

Greetings Fellow S.A.L. Members:

I am Jim (Jimmy to some) Hunter, your new Sr Vice Commander. I am from Squadron 615 in Tinley Park. I am proud to be representing you in this position and hope I can fill the big shoes I am following.

My goal this year is to get us back on track for a new streak of all time highs in membership. We only missed it last year by 203 cards. That's only 1.37 %. With the new Squadrons that I know are coming in and our renewals I know that goal is attainable.

Along with our Commander's " Guided By Tradition " theme, my theme is " Casting For Partners ".

What we will be doing is trying to develop more of a partnership with our Legion Family members along with new members. Many of us have been missing asking our other Legion Family members for their eligible family members to join our great organization. Remember, our members get the majority of benefits that a Legion member gets. We also have plenty of pamphlets to show why they should join the S.A.L. . Just ask for and use these great aids.

I just ran into a instance where we had a fellow as a Legion member but his father never served. His father was eligible through his grandfather who served and he joined. Sometimes maybe we forget to ask.

Throw that net out there and see what you can catch and bring to our great organization. Cast for those Partners.

I understand that there are some Squadrons out there already turning in some great numbers. To them we say "Thank You". To the ones already 100% " Congratulations".

Here are some important dates to remember;

Membership target date	25% (2012)	Oct 19, 2011
“ “ “ “	35% “	Nov 16, 2011
“ “ “ “	45% “	Dec 14, 2011
“ “ “ “	60% “	Jan 19, 2012
“ “ “ “	75% “	Feb 8, 2012
“ “ “ “	80% “	March 9, 2012
“ “ “ “	90% “	April 13, 2012
“ “ “ “	100% “	May 11, 2012

Let's see how many of these dates we can beat.

Remember, anytime any of you need any help with any membership problems that is why I am here. I will be happy to answer any questions or come to your Squadron, District, or Division meeting to help solve your problem. I am here for you and the S.A.L.

I am "Casting For Your Partnership"

Your Sr Vice Commander

Jim (Jimmy) Hunter