



Department President's Bulletin #12

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Legislative - August 2020

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Following are two resolutions currently on the Agenda for the American Legion:

Resolution #238- Suicide Prevention for American Veterans

Since the beginning of the global war on terrorism the suicide rate among 18-24-year Iraq and Afghanistan veterans has risen to an all-time high. An estimated 22 veterans die each day by suicide. This resolution calls for the required review of mental health care program annually to ensure the effectiveness, offer special training and help identify those veterans who are at risk of suicide. This act extends the period during which veterans who experienced combat are eligible for care from 5 years to 10 years! This will also improve the process regarding medical records and prescriptions. It would ensure the enhancing mental health-care services provided by federal government to better the lives of the countless returning servicemembers.

Resolutions #165 Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Programs.

In 2019 The American Legion conducted a Mental Health Survey to collect data to help deliver resources needed for veterans with TBI and PTSD which would aid in the prevention of suicide in veterans and their families. The survey was released in May of 2019 during Mental Health Awareness Month. The survey collected information from veterans and their caregivers. There were 13,648 responses to the survey, some from all war era but a largest portion from the Vietnam Era. Of those responses, 30% of them personally knew a veteran who had died from suicide! Only 17.5 of responders had received some type of formal suicide prevention training and 78% have never taken part in any program for PTSD, TBI or any other mental health issue. The American Legion found through this survey that it was clear that we can make a substantial contribution to raising the level of suicide prevention and enhanced treatment for TBI and PTSD.

What can you do?

Contact your Representatives and Senators and ask that they urge them to provide funding for therapies in treating TBP, PTSD and other mental health conditions. Ask that they improve the VA's hiring process for mental health providers and increase funding for the DoD and VA suicide-prevention programs.

For God and Country,

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Department of Kentucky Legislative Chairperson



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Membership is our Heartbeat, Be part of our Rhythm

