



Commander's Update January 2021



Happy New Year Sons of The American Legion! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas amidst this pandemic. Let us all agree that 2021 will be a much better year for us all! Looking forward, keep in mind my theme for the year "carry on for God and Country". We will still be faced with many challenges, nevertheless as we carry on, I believe we can fulfill our duty as it states in the Sons Preamble. This would be a good month to revisit this and make every effort to demonstrate these principles every day.

Membership slowly continues to improve, please get your membership cards turned into Scott ASAP. January 21 is our 60% goal; we have some work to do. I believe in you! What can I do to help you reach your Squadrons goal? Your membership committee is there to assist you, reach out to them with questions, concerns and recommendations.

I am sure some of you participated in events centered around Christmas last month. Please forward pictures to me I will make sure they get published. Please check the website for up-to-date information. Scott does a great job getting essential information on the site. (THANKS SCOTT)

Again this year I will continue to have a monthly conference call please join us and encourage other members to enter the call, here is the call information; dial in number 605-313-5111 access number 526-231. The call is the 2nd Thursday of the month 7pm. This is a great opportunity to keep up-to-date and converse with other members.

I want to encourage you to continue to do "Buddy Checks" on Veterans, Sons, family, and neighbors as we slowly get out of this pandemic. As restrictions allow, maintain reaching out into your communities.

Last month with the help of American Legion Post 103 family, I organized gathering Christmas gift bags for Veterans on the psychiatric unit at the VA

Hospital in Aurora. This is a lock down unit with extremely limited access to the outside world. We filled the bags with various gifts appropriate for these Veterans that are struggling with issues related to their service to our Country. What a joy it is to be a part of this project. I want to thank the Post 103 Legion, Unit and Sons for their monies and help making this another successful event this year. As a part of the organization "Volunteers for Hospitalized Veterans" our group takes care of these Vets on this floor. There are 30 beds on this unit and are always occupied.

In closing, I wish everyone an incredibly Happy New Year my prayer is that your life will be overflowing with God's Blessings! Now a quote from Dr. Seuss "You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do"

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