pre-decisional, proprietary or business-sensitive information to be posted on this page.

You participate at your own risk, taking personal responsibility for your comments, your username and any information provided.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts, comments and concerns!

Anderson Air Force Base Guam RAO

Anderson Air Force Base great opportunity and training is provided! If you do volunteer and are a retiree, please let me know so we can document this for Retiree Affairs records.



**Tax Center
Volunteers Needed**

**TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE
LEGAL OFFICE.**

Call 366-2937

Lend a Can – Help those in need!



Now thru Wed the 22nd of January
For the Annual Guam Homeless Count & Outreach

Last year over 3500 cans were distributed. Canned meats, vegetables,
and fruit preferred. Tab tops or regular tops – all are appreciated!



**Drop off your canned goods donation
In the Atrium of the 36th Medical Group**

The donation box is located on the left side as you enter the building.

MEMBERSHIP

WE DID IT! 6 for 6 at the 80% mark all of our Departments made it, GREAT GREAT JOB. The next cutoff will be the 85% mark on 12 February. I hate to say it, but it only gets harder from here to the end, so now is the time to put on a major push, look behind every door and turn every rock over. Go to your membership roosters, check and see who has not renewed yet. Call them, stop them on the street, or send them a quick letter. Every Post can find members who have not yet renewed.

2014 TAL 80% Target Date Report as of: January 15, 2014

** All-Time-High's*

	Department	Department Year-End Goal	2014 Actual Mbsp.	% of Goal	Needed To Meet 80% Target 1/15/2014	2013 Actual Mbsp.
1	SOUTH DAKOTA	20,847	18,895	90.637%	-2,218	18,745
2	WISCONSIN	59,500	53,556	90.010%	-5,956	53,058
3	NEBRASKA	36,071	32,253	89.415%	-3,397	32,691
4	NORTH DAKOTA	16,170	14,316	88.534%	-1,380	14,378
5	IOWA	52,646	46,570	88.459%	-4,454	48,401
6	MINNESOTA	84,542	74,709	88.369%	-7,076	77,531
7	COLORADO	20,669	18,263	88.359%	-1,728	17,248
8	PUERTO RICO	4,781	4,211	88.078%	-387	3,951
9	MASSACHUSETTS	40,604	35,571	87.605%	-3,088	35,474
10	WYOMING	6,561	5,747	87.593%	-499	5,529
11	TENNESSEE	25,054	21,892	87.379%	-1,849	21,028
12	DELAWARE	11,044	9,647	87.351%	-812	9,762
13	NEW YORK	123,042	106,868	86.855%	-8,435	104,005
14	KANSAS	34,193	29,664	86.755%	-2,310	30,248
15	MONTANA	11,371	9,851	86.633%	-755	9,745
16	OHIO	105,800	91,461	86.447%	-6,821	88,241
17	MAINE	20,861	18,001	86.290%	-1,313	18,310
18	ARKANSAS	13,958	12,042	86.273%	-876	11,786
19	MISSOURI	43,809	37,773	86.222%	-2,726	38,289
20	VIRGINIA	46,253	39,783	86.012%	-2,781	39,548
21	PENNSYLVANIA	172,747	148,329	85.865%	-10,132	146,401
22	CONNECTICUT	20,591	17,651	85.722%	-1,179	17,480
23	INDIANA	88,298	75,659	85.686%	-5,021	72,746
24	NORTH CAROLINA	39,841	34,042	85.445%	-2,170	33,484
25	OKLAHOMA	18,284	15,611	85.381%	-984	13,853
26	ILLINOIS	93,775	79,745	85.039%	-4,725	82,187
27	LOUISIANA	23,005	19,559	85.021%	-1,155	19,680
28	NEVADA	7,762	6,599	85.017%	-390	6,501
29	MARYLAND	56,445	47,968	84.982%	-2,812	47,928
30	ARIZONA	40,492	34,323	84.765%	-1,930	31,392
31	RHODE ISLAND	5,447	4,605	84.542%	-248	4,457
32	VERMONT	13,393	11,298	84.358%	-584	11,578
33	MICHIGAN	71,157	59,786	84.020%	-2,861	58,836
34	FLORIDA	111,525	93,450	83.793%	-4,230	93,081
35	IDAHO	9,165	7,673	83.721%	-341	7,737
36	MEXICO	878	734	83.599%	-32	705
37	TEXAS	66,328	55,417	83.550%	-2,355	52,184
38	WASHINGTON	27,602	23,047	83.498%	-966	22,897
39	ALABAMA	18,334	15,291	83.402%	-624	14,969
40	NEW HAMPSHIRE	18,555	15,470	83.374%	-626	15,687
41	CALIFORNIA	96,269	80,251	83.361%	-3,236	79,288
42	NEW JERSEY	50,213	41,852	83.349%	-1,682	43,698
43	OREGON	18,899	15,746	83.317%	-627	15,765
44	SOUTH CAROLINA	20,755	17,282	83.267%	-678	17,442

45	HAWAII	2,271	1,882	82.871%	-66	1,884
46	NEW MEXICO	11,347	9,368	82.559%	-291	8,901
47	WEST VIRGINIA	18,917	15,568	82.296%	-435	15,778
48	MISSISSIPPI	15,892	13,052	82.129%	-339	13,162
49	ALASKA	6,003	4,880	81.293%	-78	4,963
50	GEORGIA	42,749	34,733	81.249%	-534	33,798
51	FRANCE	2,970	2,413	81.246%	-37	2,437
52	PHILIPPINES	795	645	81.132%	-9	572
53	UTAH	7,361	5,967	81.062%	-79	6,048
54	DIST OF COL	1,871	1,461	78.087%	35	1,498
55	KENTUCKY	24,094	18,789	77.982%	486	19,197
Grand Totals		2,001,806	1,711,219	85.484%	-109,796	1,696,182

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

I am asking to first, that you visit the FODPAL Website and FODPAL Facebook Page, and second, now that you have visited these two sites, how about sending information to keep both of them going. The only Departments I am getting information from is France and Alaska. I was getting good stuff from Puerto Rico, but for some reason it stopped coming to me. People, the stories and pictures you send me are very important, it helps us get the word out as to who we are and where we're at, it also brings in MEMBERSHIP. So PLEASE PLEASE send me information.

FODPAL Website legion.org/fodpal FODPAL Facebook Page facebook.com/fodpal

Whether your mission is over or you're still on active duty, you are a veteran. And if you served during a wartime era, you are eligible to join The American Legion. Help us in our mission.

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