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Christmas Greetings Voyageurs:

Nineteen days remaining in 2019 where has the year gone? At the end of the year we are to be at 100%. The first of January the 2019 cards are history. In my travels and at local Promenades I have directed the Garde de la Portes to start checking cards (2020) and see that they are signed and make sure they know the password to attend the Promenades. My observation since my last letter membership has slowed down. There are only about six months until the 2021 cards will be available. As a local Correspondante it seems to never end. It is membership that is the life blood of our beloved 40 and 8. Also remember that it is power by numbers. We have lost 15 million and 500 thousand WW II members and 2,000 a day are dying, when Congress looks at our numbers and we are declining, they will assume that there are few veterans votes. This will start to affect our Medical and other benefits we receive. The answer is we need to recruit new members to replace the ones we have loss. When recruiting new members carry the pamphlet from National that explains what the 40 and 8 is all about and it's programs. Just ask are you a forty and eight member. It not why, Would you like to join our great veterans organization.

Remember to make sure to let the local radio stations and newspapers know what you do and what your programs are, so you are recognized in your area.

The Voitures sending in membership is the last two weeks from Illinois are V24-1, V263-1, V405-4, V409-6, V768-2, V796 -9, and V812-11, Thank You Keep Working. Illinois is now at 62.10%.

Indiana is at 50.66% with Voitures sending membership V21-6, V37- 2, V-48-1, V211-11, V249-12, V470-15, V604-1, V813-56, V1103-5, V1250-4, V1310-5, andV1390-3, Thank You.

Arkansas is at 38.98% with no Activity. Iowa is at 52.85% also with No Activity. Latin America is at 81.82% and only needs 2 to be 100%.

Nebraska is at 66.67% with V103-6 and V1068-2 sending cards.

North Dakota is at 73.42% with V240-11 and V291-4 sending cards.

Oklahoma is at 36.45% and V1298-3 being the only Voiture to report membership.

Rhode Island is at 100%. South Dakota had V146 send in 9 cards, they are at 62,57%.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done, don't sit on cards.

Yours in Comradeship,
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