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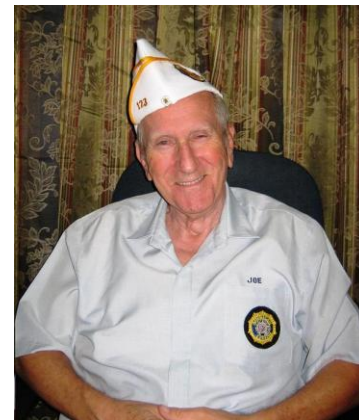
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Department Commander



Commanders Corner:

Fellow Legionnaires:

We continue to do well as our program year is half over and our membership year is starting anew. For those of you that have not renewed yet you are now in a delinquent status so please get those memberships renewed, we need you as a member of this great organization.

As the membership goal percentages go up each month we have met the goal and are now at 90 %. We only have 46 more members to reach the 100% mark and if we can do that this month it will show National that we are not just a Flash in the pan but a Department that remains committed to rebuilding and upgrading our Organization. If we hit the 100% mark this month we will probably be the first Department to do so and will once again be the "Leader of the Pack".

Therefore, I take this moment to once again "THANK YOU" for the hard work and effort you have been putting forth. Without that effort we would have remained number 55. I sincerely hope that you will



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continue that effort throughout the rest of this year and into the next.

Our Department Convention will be upon us in no time. Mark June 20, 21, and 22 on your calendar for a trip to wonderful downtown Angeles City to attend this momentous occasion. Always an enjoyable event. It is also our only fund raiser, so we ask your support in selling advertisements for the Annual year book. The information on that will be provided by our 1st Vice Commander and Convention Chairman, Rhett Webber.

Speaking of the Convention don't forget to send in write ups for Awards for Commander of the year, Vice Commanders of the Year, Adjutant, chaplain and any other officers that you have and feel they should be recognized by Department or higher. Remember the people who work with you deserve to know that you appreciate them, even if they don't win the Department Award they know that you as Commander submitted them and appreciate the work they do. Send you recommendations to the Department Awards Committee c/o Department Adjutant, 370 Batangas Street, Balibago, Angeles City 2009. Or you may send via Email with attachment letter.

The Department wishes all of you a "HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER" Mat God Bless you all, your families, your Posts, our Department and the National Organization as well as the "United States of America"

Yours in Service

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Comrades,

Yours in Service

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Department Adjutant

2013 Department of the Philippines "TAL" Membership Report

Department Membership Report as of: March 02, 2013 (2013-0000)								National as of: February 28, 2013 Transmitted: 2013-0007 (2013-00-13)		
Post	2012 Actual	Year End Goal	2013 Actual	Percent Of Goal	Needed To Meet 100%	Last Transmitted	Date Entered	2013 Actual	Percent Of Goal	Needed To Meet 90% Target 2013-00-13
DEPT	796	789	723	92.46%	69	2013-0037	2013-01-26	693	87.82%	17
0001	7	35	6	40.00%	9			6	40.00%	9
0004	84	84	73	90.56%	11	2013-05	2013-02-19	88	100.00%	8
0010	23	23	20	131.74%	-5	??	2013-01-29	28	521.739%	-8
0021	25	25	9	60.00%	6	??	2013-01-29	9	60.00%	5
0030	0	25	9	60.00%	6	??	2013-12-04	9	60.00%	5
0037	5	25	5	33.33%	10			5	33.33%	9
0041	1	25	1	6.67%	24			1	6.67%	13
0062	4	25	3	20.00%	22			3	20.00%	11
0063	21	21	19	90.48%	2	PT #1	2013-08-12	19	90.476%	-1
0066	1	25	1	6.67%	24			1	6.67%	13
0094	21	21	21	100.00%	0	??	2013-02-04	14	66.67%	5
0096	7	25	6	40.00%	9			6	40.00%	9
0099	1	25	0	0.00%	25			0	0.00%	14
0123	158	158	163	103.16%	-5	PT #14	2013-02-04	157	99.367%	-15
0125	59	59	54	91.53%	5	??	2013-02-04	48	81.356%	6
0155	12	25	12	90.00%	3			12	90.00%	2
0202	10	25	10	90.00%	5			10	90.00%	4
0225	8	25	8	53.33%	7			8	53.33%	6
0999	15	25	15	100.00%	0			15	100.00%	-2
OC28	346	348	288	92.68%	60	5	2013-01-29	298	82.59%	26

- DEPT "Date Entered" = "Date Mailed".

- The date shown for the Transmitted on the National Side is Date Received at National.

- Department Year-End Goal is assigned by National based on their total plus one 30 days prior to the National Convention.

