

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON  
10<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**Report for Department Mid-Winter Conference February 2024**

10<sup>th</sup> District held elections on August 27, 2023, at Raymond Post 150. The Department interim administrator Barbara Lombrano was in attendance and ran the elections. The elections results were Jessie Horton as the District Adjutant, Kim Shires 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, and Robert “Bob” Clark as the Commander.

On Oct 21<sup>st</sup> was 10<sup>th</sup> district round table meeting to see how the District leadership could help our posts. The number one problem was most of the post adjutants were new and had no training.

Training was set up for November 13, 2023. It was well attended, and only basic information was presented, i.e. how to process membership and the required forms that need to be sent to Department and National. After the training I have visited some post Adjutants with one-on-one training. The biggest issue for most Post adjutants is keeping up with members that have renewed online. Together, we are work through those issues. As I have informed them all, I don’t know what you don’t know, so please reach out if you have questions.

Since the elections the District Adjutant and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice have resigned because of conflicts with there jobs so I’m a one man show. However, I have great support from several post.

One of biggest problem post leadership is having is not getting their money from the members that have renewed on line. The two questions asked are: “Why aren’t we getting our money or when are we getting our check?” There getting tired hearing of “There working on it”. They understand that as soon as the member pays, they should get their card and if you don’t issue the card right away its can be considered fraud. “When is the post get the money”, is a constant concern. Some of the posts are asking members to pay the post and not use the online system because they need that \$12 dollars from the member to make their budget. This is starting to be issue for all posts in 10<sup>th</sup> District.

I will be scheduling a 10<sup>th</sup> District meeting for February to see if a post would like to host the 10<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference. With the Conference being on a Friday, I know the time will be early evening meeting because of work schedules with some of the post leadership. Location with be reported after our meeting.

In closing, 10<sup>th</sup> District is doing as well as expected. There is lot of areas to work on but right now, I’m just working with the Post leadership to do the basics and get the word out in their local communities of all our programs.

I will not be attending the mid-winter as I’m on vacation. If there needs to be a representative for the 10<sup>th</sup> District during the mid-winter conference, I appointed Robert “John” Clark to represent the 10<sup>th</sup> District in my absence. I will have this appointment ratify at the 10<sup>th</sup> district meeting in February.

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For GOD and COUNTRY

Robert “Bob” Clark, Commander, 10th District.