



**Sixth District
Commander
Don Swan**

To all 6th District members I want to thank you for putting your trust in me for the last year. As I write this article we are 26 members away from reaching our membership goal for this year and I have all of you to thank for contributing your efforts. I have no doubt that by Convention

we will have reached our membership goal. At so many Posts there was an outpouring of support to contact members and to get out into the community to find new members. Without that mentality, the American Legion we all know and love will wither up and die. The American Legion needs to be continually adding new members to our ranks to keep our numbers strong. The 6th had a revitalization earlier this spring and we were



**Seventh District
Commander
Brian Ring**

Hello District Brothers and Sisters, Well, this year is almost over, I can hardly believe it. Judy and I travel over 15000 miles this year visiting posts/ units, going to meetings, Conventions and

Conferences. We met a lot of people, learned so much about our District, and even more about Department and National.

When you see all this hard work and dedication it is amazing that this is all done through volunteers and it makes me proud to say I belong to an organization of this caliber. Judy and I thank each and every one of you for your help and



**Eighth District
Commander
Marvin Carr**

Greetings 8th District Legionnaires. I would like to thank those who came to the spring conference, it was a great turnout. I would like to thank Webster City Post 191 American Legion and the Auxiliary for hosting the event.



**Ninth District
Commander
James Dean**

Greetings from the Tall Corn Ninth: A heartfelt "Thank You" is in order to all who invited me to their Legion Birthday celebrations.

Spring Conference 2017 is in the history book and was a successful and rewarding day. Thanks to the Sloan American Legion Post and Unit for their hard work and hospitality.

The month of June has two

holidays, Fathers' Day and Flag Day. Do you fly a flag every day or just on June 14th? Each of you fought so we could have this right, so be proud of our freedoms and fly it every day. Remember your Dad or a special male figure on that special day.

In July there is the 4th of July, and a fundraiser for Nicole Clapp for National President of The American Legion Auxiliary on July 8th in Holstein at the Legion Post with doors opening at 5:00 pm; food available at 5:30 pm and music starting at 7:00 pm. The

successful at transferring over two hundred 729 and DMS Legionnaires into Posts within the District. Revitalizations are good tools but retaining our members is the key to successfully growing membership. The best way to continue to be successful is to keep on doing what we do best which is showing what we have to offer our members and our communities.

The way to prove what we have done at our Posts last year is to

support and all the hard work.

Spring conference was held on April 1, in Minden. I am pleased to say that we filled several of our District Offices! Next year 's Commander is Dean Olsen from Minden. Mr. Olsen is a very dedicated and enthusiastic, with some good ideas to help our District grow. Good Luck Dean!

If you would like to give Dean a

Adult Cub Scout of the Year award. She was nominated by Britt Post 615 and will be honored at our Department Convention in Des Moines on Sunday July 23rd. I hope we can take the time and come to the convention and support our Adult Cub Scout nominee.

I would also like to thank Nicole Clapp (2019-2020 National Auxiliary President Nominee) for coming to our district conference. She had the

entertainment and food will be freewill offering. There will be a cash bar, for your beverage needs. Hope to see all of you there. Department Convention in Des Moines, July 20-23. Do you have your hotel booked?

After the Department Convention, August is fast approaching with the Iowa State Fair August 10th thru the 20th and National Convention, Reno, Nevada, August 18-24, 2017, are the next important dates to remember. State Fair will see us walking as a group, August 14th, Veterans Day at the fair, again with our yellow shirts

document what was done on our Consolidated Post Reports. We can show how many flag details were performed in the community, whether you had a Legion Baseball Team, a dinner for traveling Veterans Awareness Riders and a plethora of other events at the Post and throughout your Communities. We need to document what we did on the Consolidated Post Report so that the activities can be compiled and reported to Congress. Do not

hand please contact Melissa Gray at (mgray@millscoia.us), as we still have a few positions that need to be filled.

Don't forget to turn in your Consolidated Post Reports and the Report of Post Officers. These are due in June. Be sure to turn in your reports so that Department and Nationals will see that District 7 is

opportunity to talk with both the Legion and the Auxiliary about her campaign and what she would like to accomplish during her time as President. I was honored on behalf of the 8th District American Legion to give her a \$1000.00 check towards her campaign.

As we held our district officer elections during our spring conference, I was elected to serve one more year as your District

on. Don't you want to join in the fun walk? Register, get a yellow shirt and walk with us. Help show the citizens of Iowa who we are and how we support our own. I wish more members from the Ninth District would attend the National Convention. If you have ever helped with hosting a conference or convention, you know how much work it is to plan for it and how disappointed you are when the attendance is low.

Congratulations to the incoming District Commander, Pete Madsen. Please show Pete the same

forget to help out when the call comes from your new District Commander: Brent Spear once he gets sworn in this Summer. Continue to support: The Fifth Grade Flag Essay, the Legion Oratorical Program, Junior Shooters Program and the other American Legion Programs. If you continue doing what you did this year and into the upcoming years we will maintain our membership and grow in our communities. Thank you.

working hard and we are there for our fellow veterans.

Again thank you all for your support, dedication and hard work for our veterans and for myself.

Thank you for allowing me to lead the district this year. I look forward to the next year.

For God and Country.

Commander. As my first year is coming to an end, I have enjoyed meeting new people, traveling to different Legion Posts, hearing what has been working for you and your post. For those Post's I have not been too, please make arrangement with me so I can come visit and/or speak at your monthly meeting.

courtesies and assistance that you have afforded me. I sincerely do thank you for everything you have done for me the past year.

My sister reminds me that the aims and purposes of this organization are the same today as they were 98 years ago. So get those lagging renewals paid and keep ever watchful for any prospective members. Often they just need to be asked. Together in Service ... For God and Country.

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Candidates must have military service after 1982 and have completed The American Legion Extension Institute.

Applications for Legion College are due to Department Headquarters before July 1.

The American Legion of Iowa Foundation grants nearly \$100,000



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Governor Terry Branstad has Director Emeritus. One of the conditions of accepting an Ambassador's position is resignation from the decision-making bodies of any other organization. Governor Branstad has served on the Board of Directors since the inception of the Foundation. We greatly appreciate his many years of service and his role in the creation of the Foundation.

More than anything though, the Foundation Board appreciates the generosity of the Legion family members that have made this all possible. Without the generous nature they have shown every one of the projects funded this year

would have needed to look elsewhere and some of them may not have found help. We also appreciate the expert financial assistance of Regions Financial who performs the day-to-day management of the Foundation's funds. They have been very instrumental in helping those funds grow.