DISTRICT 1							DISTRICT 4							DISTRICT 7							DISTRICT 10						
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
26	30	28	93.3	31	28	90.3	42	19	14	73.7	21	19	90.5	7	118	89	75.4	119	94	79.0	66	13	12	92.3	12	12	100.0
31	38	35	92.1	39	38	97.4	49	20	2	10.0	21	2	9.5	8	78	74	94.9	81	81	100.0	104	1	4	0.0	8	8	100.0
68	39	36	92.3	40	42	105.0	81	298	242	81.2	300	250	83.3	24	76	56	73.7	78	72	92.3	152	25	18	72.0	25	20	80.0
72	12	12	100.0	12	12	100.0	82	49	45	91.8	50	50	100.0	30*	5	0	0.0	7	0	0.0	283	3	2	66.7	5	11	220.0
74	15	14	93.3	16	16	100.0	87	14	9	64.3	15	19	126.7	67	68	71	104.4	68	81	119.1	Tot	42	36	85.7	50	51	100.2
85	15	16	106.7	16	17	106.3	101	11	5	45.5	11	5	45.5	79	65	22	33.8	67	25	37.3	DISTRICT 11						
							113	450	416	92.4	458	452	98.7	132	34	34	100.0	35	35	100.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
144*	1	3	300.0	0	4	200.0	121	43	42	97.7	43	43	100.0	165	37	32	86.5	38	32	84.2	16	36	23	63.9	38	24	63.2
217	113	104	92.0	114	114	100.0	124	59	51	86.4	59	54	91.5	176	12	12	100.0	12	13	108.3	38	80	72	90.0	82	80	97.6
236	39	40	102.6	40	41	102.5	148	71	72	101.4	74	77	104.1	257	32	34	106.3	37	40	108.1	88	81	62	76.5	83	66	79.5
Tot	302	288	95.4	308	312	101.3	157	102	86	84.3	103	89	86.4	313	85	77	90.6	85	81	95.3	115	65	49	75.4	67	54	80.6
DISTRICT 2							167	35	33	94.3	36	33	91.7	341	35	32	91.4	36	36	100.0	Tot	262	206	78.6	270	224	83.0
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	247	5	5	100.0	7	5	71.4	Tot	645	227	33.9	663	590	88.9							
2	11	13	118.2	12	13	108.3	288	29	31	106.9	30	36	120.0	DISTRICT 8							HEADQUARTERS						
6	141	100	70.9	143	115	80.4	Tot	1205	1053	87.4	1228	1134	92.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
9	79	80	101.3	82	83	101.2	DISTRICT 5							12	20	8	40.0	21	17	81.0	200	71	71	100.0	71	72	101.4
40	82	75	91.5	84	76	90.5	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	34	147	143	97.3	149	149	100.0	DEPARTMENT OF KENTUCKY						
233	126	93	73.8	128	127	99.2	45	18	18	100.0	19	18	94.7	46	24	26	108.3	25	28	112.0	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %
243	17	17	100.0	18	20	111.1	180	127	110	86.6	129	113	87.6	301*	11	0	0.0	12	0	0.0	4910	4716	51.4	5030	4716	93.75	
289	6	7	116.7	8	7	87.5	193	107	85	79.4	109	94	86.2	Tot	202	177	87.6	207	194	94.0	4910	4716	51.7	4994	4716	94.4	
Tot	462	385	83.3	475	441	92.8	201	84	73	86.9	86	73	84.9	DISTRICT 9													
DISTRICT 3							220	42	41	97.6	43	47	109.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %							
Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	229	56	51	91.1	57	53	93.0	17	12	11	91.7	13	11	84.6							
23	63	65	103.2	65	73	112.3	244	72	68	94.4	73	77	105.5	22	34	30	88.2	35	30	85.7							
29	32	28	87.5	34	28	82.4	278	13	11	84.6	13	14	107.7	43	64	51	79.7	72	66	91.7							
61	31	19	61.3	32	20	62.5	Tot	519	457	88.1	529	489	92.4	76	32	62	193.8	33	87	263.6							
62	96	89	92.7	97	90	92.8	DISTRICT 6							126	57	44	77.2	58	46	79.3							
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202	30	25	83.3	30	28	93.3	Unit	Ren Goal	Ren Pd	Ren%	Tot Goal	Tot Pd	Tot %	138	59	53	89.8	60	60	100.0							
Tot	252	226	89.7	258	263	101.9	4	73	58	79.5	75	61	81.3	276	13	9	69.2	14	9	64.3							
							11	44	34	0.0	45	35	77.8	325	77	59	76.6	77	63	81.8							
							20	60	51	85.0	65	54	83.1	342	53	48	90.6	54	71	131.5							
							41	65	55	84.6	67	62	92.5	Tot	401	367	91.5	416	443	106.4							
							109	0	10	0.0	5	10	200.0														
							203	252	245	97.2	255	251	98.4														
							219	51	50	98.0	52	51	98.1														
							Tot	545	503	92.3	564	497	88.1														

red VA&R Paid

green OP Expenses Paid

orange VA&R and OP Paid

Be Nice, Be Kind!!

Watch our Family Grow, One member at a Time
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AEF BULLETIN

Hope everyone is doing well and hanging in there during this time. AEF is still going strong we need to let members know that if you need any emergency assistance to contact us. Hope to see everyone soon.

Charlotte McGuire

AEF Chairman.



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Poppy

Hello Ladies,

Want to share ways to let people know about the poppy Go to your local businesses ask permission to distribute poppies on their premises. Go to your local towns, Counsels ask to write a proclamation day for your town or city. Tell About the Poppy Story...From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful flower called the Ped Poppy. The Red Poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during Battle .The War time Poem written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae while serving front lines. The name of the poem In Flanders Field

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Headquarters

The 2021 membership cards have been mailed to the units. If you did not let me know where you wanted them mailed, then I mailed them to the address I have. If you have not received your cards, you will be charged a fee to have them reprinted. If you need them reprinted please contact me. You can now send in RENEWALS ONLY for 2021. Any new member for 2021 CANNOT be added until September 1, 2020. Please keep working on the 2020 renewals as well.

If you have not completed the "Unit dues for 2021" form, you must do so. I have a deadline to enter this information so that National has the correct address to be printed on the renewal notices.

If you have not sent me your current list of unit officers, please do so. This is used for the monthly mailing list for the bulletins. (This also includes District officers)

The Fall Conference will be held October 9-10, 2020 at the Holiday Inn, Bowling Green. To make reservations you can call 270-745-0088.

Please stay safe!

Jennifer Mullins
Department Secretary