



VFW DISTRICT 16

NEWSLETTER # 12 JULY, 2011



(Atlantic County) (99.47%) 1696 (66) a/o June 30th, 2011 Final Standings.

VFW Post 158 Landisville = 53 (2) VFW Post 215 Atlantic City =50 (2) VFW Post 220 Mays Landing =223 (8)
VFW Post 1026 Hammonton =151 (6) VFW Post 2189 Somers Point =254 (9) VFW Post 3361 Ventnor City =101 (4)
VFW Post 5043 Devonshire =61 (3) VFW Post 5341 Egg Harbor City=35 (2) VFW Post 6594 Pleasantville =30 (1)
VFW Post 6964 Brigantine =152 (6) VFW Post 8098 Cardiff = 128 (5) VFW Post 9311 Margate =21 (1)
VFW Post 9462 Absecon =331 (12) VFW Post 10620 Pomona =67 (3) VFW Post 11468 Dorothy =39 (2)
First number behind post is nr. of Paid Members , 2nd number in () is nr. of Delegates allowed.

MEMBERSHIP

The District finished at 99.47%, or 1696 paid out of 1705 members, needed only 9 more to pay or be reinstated for the District to be 100% by June 30th. We did pickup 57 new members and 58 reinstated members but we also lost 55 members who passed away in the District. The District ended up in tenth place in the state and ninth nationally in our Div #7. Again congratulations to the Eight (8) Posts that made 100% or more. We need to start over again on Membership for 2012 and continue to Strive & Survive & do the VFW Programs. Everyone is a Recruiter as we can do a little better, thank you for what you have done and continue to do. Carry a VFW Membership application with you and in your vehicle at all times. The Ladies Auxiliary needs members too. So Let us help them out and get a wife/daughter, etc. signed up. (M & M = Members & Money)

INSPECTIONS

Proof of Eligibility is needed for all ten (10) officers of each post: Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, QM, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Surgeon and the three (3) Trustees. Also a few posts need to renew their Incorporation papers with the State which is \$25 per year. Also IRS Form 990 or 990N (post card) must be filed to maintain your nonprofit status. District 16 Officers if not done so already and any new Officers will be needing copies of your DD 214's or proof of eligibility turned in. We also need a copy of your Election Report for the District if not sent in already so we know who to contact along with a list of your delegates to the District from your Post.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY REPORTS

The Community Activity Report Year began May 1st Forms are available at the District meetings and have also been sent to the posts if you need a blank form let me know. All posts have attended a Memorial Day event and it needs to be recorded and reported, to include putting Flags on the graves of Veterans, distributing Buddy Poppies etc. If you did not fill out the form and send it in let me know and I will help you fill it out and turn it in for you. Only one post did not turn in a written report all last year and we need to be 100% reported. The totals last year for District 16 were completed projects 549; total hours 15,288.5; and total monies was \$219,870.74. Again a Very Good Job. Community Activity Reports are to be sent to: Jack Sassaman, Chairman, 22 Crestwood St, Randolph, NJ. 07869. Phone 973-366-5908.

VFW/VFWA DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY CONVENTION JUN 12-18, 2011 IN WILDWOOD

At the 92nd State Convention District 16 had 29 Delegates & Alternates attend, we could have had 66 if all posts had registered and attended. The new State Commander is Earl Courter and Ladies Auxiliary President is Cecelia Watkins. Also the State Judge Advocate is Jack Kane and National Council Member is Otto Gollon Jr. who were

elected on Roll Call Votes. Again congratulations to All State Cmdrs. & QM who received White Hats: Post 220 Cmdr. Brian Wagner; Post 9462 Cmdr, Robert Dunn; Post 220 QM Sheldon Silver; Post 2189 QM Fred Vineyard; Post 5341 Rich Husta; and Post 9462 QM Kevin O'Brien. Only the top 10% or 28 Posts in the State received the Awards. This District 16 Newsletter took 2nd Place Nationally and 1st Place in the State in Medium Division District Newsletters. Public Relations 1st Place Post Medium Div was Brigantine Post 6964 and 1st Place Post Newsletter in Large Div was Mays Landing Post 220. Other Awards and Certificates were won by Posts in the District.

VFW Parade: 1st Place Color Guard was Brigantine Post 6964 and 1st Place ROTC Unit was Pleasantville H.S. which also took 3rd Place Marching Unit; 3rd Place Color Guard was Absecon Post 9462 and 3rd Place Ladies Auxiliary Unit Absecon Post 9462. Congratulations to all.

VFW DISTRICT 16 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The VFW District School of Instruction this year will be on Sat, July 30th from 10am-3pm to include Lunch at VFW Post 220 in Mays Landing. All Posts need to have their Officers or a Rep attend and let us know how many will be attending from your post so there will be enough food (609) 625-2178. Subjects to be covered include Asbestosis, Membership, Inspections, Reports, etc.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

There will be NO District 16 Meeting in July 2011.

Fri, July 8, 2011, 10am, Meeting of all Atlantic County Veteran Organization Commanders or Reps at Atlantic County Clerks Office at old Court House in Mays Landing to discuss forming County Veterans Organization.

Sat, July 9, 2011, 1-5pm, Home Coming VFW State Cmdr. Earl Courter at Fire Hall, Gloucester City, NJ.

Sat, July 16, 2011, 1-5pm Home Coming VFW Aux. Pres. Cece Watkins at VFW Post 6253, Berlin, NJ.

Sat, Jul 30, 2011, 10am-3pm, District 16 School of Instruction at VFW Post 220, Mays Landing, NJ.

Sat, Aug 6, 2011, 1-5pm, Homecoming VFW Junior Vice Cmdr. Art Taylor, at VFW post 1451, 31 Reid St, South River

Mon Aug 15, 2011, 6pm, "Americas Armed Forces" Parade on Atlantic City Boardwalk.

Tue, Aug 16, 2011, 7:30pm, District 16 Meeting at VFW Post 9462 Absecon, NJ.

Wed, Aug 17, 2011, Air Show in Atlantic City, NJ.

Aug 27 – Sep 1, 2011, VFW National Convention in San Antonio, Tx.

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VFW CONVENTION PARADE



1st Place Color Guard Brigantine



1st Place ROTC Unit Pleasantville H.S.



3rd Place Ladies Aux Unit Absecon