

**Congratulations to Department Commander Dean Noechel for receiving the
Department Commander of the Year Award**

The Department Commander of the Year Award is presented to any department commander who meets or exceeds their assigned 100 percent membership goal by the May target date. Seven American Legion departments met or exceeded the 100 percent membership target date of June 17 (pushed back from May due to COVID-19) for the 2019-2020 membership year.

The following will receive the Department Commander of the Year Award:

- Colorado – Dean M. Noechel
- Mexico – Milo Vukovich
- Montana – Jeffery Nelson
- North Carolina – James D. Moore Jr.
- Philippines – John T. O'Brien
- Utah – Martha A. Bigbie
- Wyoming – Mike Cooke

Dean's theme of Re-Ignite Patriotism blasted the department to 101.23% of our national goal for a membership of 21,379 members which is 2,034 members ahead of last year. Dean thanks all who worked so hard on our membership efforts this last year, particularly Membership Chairman and Sr Vice Greg Jackson. Now we just need to repeat our success and do it again for the 20-21 year, only better!