Thanks to all the Post that went over 55% for October, remember 65% is November 5. If we keep going like we are now we will make this with ease, so don’t let up now. If you need help with membership, please contact either your Vice Commander or myself, the Membership Chairman, or the Adjutant we will be more than happy to help.

To those of you that did a 9-11 Ceremony I take my cap off to you for your support to this Event. As your Department Commander I will ask you what the National Commander asked me “do you know what the value is of being a Legionnaire is” its being able to support your family, your community, your Nation, Our past Veterans, our Veterans, our future Veterans, Our Child Welfare, Americanism just to mention a few.

A conference room is reserved for the 2nd DEC, in Saint AVOLD however the Novotel is under new management now, so we have to pay for the use of the conference room. If you want wreaths for St Avold, for Veterans day Ceremony, you need to contact Comrade Gary Miller to see if they can still be ordered.

Those officers that have expense accounts with the department, need to contact the finance officer, Comrade Gary Miller if the department owes you money before the 2 DEC.

On Saturday 17 September 2011, I with members of the Department, went to Vilseck to conduct an American Legion, Department Of France, membership drive on behalf of George S. Patton Post GR45, located in Vilseck, Germany. Little did we know the success that this drive would bring 28 new members. Thanks the Department members NECMAN Liam Kane, James Settle, Ronald Moore, Stephen Ward, and George Seeburger. And we have a new Commander at GR 45 Timothy Henning

I also phoned the Oratorical Chairman, Douglas Clemence. A date will be published for the Department Oratorical Finals in the near future. I also had the opportunity to attend GR 42 General Membership Meeting; it was a very good meeting. I also had the opportunity to talk with the NECMan Kane and ALT NECMan MILLER, Service Officer Hall, VCAL Moore, Vice Commander Ward, and Vice Commander Sears, and we discussed some issues which effect our organization. I visited GR30, and Edgar Marshburn is doing fine. During that visit the Auxiliary Unit from GR30 had a party, and we all, and I do mean all of us had a tremendous time at this event, which was well planned and organized. Remember I am just an E-mail away legionbrown@hotmail.com. In closing please keep those in harm’s way and their families, not only in your thoughts but your prayers as well.

For GOD and Country
Joe D. Brown
Department Commander
My Fellow Legionnaires,
The Department of France, 2nd DEC will be held on the 22 of October in Saint Avold, France. Commander’s/Adjutant’s, please ensure that your delegates, have a delegates Report signed by both the Commander and Adjutant. In addition please make sure your delegates have copies of the new department Constitution, By-Laws, and SOP’s. This is the first time we will be using these documents. We still have not received the check from National for the online renewals. I have been in contact with National Finance Office, and we are trying to correct the situation at this time. Those of you that supply inputs to the Department Newsletter please send your input to pisces@t-online.de. In closing please, remember if you need to contact me I am just an E-mail away pisces@t-online.de. Please keep those in harm’s way and their families not only in your thoughts but your prayers as well.

James M. Settle
Department Adjutant
Commander Joshua Settle, well done to all. During the month I attended some important events in Ireland which honoured Irishmen and women who fought mainly in the US Armed Forces in the cause of Peace one of was been the recipient of a headstone over his grave having no kind of marker since 1922 when his remains were returned to for there work in finding the graves of many Irish men from their catchment area with help on the day from members from IR 03 and IR 63, the young soldier Thomas Carey has finally got a headstone on his grave, thanks to IR 03 Commander Ron Whoko are to be congratulated, the Irish equivalent of the American Legion invited me to attend a ceremony to honour a young Irish Soldier who died while serving in the Congo in the United Nations Contingent, Trooper Mullin is one of two Irish Soldiers whose bodies have never been Found. During my stay in Germany I attended a Post meeting at GR42 and a Social Event at GR 30. My return to Ireland started off in a trouble free way until our flight was aborted after 26 seconds down the runway, our Aer Lingus Pilot did a great job to bring the plane to a halt as a Flock of birds flew towards our take off path. On the Social side I attended The Tipperary Memorial Arch Weekend where we honoured Irishmen and women who died in the cause of peace, Ir 63 Chaplain Armida Flores was also there. My final piece of work in September was to pick up VC Stephen Ward and bring him to a Meeting of IR 03 and also having dinner with the grand old man of The American Legion in Ireland Adjutant Glen Foy IR 02. Our Membership for 2011/2012 is ahead of the figures for 2010/2011 lets keep up the good work. I am sure that many of you read the bulletins coming out of National “which James Settle kindly issues, if you need help or more info please contact me and I will get answers etc for you as I am honoured to be your NECMAN. I would have a written report of happenings since our last DEC meeting at our gathering in October.

