

Communication

...from the President General

Well, I have not kept up the every other week communication as I hoped, but hopefully they have been interesting.

Since we are fast approaching the final push for membership for the fiscal year, we can best affect it by retaining our existing members. I had hoped the Membership Committee would have been active in this regard, but perhaps the individual chapter Membership Chairmen have been. We all know what we should do, engage our fellow compatriots. I have found an incredibly diverse means to do this from Chapters across the country. They all involve personal contact.

How would you respond if you received personal invitations to come to a meeting or event from someone in your Chapter? Since we are seldom mailing newsletters, and utilize Calling Post notices of meetings as well as sending emails to alert our compatriots of events, the personal touch is not there anymore. This allows a phone call to be much more effective than it was once. When the near final dues paid tally is done in about two weeks, personally call those who have not paid to see why. We can only grow if we retain our compatriots. It is that simple.

I have posted a Wreath Across America statement on our website. This event is Saturday, December 16th at National and Local Cemeteries across the Nation. The debt of gratitude we owe to our past veterans can only be paid by honoring their memory to keep their stories alive in our hearts. Take time in two weeks to at least pause to remember our brothers, fathers, sisters, mothers and all others who served with honor.

We have had a report from the company that was selected to do an audit on our IT. Not much we did not know, but their report will be used to evaluate our future path. The Ad Hoc committee that put the RFP together will provide a report on their findings shortly.

Happy December! More to follow in a couple weeks.

Larry