- Post Year-End Goal are based on actual numbers. The number is based on transmittals received before July 30, 2012. I have also included transmittals on-line and transmittals (which can vary a bit from actual). I based the transmitters on monthly reports I get from National and actual Membership Data Forms.

- Post that have reach 100% are in green.

Yours in Service,

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Department Service Officer

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All VA claims initiated or assisted by The American Legion in the *Philippines* will be forwarded to the Department Service Officer or an Assistant Department Service Officer for review *PRIOR* to being submitted to the Department of Veteran Affairs.

This review will ensure that the claims are complete and ready for submission to Veterans Affairs.

What are your responsibilities?

If you receive benefits from the VA:

You are responsible to report the following to the VA:

Your income or the income of your dependents changes (earnings, Social Security Benefits, lottery, and gambling winnings).

Your net worth increases (bank accounts, investments, real estate)

Your continuing medical expenses are reduced

You gain or lose a dependant

Your address or phone number changes.

What YOU can do: If you are not satisfied with the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) decision about your claim, you have a number of options to avail for relief:

Motion for Reconsideration. You may file a "motion" asking the BVA to reconsider its decision by writing a letter to the BVA showing why you believe that the BVA committed an obvious error of fact or law in its decision in your appeal. If the BVA decided more than one issue, be sure to tell us which issues you want reconsidered. Address your letter to: Director, Administrative Service (014), Board of Veterans' Appeals, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. There is no time limit on filing a motion for reconsideration.

Motion to Revise the Board's Decision based on Clear and Unmistakable Error. You may file a motion asking that the Board revise its final decision if you believe the decision is based on "clear and unmistakable error" (CUE). Care should be used in preparing such a motion because it must meet very specific requirements and the Board will not review a final decision on this basis more than once. The Board encourages you to carefully review its rules on CUE and *seek help from a qualified representative before filing such a motion*. There is no time limit on filing a CUE review motion.

Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. You have the right to appeal a BVA decision to the United States court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (the Court). A Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Court within 120 days from the date of

the mailing of the notice of the BVA's decision. The date of mailing is the date that appears on the face of the BVA decision. The Court's address: Unites States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004.

Be advised, there is a new government website sponsored by THE NATIONAL PERSONEL RECORDS CENTER where veterans can gain access to their DD-214's online:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

Respectfully yours,

Department Service Officer

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We have included hyperlink(s):

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The Veterans Affairs:

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel>

RAO Bulletins:

<http://sjcvets.zymichost.com/index.html> .

for PDF Format and/or

<http://415vva.homestead.com/Home.html>

(Word format)

<http://www.veteransresources.org/rao-bulletin/> .

Veterans Legislation:

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

USAF Afterburner

<http://www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/>



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Commander

The American Legion Post 94

The American Legion Post 123

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Dep't Cmdr Carsley and I attended the briefing presented by VFW Post 2485 Sr. Vice Cmdr-Carl Burke and Peregrine Pres-Dennis Wright, held for 5 members of the Veterans Affairs Commission, on 22 Feb 13. Also attended a gathering at CVC with the VAC members. The VAC Chmn-Congressman Jeff Miller from Florida, stated they were honored to visit CVC and were proud to have supported our CVC being managed by ABMC in the near future.

Adjutant Wade reported Feb 13' Post membership recruiting stat's for our Post for 2012-13 is going very well, with paid membership at 162, or 105.8% paid members for 2013, 28 Paid-up-for-Life (PUFL) Members, 88 Renewal Members, 05 Reinstated Members, 02 Transfers and 39 New Members.

Our Clark K-9 Cemetery Caretaker Project still awaiting approval, of AL Post 123 MOA, by CDC. I presented a check for \$825.00, to VFW Post 2485 CVC Chmn-John Gilbert, from 3rd SPG Ass'n for the CVC Headstone Restoration Project, that paid for the cleaning of 450 headstones. Also sent them photo's and Letter of Appreciation from VFW Post 2485 CVC Chmn-John Gilbert.

CVC will now be maintained by ABMC, as Obama signed the bill, with full operations possibly 2014-15. Contributions still needed to maintain CVC until ABMC begins operations.

Ron Woodson, Arvel Stewart, Herbert Gage, Bob Perkins and Tom Webb still very ill at home, Ron Burrus doing better at home receiving dialysis twice a week. Cmdr Webber and Adjutant Wade conducted twenty hospital/home visits for veterans. Two Americans, John Reavis and Daniel Paige still

awaiting burial. Two deceased Americans disposition being tracked by Cmdr Webber, with Embassy Chief Consul-Bob Jachim. Daniel Paige awaiting pauper's burial. Current policy, U.S. Embassy isn't funded to bury unclaimed Americans.