Liam Kane
Department NECMan

Vice Commander at Large
Ronald Moore
GR45, GR1982, New Post Development/Revitalization

New Post Development and Revitalization -
Personolly, I believe going out and acquiring new members is a vital activity for every Post because no Post can expect to grow and remain active if it doesn’t bring in new members and mentor them. If another Post comes into your “footprint” and acquires new members for their Post, I can only congratulate the acquiring Post and ask the area Post, “Why weren’t those new members already signed up in your Post?” The American Legion needs new members and opportunity doesn’t always knock twice. Sign up the new members and we can discuss the finer points afterwards.

If you need the assistance of the department recruiting team, please contact me with details and date suggestions.

GR45 Revitalization Project -
On August 15, 2011, our Department Commander requested that all available department officers participate in a GR45 membership drive on September 17, 2011. With the planning of this event, I stopped any further activities concerning reactivation of GR45 so as not to conflict with the planned membership drive. DCDR Brown, NECman Kane, DVC Ward, DJA Seeburger, DADJ Settle, S.A.L. Commander Joshua Settle, Auxiliary President Isolde Settle and I participated in membership drives at Villseck and Grafenwoehr, resulting in the acquisition of 28 new members for GR45, as well as one new SAL member. More importantly however, Commander Brown and NECman Kane were able to find 2 people willing to act as Post commander and adjutant during the reactivation period. I only ask that we remember
Vice Commander Corner

that we are dealing with young soldiers who want it now and not later. If we wait three months, we may find that most of those “new” members are no longer in the area. I will help where I can and expect to visit Vilseck frequently in support of their Post reactivation activities.

GR1982-
After a productive telephone conversation with GR1982 Post Commander Walker, my planned Post visit for September was rescheduled for October 12, 2011 at his request.

Show your Affiliation-
I firmly believe that Department of France officers and members should participate in as many functions at Post, Department and National levels as possible. Only through the visibility of our Department members, do we show that we uphold the principles and goals of The American Legion. That is why I participate in the Legacy Run and go to the National Convention.

Our Department Chaplain received a call-in for the Chaplains Conference which he was unable to attend due to his move. The Chaplains Conference is called yearly by the newly appointed National Chaplain and is attended by Department and Auxiliary Chaplains. It is part of the Americanism Conference held in Indianapolis each year where all Departments send chairpersons for Boys State, Girls State, Baseball, Scouting, Shooting Sports and Oratorical. Unfortunately, no chairpersons from Department of France were attending either, so the department would not have been represented at all. Having said that, I obtained permission from our Department Commander and Chaplain, and attended the Chaplains Conference from 23-25 September in Indianapolis which included interaction with the other Americanism Conference attendees.

Membership-
Every Post within the department should already be at 85% for 2012 which should mean that our department is already at 85% by 15th of October. Please don’t hold up your transmittals to wait for one or two more renewals. Our Department should reach every Membership Goal on time this year, so please ensure that your Post is at least at the next level one month in advance of the target date. Let’s all try to reach 100% by 20 October. Just remember, it doesn’t count unless you transmit to department. Another point to consider is that the earlier we transmit, the fewer past due notices will be sent by National. One thing we tend to forget, dues for the following year are due by October 20th of the preceding year.

Legionnaire Presentation-
Foul language and taking the name of God in vain. Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow Legionnaires, fellow Sons, comrades, Please listen to the language in your Post and at your events. There should be no foul language at a SAL event-period! There should be no foul language at any Legion/Auxiliary event where youth are involved-period! There should be no foul language used by a Legionnaire at any public event-period! That of course, leads to the question how serious we are as Legionnaires when we say “For God and Country” and curse God five minutes later. People notice and judge accordingly unfortunately. Do us all a favor and clean-up your language and Post.

