AUGUST 2018 MESSAGE

Here it is August already. Time is passing too quickly. It is one of the busier months for the Department officers. Most of the BOT will be traveling to Buffalo, New York for the National Convention. There are several members that will also be attending with some that will be initiating for PDD (gold collar) with the Military Order of the Devil Dogs. One of the important business items to be discussed and voted upon is a significant change to the National Bylaws. Take a few minutes to review the proposed Bylaw amendments and let one of the BOT members know your opinion. Your opinion will help us better represent you when it comes time to vote.

31 August of every year is now the end of the membership year for annual members. The next year dues are payable then. Submit your dues to your Detachment Paymasters now so that you will not be delinquent. Detachment Paymasters are to submit transmittals as soon as possible without waiting for more transactions to add. A steady flow of transmittals will allow Janis Beal, Department Paymaster to process them without becoming overloaded with many transmittals consisting of several pages each.

Communication remains a problem. There are frequent messages sent to the District Vice Commandants to send to the Detachments. Some of these messages are intended for distribution to all members. As recent as today, I received a question from a member concerning a topic that had been sent for distribution to all members just a few short weeks ago. The member had not received that message. I am confident the District Vice Commandants are sending the messages. I know several of the Detachments are sending them out because I am copied on the distribution to their members through an individual message and/or posting on their newsletters and websites. The concern is those Detachments that are not getting the message out to their Detachments. If you are not hearing about a message from the Department through email, newsletter, website, or correspondence at a meeting you need to ask your Detachment Commandant about what he receives from the Department.

Time is fast approaching when we will be going to Birthday Balls, Veterans Day events, and Toys For Tots events. Enjoy your time and do not forget the Fall Conference and Leadership School in Palm Beach Gardens during October. I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference! The hotel is filling quickly so do not delay your reservation.

Semper Fidelis,
George