Our Post Service Officer Bill Brown attended the AL Nat'l Service Officer Course in Wash., D.C., 20-22 Feb 13, along with AL Post 10 Service Officer-Edward Craft. Cmdr Webber conducted many briefing sessions, assisting veterans and families, on VA/SS/American Services benefits and assisting in filing VA benefit claims. Conducted a Post Everlasting ceremonies for and David F. Donnon. Have 8 U.S. Burial Flags on hand.

St. Lukes Medical Center in Global City, Taguig & Quezon City were added to the approved provider list for outpatient only (pay 25% and they will bill Tricare). The above medical centers have also been approved for use, without a waiver for inpatient services; however you must pay 100% up front and submit you own bill. RAO Advisory-Jim Boyd

Our Post members have been busy with community and Post's projects, donating tens of thousands of Peso's to veteran's families, for burial fees, Post Home renovations, and food dishes to ALA Unit 123's Valentine's Day Ball Room affair.

Yours in Service,

Commander *Rhett Webber*
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The American Legion Post 125

COLONEL "PING" PARAAN

Luna, La Union, meets every 2d Saturday of the month at our American Legion Post Home in Darigayos, Luna, La Union.

Yours in Service,

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Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 21 SAL Elected Officers Philippine Detachment 2012- 2013

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Robert A. Wade/ 0123 robert_wade1982@yahoo.com	<i>Chaplain</i>
Fernado T. Locquiao/ 021 jesusloquiao@yahoo.com	<i>Historian</i>
Fernand T. Locquiao/ 021	<i>Liaison Officer</i>
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John Hunt/ 0123 johngapo@yahoo.com	<i>NECMAN</i>
Herman J. Scholten/ 021 hjscholten@yahoo.com	<i>ANECMAN</i>
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2012 SAL FINAL Membership Report - December 31, 2012

*All Time High		2012 Mbsp.		2013 Membership		
#	Detachment	Needed for Goal	12/31/2012 105% Target	Needed for 45% Target	12/31/2012 Total	Pct of Goal
1	PHILIPPINES	23	24	-17	41	178.261
2	DIST OF COL	136	142	-34	176	129.412
3	IOWA	3,002	3,152	-230	3,382	112.658
4	HAWAII	43	45	-3	48	111.628
5	WISCONSIN	3,309	3,474	-86	3,560	107.585
6	LOUISIANA	2,016	2,116	-42	2,158	107.044
7	TENNESSEE	1,724	1,810	-29	1,839	106.671
8	MONTANA	858	900	-6	906	105.594
9	ARIZONA	5,896	6,190	17	6,173	104.698
10	OKLAHOMA	879	922	4	918	104.437
11	FLORIDA	14,016	14,716	112	14,604	104.195
12	MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,714	49	5,665	104.098
13	SOUTH CAROLINA	1,007	1,057	15	1,042	103.476
14	DELAWARE	2,303	2,418	42	2,376	103.170
15	ARKANSAS	532	558	10	548	103.008
16	PENNSYLVANIA	56,945	59,792	1,137	58,655	103.003
17	CALIFORNIA	9,843	10,335	199	10,136	102.977
18	NEW MEXICO	1,688	1,772	43	1,729	102.429
19	KANSAS	6,092	6,396	159	6,237	102.380
20	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,890	6,184	166	6,018	102.173
21	MISSOURI	3,345	3,512	96	3,416	102.123
22	NORTH DAKOTA	750	787	22	765	102.000
23	WASHINGTON	2,599	2,728	86	2,642	101.654
24	OHIO	30,606	32,136	1,077	31,059	101.480
25	MARYLAND	15,486	16,260	559	15,701	101.388
26	INDIANA	37,426	39,297	1,407	37,890	101.240
27	NEW YORK	28,630	30,061	1,081	28,980	101.222
28	IDAHO	524	550	21	529	100.954
29	NEBRASKA	5,613	5,893	228	5,665	100.926
30	ILLINOIS	14,872	15,615	692	14,923	100.343
31	COLORADO	2,684	2,818	127	2,691	100.261
32	MINNESOTA	10,905	11,450	548	10,902	99.972
33	TEXAS	6,641	6,973	334	6,639	99.970
34	NEW JERSEY	9,394	9,863	478	9,385	99.904
35	WEST VIRGINIA	2,875	3,018	149	2,869	99.791
36	MICHIGAN	20,746	21,783	1,083	20,700	99.778
37	VERMONT	3,900	4,095	214	3,881	99.513
38	GEORGIA	5,179	5,437	297	5,140	99.247
39	ALASKA	1,439	1,510	87	1,423	98.888
40	MAINE	2,787	2,926	179	2,747	98.565
41	VIRGINIA	4,493	4,717	347	4,370	97.262
42	KENTUCKY	4,217	4,427	328	4,099	97.202
43	WYOMING	1,204	1,264	95	1,169	97.093
44	MISSISSIPPI	564	592	45	547	96.986
45	OREGON	1,859	1,951	152	1,799	96.772
46	UTAH	583	612	60	552	94.683
47	NEVADA	303	318	32	286	94.389
48	CONNECTICUT	1,988	2,087	220	1,867	93.913
49	NORTH CAROLINA	1,923	2,019	216	1,803	93.760
50	RHODE ISLAND	226	237	31	206	91.150
51	SOUTH DAKOTA	573	601	110	491	85.689
52	ALABAMA	2,103	2,208	450	1,758	83.595
53	FRANCE	280	294	104	190	67.857
54	MEXICO	0	0	0	0	0.000
55	PUERTO RICO	0	0	0	0	0.000
Grand Totals		348,361	365,756	12,461	353,295	101.416