Please work closely with your assigned Department Vice Commander and Department officers. Please inform them of your planned events with a copy to me so that I can attempt to coordinate Department officer presence at your event.

I wish you and your family a happy Columbus Day and a safe Halloween. Hope to see you at the 2nd DEC in St. Avold. God bless our troops no matter where they serve.

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Vice Commanders Continued

Vice Commander
Stephen Ward
GR05, GR07, GR14, GR79,
IR02, IR03, IR63

Greetings Commanders & Comrades,
Conducted a Post Visit to Leroy Riley Pitts Post GR07 (6 September), recruited one new member. Special interest to Douglas Dub sponsor by Post GR07 Boy State. He expresses his experience at Capitol Hill and interaction as role models as Representatives. The American Legion Riders GR07 donated one thousand dollars towards the Legacy Run Scholarship Program. Post GR07 plans to conduct a Poppy drive at the Mannheim PX and Commissary (15 October).

Conducted a Recruitment Drive at the Vilseck Commissary for George S. Patton Post GR45 (17 September) which (28 new members) signed and paid their Post dues. Many thanks to NEC Kane, Department Commander Brown, Department Adjutant Settle, and Department Judge Advocate Seeburger.

TWB Post GR14 conducted their Post meeting (14 September) 8 p.m. at the Gasstatte Schroth Buedingen-Orleshausen.

John Wayne Post 79 conducted their Post meeting (24 September) 11 a.m. afterwards Native American Day at the Post Garden (Neckarsulm). Their next Post meeting (9 October) at the John Wayne Post Home 2 p.m. Also, planned a Halloween Pumpkin carving at the Post Garden (12 Noon) 29 October.

Annual Meeting Rhein Main Post GR05 (28 September) 3 p.m. at the old Post Home located at Langstrasse 28/30 64546 Moerfelden-Walldorf.

The Annual Meeting Post IR-03 is 2 October 11, Dalton Inn, Claremorris, Ireland. The Post Adjutant (Michael Noone) is commended for the Outstanding Post Newsletter/Pictures for their participation in different ceremonies and community events throughout Ireland. The family and I looking forward to visiting (30 September – 3 October 11) Post IR-03 Post Commander and its Post members.

The next 2nd DEC meeting (22 October) 1 p.m. Registration: 11 a.m. at the Novotel Hotel Saint Avold, France. It would be great to meet the Post Commanders and their representatives. Commanders; and Comrades, we need to think about membership. Are the Posts reaching their target goals? Remember, membership is our voice on Capitol Hill. Numbers do count. If your Post requires any recruitment assistance, please contact me. Many thanks for what your Post is doing for the Communities. And thank-you for supporting your Post.

Stephen Ward
Department Vice Commander
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September was an awesome month, I was able to visit with Commander Charles Vaughan, fellow Legionnaires from GR42, enjoy some great camaraderie and had a great afternoon. GR42 is planning a great Early Bird Dinner in Schweinfurt, with plenty of guest and a fun night of entertainment. I also receive word that GR13 will be having a Halloween Bash towards the end of October! Our Augsburg Legionnaires really know how to have fun!

As most of residing in the Europe continent are aware, National Security is the third and equally strong column of our four pillars. At military installations throughout Europe, Legionnaires have held luncheons and attended special events to celebrate or military heritage and military victories.

We remind our congressional leaders about the military quality of life, and request fellow Americans to support all servicemembers, we conduct job rallies for businesses to hire veterans, and we identify reintegration humanitarian issues for those enduring hardships.

Most recently our newest National Commander Wong met with VA Secretary Shinseki to discuss VA improvements, a topic that is of much interest to many Legionnaires and their families. Commander wong has also attended the Ride 2 Recover 9-11 event, to remember those fallen in the Pentagon attack while promoting fitness and welfare.

Homeland security is always an important topic. While Legionnaires residing stateside may augment and volunteer Legion halls as temporary Red Cross processing centers. We may remind and calm our recent servicemembers from recent scares of European terrorism, we may remind fellow servicemembers and comrades to avoid large crowds or protest.

