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Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless but because they are priceless!

System Worth Saving

The visit scheduled for March 14-15 & 16 at the Dorn Medical VA center has been postponed as well as the Town Hall meeting at Post 6 on March 14. The tentative date is now April 14 same time and same place, Post 6 at 7 p.m. Any further information will be relayed when received.

Disability Claims

The leader of the nation's largest veterans service organization says he is "greatly pleased" by a planned Social Security Administration (SSA) move to expedite disability claims from military veterans. On Wednesday, SSA Acting Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin and U.S. Rep. John Sarbanes, D-Md., announced a plan to award disabled veterans high-priority status and expedite their Social Security disability claims. The action will apply to those with 100-percent VA disability compensation ratings.

"This is absolutely the right thing to do," said Daniel M. Dellinger, national commander of The American Legion. "On behalf of the Legion's 2.4 million members and all of our nation's wounded warriors, I thank the Social Security Administration for this tangible recognition of our veterans' sacrifices. I am greatly pleased." Dellinger's remarks mirrored those of Colvin who said, "Our veterans have sacrificed so much for our country, and it is only right that we ensure that they have timely access to the disability benefits they may be eligible for and deserve."

SSA says it plans to launch its expedited claims processing service in mid-March.

Law Cadet Academy

A reminder that this year's academy will be held June 21, 2014 to June 27, 2014. Information will be forthcoming on finding individuals to attend. It is hoped each district will have 4 individuals to attend.

2013 Enhancements

Just a note to remind all that the 2013 enhancements are due in department no later than April 30, 2014 in order for the post to be considered in good standing and to participate in the 2014 Department Convention and any of the programs of the Department of South Carolina. At this time there are only 14 posts that need to pay the 2012 enhancement. Please check to see if your post has paid on the 2013 amount due and encourage the responsible officers to do such. It will be greatly appreciated.

Kudos

Sumter Post #15 Presents Law and Order Night

Post Commander Pat Sexton and his Post conducted their annual L&O night at the meeting where police, firefighters, correctional officers and emergency medical technicians attended as honored guests. The post has done this for more than two decades. Guest speaker for the event was 3rd Circuit Court Judge George C. James, Jr.

Corporal Cleveland Pinkney of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office was presented two awards: Deputy Sheriff of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Other recipients of awards were Correctional Officer Cpl. Patricia Dukes, Lt. Don Florence, Cpl. James Sinkler and Senior Cpl. Joey Duggan of Sumter Police Department; Capt. Joey Dollard of the Sumter Fire Department and Emergency Medical Technician Kathryn Elizabeth Alsbrooks of Sumter County EMS. Each public safety official was awarded a plaque commending his/her efforts to serve Sumter County as well as a check for \$500.

What's Happening

February 22, Saturday – District 5 @ 10 a.m. Spartanburg Post #28, 94 West Park Drive. Meeting will be followed by brunch.

February 22, Saturday – District 13 @ 10 a.m. Westminster Post #107, 205 Lucky St.

February 25, Tuesday – District 17 @ 6 p.m. Sumter Post #15, 34 South Artillery Dr.

March 1, Saturday – State Oratorical Contest @ 10 a.m. Clarion Hotel, Gervais St., Columbia

March 2-6, Sunday thru Thursday - National Commander's Official Visit

March 7 thru March 10 – National Vice Commander's Visit

Post Officer Lists

District Commanders Please Note: This means also that even though you may have the same officers in the same positions for the 2013-2014 year, you should also submit a listing to department. Also, for those that have email addresses, please indicate that on the listing. Your assistance and attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated. The following is a listing of the posts. If they are in your district, please contact them and request they submit the information as soon as possible. This information is as of today, 12/19/2013.

District #1 – Posts #79, #142, #174, #217

District #2 – Posts #136, #145,

District #3 – Post #231

District #6 – Post #126

District #8 – Posts #21, #105, #128

District #10 – Posts #24, #70

District #11 – Post #63

District #12 – Posts #60, #74, #80, #92, #213 (The blank form is on the website to be used if needed.)

District #13 – Posts #51, #67, #113

District #14 – Post #100

District #15 – Posts #77, #153, #154, #168, #169, #232

District #17 – Posts #35, #202

District #18 – Posts #47, #118, #266

District #19 – Posts #8, #114

District #20 – Posts #64, #78, #156

LIT AD&D FREE

Just a reminder of the free \$1,000 to the Legionnaire AD&D insurance available thru the LIT. Last year the program was expanded to cover up to \$5,000.00 free insurance IF you were travelling on official Legion business and was killed or had a dismemberment as a result of an accident. Official business would be travelling to or from a meeting either at the Post, District or Department (conference or convention). All the Legionnaire has to do is apply for it and is not automatic. I do not know of any family who could not use the additional funds at a time of necessity due to the loss of a loved one. In reviewing just what members of posts that are participating in the program, it is very eye opening that many, many members have not enrolled in this program. To enroll all that is required is complete the application or call toll free 1-800-235-6943 with your membership number.

Proud to Serve

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