



# The American Legion

## Department of Arkansas

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FROM: Bob Renner, Department Adjutant

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR ARMED FORCES DAY

Our goal for this year was 11,578. We did not reach that goal and we know that everyone tried, but we need to try harder to meet our goal by the end of the Legion Year. We are 958 short of goal as of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We have to do better at renewing and recruiting. The words Recruit-Renew-Retain work hand in hand to help keep us strong. Doing just one part of that equation is a step in the direction we need to go.

#### Notes:

1. 101st Annual Department Convention starts at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Wyndham Riverfront, #2 Riverfront Place, North little Rock, AR 72114. Telephone number to the hotel is (501) 371-9000. We plan on having the Red-White-Blue Party that Friday evening at 6:30 pm ending at 10:00 pm in the Wyndham. Best 50's and 60's and patriotic for your enjoyment.
2. Heritage of Sherwood, Arkansas is still our convention program company. If you know of someone who would like to place an ad, have them contact Heritage at (501) 835-5000/ (800) 643-8822.
3. Monday, May 27th is Legion Night at Boys State. If you have not attended, you need to plan to be there for an experience of a lifetime. A free meal is provided at UCA's cafeteria from 5:00 – 6:30 pm and the Boys State program begins at 6:45 pm with Retreat at the flag pole in front of Old Main Auditorium. General Assembly is from 7:00 – 8:00 pm inside Old Main Auditorium. Plan on being there, support our youth. Legion Night at Boys State is at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas.
4. This year there will be no Commanders Banquet, instead the Commander is going to have a Commanders Reception from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. No reservations are required, please come by meet the Commander and his wife and enjoy the comradery of your fellow Legionnaires.
- 5 Do you have reservations made for the Department Convention in June? If you do not get your reservation made, at the Legion rate, BEFORE May 29th, you may not be able to get a room. There will be no Legion rooms left after that cutoff. Make sure you tell the reservations desk that you are booking for the American Legion convention so you can get our special rate.**
- 6 Posts, if you are coming to convention and planning on voting, pay your FULL delegate fees. When you list delegates who will be at the convention, please list only those who will be at convention. Call Evelyn if you have questions. If you have 10 delegates – pay 10 delegate fees. If you are only sending 3 people for those 10 delegate votes – list only those 3 people.