The memory of veterans which have paid an ultimate sacrifice is still one of our strongest agendas. While two Americans students were recently release as a gesture from tyrannical President of Iran Ahmadinejad, the DOD and US Army still qualms over the capture of two Prisoners of War, and urgently request their release from captivity. Staff Sergeant Ahmed Altaie, captured in Iraq in October 2006, and Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl, captured in Afghanistan in June of 2009. Most recently, I was able to meet Colonel Joseph Milligan (USAF Retired, Dr), whom told his personal story of shoot down, imprisonment and recovery, then gave an inspiring speech about honoring POW/MIA throughout all the wars.

Please remember each other and take care of your families as well as our extending Legion families thru this Fall and Winter season. To all my fellow Legionnaires, Get More Legion “Bang for your Bucks!” and participate in your local Post program!

As the Hanio POW’s would say in abbreviation. “GNGB”

“For God and Country”

Dave Sears, Vice Commander
Still Serving, the Best and Oldest Department in the American Legion

“For God and Country”

David Sears
Department Vice Commander

Vice Commander
Hans Stockenberger
GR01,GR20,GR30,BE02,DK01, NL01

Vice Commander
H. Ownby
CP01, FR01, FR05, GC01, IT01, PO01, SP292
Special Days/Legion Events: 22 Oct - 2nd DEC in St. Avold France,


Buddhism: None that I know of.


Please Remember to Worship – Visit the Church, Temple, Synagogue, Tabernacle or Mosque of your choice!

Post Everlasting Reported Until 30 September 2011:

Maryann Damman, Wife of Past Department Commander John "Jack" Damman

No other deaths were reported to me but please continue to pray for those Comrades, Family Members and Friends of the Legion who have passed away or are ill.

Prayers for the Sick:

I have received new members to update on Sickness or Illness Prayer List. Also, We will continue to pray for those that have been on our Prayer List in the past month as follows:

The Wife of Comrade Voyageur Bryce Mason
Harry Hall Family in Distress from Fire
Joe D. (Charly) Brown (IPDC) GR42
A. Ray Cline GR14
George Hall – GR03
Brenda Dearborn Dept of Maine Present Americanism Chair
and Past Chaplain
Comrade Eddie Haynes GR09
Comrade Willie Summers GR79 Post Chaplain
Arthur Beasley
Comrade Bryce Mason GR01

PNC Robert S. Turner
PNC Michael J Kogutek
George Seeburger Dept. Judge Advocate, GR14
PNC Bill Galbraith
PNC Ray Smith
Conrad Roberson Texas NECman
Comrade Jimmy Gunn GR30
NECman Robert J Proctor
Don Ellis GR14
Woodrow (Woody) Ervin GR01

Please Note:

Our Prayer List has become quite long and is possibly no longer up to date. If you know of someone who should be placed on the Sick and Prayer List, Please report them to the Department Chaplain or the Department Adjutant no later than the last day of each month for inclusion in the Newsletter. If someone is ill or wishes to be placed on the Sick/Prayer List for the following month, please send the Name and Post Affiliation to the previous mentioned persons. Only those members so reported will be included in the current Newsletter!

Hello Comrades, and Brothers, Sisters and Friends of the American Legion Family:

Perhaps, This section of the Chaplains Page should be named The Chaplain's Complaint Corner?
In the “Please Note” section of the chaplain's page, it is stated “If someone is ill or wishes to be placed on the Sick/Prayer List or if someone has transferred to PEL, and needs to be listed for the following month, Please send the NAME and POST AFFILIATION to the Department Chaplain or the Department Adjutant.”, However, I continue to receive email from various sources that only state the Comrade or Persons Name to be listed with no affiliation indicated or no Snail Mail Address and in the email senders address, there is no indication of which post the email came from only the person's name that sent it.

SO, Please, in the future, indicate in the “SUBJECT” area of the email sent to the Department Chaplain or the Department Adjutant, Sick/Prayer list request or PEL Notification, for member of..... (then the Post Name and Number). In the body of the email, Please indicate the Current Mailing address of the person that has been requested to be added to the Sick/Prayer list, or the address of the Immediate Family of the person that has reported to PEL. This will make the sending of “Get Well” or “Sympathy” cards much more expedient.

Thank You!

May God bless and keep each and everyone of us as we go about our worship, our lives and work during the remaining months of the year.

May God Bless Our Armed Forces and All that have been put in harms way to secure our way of life!

