



Comrades: This month's letter will focus primarily on not just Membership but also our other programs! We are ranked #2 in the VFW National organization in membership. We have 8 Posts and 2 Districts that are now over 100%. As of 5 October 2018, we stand at 11,099 members and have achieved a membership percentage of 94.47%. All seven of our Districts are in the Top 25 of their VFW National Division. That does not mean we can let up. It is not where you start out that matters – It is where you END UP that really matters! I am so proud of all of you. Keep doing what you have been doing – It is working!

The DPA Chairmen have been kicking their programs into gear. Information on the programs can be found on the DPA Website and throughout our Face Book Pages. Our objective this year is to have most of our programs completed by the Mid-Term Conference. There are five donations that can be done in lieu of participation. Posts can make a \$50.00 online donation to each program -- VOD/PP/Teachers Award, V&MS and to the National Home. Districts who have no participation in these programs can also make a donation of \$100.00 to the programs. PLEASE ENSURE your donations are properly credited to your Post or District. Last year we spent 100+ hours researching donations that were made by individuals who did not credit their Post or District. In addition, each Post and District needs to send an email to the respective DPA Chairman so that they can document these donations.

Finally, I would ask that you share your information on the 2 DPA Face Book Pages and My Commanders Page. Remember that the DPA Around the Pacific is designed to share items that may be of interest to all of your fellow Comrades, the DPA Official Communication is for sharing official DPA information on our programs, and my Commander's Page is for you to share any issues, questions or concerns that you might have that involve, Posts, Districts or DPA Programs. I know that the Chairmen post in the Typhoon each month – but the DPA Official Communications was developed for the purpose of sharing information on a much more frequent basis. Chairmen should not wait until the monthly deadline. Use our Pages and share information with over 500+ of our comrades who are online.

You can contact me anytime if you have questions or other items you need to talk with me about. Send me a Private Message, use Messenger to call me or email me. I will be there to assist! Please keep working hard and let's "GET IT DONE".

Yours in Comradeship and Service,

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