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SAL - 2012 FINAL Regional Breakdown

(Western Region) Mark S. Severance (CA)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
PHILIPPINES	23	41	178.261
HAWAII	43	48	111.628
ARIZONA	5,896	6,173	104.698
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UTAH	583	552	94.683
NEVADA	303	286	94.389
Totals	23,112	23,629	102.237

(Mid-Western Region) Mike Deutser (OK)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
MONTANA	858	906	105.594
OKLAHOMA	879	918	104.437
NEW MEXICO	1,688	1,729	102.429
KANSAS	6,092	6,237	102.380
NORTH DAKOTA	750	765	102.000
NEBRASKA	5,813	5,665	100.926
COLORADO	2,694	2,691	100.261
TEXAS	6,641	6,639	99.970
WYOMING	1,204	1,169	97.093
SOUTH DAKOTA	573	491	85.689
MEXICO	0	0	0.000
Totals	26,982	27,210	100.845

(Central Region) Harrell R. Sorrels (IN)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
IOWA	3,002	3,382	112.658
WISCONSIN	3,309	3,560	107.585
MISSOURI	3,345	3,416	102.123
OHIO	30,606	31,059	101.480
INDIANA	37,426	37,890	101.240
ILLINOIS	14,872	14,923	100.343
MINNESOTA	10,905	10,902	99.972
MICHIGAN	20,746	20,700	99.778
Totals	124,211	125,832	101.305

(Eastern Region) John P. Waite (VT)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
DIST OF COL	136	176	129.412
MASSACHUSETTS	5,442	5,665	104.098
DELAWARE	2,303	2,376	103.170
PENNSYLVANIA	56,945	58,655	103.003
NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,890	6,018	102.173
MARYLAND	15,486	15,701	101.388
NEW YORK	28,630	28,980	101.222
NEW JERSEY	9,394	9,385	99.904
WEST VIRGINIA	2,875	2,869	99.791
VERMONT	3,900	3,881	99.513
MAINE	2,787	2,747	98.565
CONNECTICUT	1,988	1,867	93.913
RHODE ISLAND	226	206	91.150
FRANCE	280	190	67.857
Totals	136,282	138,716	101.786

(Southern Region) John T. Jennings (FL)			
Detachment	Goal	Actual	Percent
LOUISIANA	2,016	2,158	107.044
TENNESSEE	1,724	1,839	106.671
FLORIDA	14,016	14,604	104.195
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,007	1,042	103.476
ARKANSAS	532	548	103.008
GEORGIA	5,179	5,140	99.247
VIRGINIA	4,493	4,370	97.262
KENTUCKY	4,217	4,099	97.202
MISSISSIPPI	564	547	96.986
NORTH CAROLINA	1,923	1,803	93.760
ALABAMA	2,103	1,758	83.595
PUERTO RICO	0	0	0.000
Totals	37,774	37,908	100.355

	Goal	Actual	Percent
2012 Membership:	348,361	353,295	101.416
2011 Membership:		348,361	
Difference:		4,934	

Unit 28

Unit 62

Unit 79

Unit 123



February 9, 2013 -Our Fundraising Ballroom Dancing held at Post 123.



Front: left to right; President Basilisa Crouse and 1st Vice-President Charito Jones
Back: left to right Historian/ Secretary Cecille Luther, Diane Tolentino and Sgt. at Arms Rosalinda Alegado

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Unit 1

Unit 4

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Rose Webber and Cecille Luther at the cashier table.

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