May God Continue to Bless America and keep America... One Nation Under God with Liberty and Justice for All!

Service to God and Country

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HISTORIAN REPORT

Department Historian
Michael Coyne
Thank you for all the Photographs from our recent Department Convention they will become part of our Department Records. Please submit reports/photos from your 4th July celebrations you must have plenty of them my e-mail address is tom-myc76@gmail.com I want every Post to submit some post happening e.g AGM, Party or anything of note, at the end of the year 2011/2012 I intend to award a prize to the best Photograph submitted to me from either a member or a Post "if you're not in you cannot win" Looking forward to seeing you every month in our Newsletter. Michael Coyne

Michael Coyne
Department Historian

National Security

TOPIC 1: U.S. selling JDAM guided bombs to Taiwan
The Pentagon on Wednesday announced the sale of advanced “smart bombs” and other high-tech strike arms to Taiwan under a new $5.8 billion arms package to upgrade the island’s F-16 force.

The formal announcement of the arms package by the Defense Security Cooperation Agency was sent to Congress but did not include offers of new F-16 C/D jets that Congress has been pushing the Obama administration to sell.

The arms notification calls for retrofitting 145 F-16 A/B jets with a high-tech radar called the Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA), GPS navigation, electronic warfare countermeasures pods, and other electronic warfare gear.

Defense officials said, however, the key elements of the package are offers of 140 AIM-9X Sidewinder air-to-air missiles and the 96 Joint Direct Attack Munitions, or JDAM, laser-guided bomb kits, that turn 500-pound bombs into precision-strike weapons.

Another significant element of the package is the announcement that the Pentagon will conduct a study for upgrading the F-16s in the future with new, more powerful engines.

A senior administration official said the airframes of the F-16s need to be strengthened to handle more powerful engines. But with those engines, Taiwan’s jets will be able to fly longer distances with the new bombs and missiles.

According to the Air Force, the F-16 has a range of 500 miles, enough to cross the 100-mile Taiwan Strait and hit targets along the Chinese coast. Its range with 500-pound JDAMs, could be less, however.

The administration’s decision not to offer new F-16s drew a sharp rebuke from several members of Congress.

“Today’s decision bestows upon Communist China a newfound sway over American national security, and this capitulation should be met with concern by U.S. allies everywhere,” said Sen. John Cornyn, Texas Republican, who has introduced legislation that would require the F-16 C/D sale.
According to Senate aides, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton promised Mr. Cornyn a clear decision on the new F-16s by Oct. 1, in exchange for the senator lifting a hold on the nomination of William Burns to be deputy secretary of state.

Administration officials, however, told reporters on Wednesday that F-16 C/Ds could be sold in the future.

Asked about congressional support for new jets, a senior administration told reporters: “It is our belief that we are going to be able to get greater capabilities more rapidly, in a larger number of airplanes into the field in a more decisive way” with the upgrade deal.

Administration officials have said the refusal to sell new jets was designed to avoid another break in military relations with Beijing, as occurred temporarily in 2008 and last year.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Florida Republican and chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the upgrade package is a modest step but “woefully insufficient to meet Taiwan’s increasingly urgent requirements for modern combat fighters and other defensive weapons systems.”

“This deal has Beijing’s fingerprints all over it,” she said.

**TOPIC 2: National Security Division Meets with the Give-An-Hour Organization**

On Thursday and Friday September 22nd and 23rd, Barry Searle, Director, NSFR Division, and Joseph Grassi, Deputy Director, NSFR participated in meeting with several Past National Commanders to discuss the national security strategy specific to Afghanistan. The group also met with Mackenzie Eaglen, Senior Defense Policy Analyst, Heritage Foundation who provided expert knowledge to the group.

*Douglas Haggan*

*National Security Committee Chairman*

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**Legion Riders Report**

*Ronald Moore*
S.A.L. Detachment Commander

On Saturday the 1st of October 2011 we conducted the S.A.L. Detachment of France 2nd DEC in Schweinfurt, Germany. It was a positive and productive meeting. One of the main issues was the additional $ 1.00 dollar to the detachment membership fund. Normally the program was to end at the end of last year’s membership year (2011) . However due to a misunderstanding, the squadrons still sent in a total of $6.00 dollars to the detachment Membership Chairman. There was a lot of discussion in reference to this issue, on how to handle the oversight. A simple solution was sought, the best solution was to extend the program for one additional year, the motion to do so was put on the floor and the motion carried.

