

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

October 2019

With the arrival of the Fall Season, I hope that all companions are doing well and looking forward to a much cooler season. With the arrival of Autumn, our work continues to accumulate and there is no shortage of work to be done beginning with the annual Massing of the colors. This year we moved it to the fall in order to allow many of the high schools to participate. There are a number of other activities that many of the ROTC units participate in during the spring season.

Also, in November, we will continue to do the school presentations in honor of Veterans Day. We have had some very good ones in the past given by a few of our companions, however with so many schools requesting, we can always use more members to help.

September 28 was also the Retiree Appreciation Day at Ft. Bliss. Thank you to Paula Mitchell, Pauline Ballesteros and new member Richard Moore. Thank you to these members for manning the booth at that location.

We have also recruited 3 new members, LTC. John Hamilton, recruited by Dave Thackston, LTC. Richard Moore, recruited by Maureen Lofberg, and former Cpt. Bob Melson, recruited by me. Thanks to all of those companions for keeping the recruiting drive going.

Speaking of recruiting, to reiterate what the national commander said in the latest magazine article, "We must be better at consistently recruiting and involving those recruited." "Only 2% of all companions ever recruit anyone." He goes on to say that "this is not for the good of the order." He goes on to say to "drive forward as a team of companions with the power of POSITIVE THINKING"

So I challenge all of you to drive forward in a positive tone, attend meetings/activities, recruit, and come willing to help out in a positive manner. After all we are all here of our own accord.

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