At the S.A.L. Convention it will be explained how we will use the fund to make a large Membership transmittal to National, that would bring the Detachment to at least %80 percent, at the beginning of the Membership Year. It would behoove the Squadron Commander, Adjutant, and the Membership Chairman to attend the Convention in June. We did have a quorum for this DEC which was nice for a change, thanks to Comrade Umland for making the last minute trip from Stuttgart to Schweinfurt (thanks Comrade Umland).

Our C&Y Chairman Comrade Odom has set a goal for the program of $10.00 Dollars per SAL member of the Detachment. He hopes to attain this goal through donations from the Squadrons and Posts, and selling coins and POLO-Shirts in the Military Communities. Let us all support Comrade Odom to reach his goal.

The SAL Detachment of France has a new Adjutant, Comrade James Settle. I would like to thank Comrade Dennis for the support, he has give to the Detachment over the years. I would like to take this oppurtunity to thank, and commend Squadron Commander George Hall (GR03), for reaching 100% renewals.

In closing those of you that have not yet made a transmittal, now is the time to do it. Let’s all try to get the Detachment at %100 percent by December 31, it is an achievable goal if we try.

Yours in Comradeship
Service to God and Country

Joshua J. Settle
Detachment Commander

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We all know that our Department DEC is on the 22nd October in Saint Avold. I did not reserve a room for this meeting since the attendance over the last year has been very poor. The last meeting we had, there were only a hold full of members. I am really hoping that this year will turn around, and we will have more in attendance. I realize we all have other commitments that we must attend to, but it would be very nice for a change to have enough members to have a quorum for once, and I would really like to meet those that I have not had a chance to meet, I am sure we could have a great time together. In closing please keep those in harms way not only in your thoughts but also your prayers.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country

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Membership

John Fleming
Department Membership Chairman

Legionnaires, please go to the Department website and click on Membership on the left column, you will find lots of Membership information, including Department Membership Reports. I updated the page extensively recently. Thanks.

2011 - 2012

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*This date is also a renewal notice cutoff date.
Department Target dates fall on Saturday, 1 ½ weeks prior to the National Target date to insure receipt at National by the Target date.

Membership Transmittal Procedures 1 ½ week prior to National Target Date:
Saturday and Sunday: Membership Chairman (MC) processes all Transmittals and HQ Post renewals received.
Sunday evening: MC sends an e-mail to Finance Officer (FO) requesting check for National.
Monday: FO sends check via German mail and is received by MC Tuesday.
Monday: MC sends all on hand checks to FO via German mail.
Monday: Prepare and mail Membership cards and renewal letter to all HQ Post 9999 renewals.
Tuesday: All cards and paperwork required for transmittal are packaged for mailing.
Tuesday: Statistics spreadsheet prepared and uploaded to Department website.
Wednesday: Mail Transmittal to National via APO Priority Mail.

POST HAPPENINGS
Below is a partial listing of Post and their General Membership Meetings and dates. If you would like to attend a post meeting, please contact the respective Commander and or the Adjutant
    GR01: First Wednesday day of the month at Post Home
    GR03: First Thursday of the month Post Home
    GR06: Second Wednesday of the month Post Home
    GR07: First Tuesday of the month Post Home
    GR13: Third Saturday of the month Post Home
    GR14: Second Wednesday of the month Post Home
    GR42: Third Sunday of the month Post Home
    GR79: Second Saturday of the month Post Home
    GR1982: Third Wednesday of the month Post Home
    PO01: Third Wednesday of the month Past Com. House
    IR03: First Saturday in April, first Sat. in Oct for elections

Editor's Note:
Please support your Newsletter, send all inputs to the below listed E-mail address. Note new suspense date for Newsletter inputs is the 26th of the month. Remember anyone in the Department can submit inputs to the Department Newsletter.

pisces@t-online.de
James M. Settle
Department Adjutant / Editor
Membership Drive at Vilseck 17 September 2011
Brown and new GR45 Commander Tim Hinning

SAL 2nd DEC in Schweinfurt 1 October  2011
National Convention 2011