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DISTRICT 16'S - POST BEST PRACTICES

"MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION."



2016 - Election Year!

Challenge & Opportunity

Every 4 years the election of a new American president provides a special challenge and opportunity for The American Legion.

Election Year Challenge - Non Partisan

Our challenge is to ensure our members do not become involved in the partisan politics of our election process as Legionnaires. **"Policies Not Partisan Politics"** has been a guiding principle of The American Legion since 1919.



Daniel Wheeler, The American Legion, National Adjutant recently sent out this reminder,

"When posts are using their facilities to host candidates, they should remove the emblem and Legion flag to avoid the impression of endorsement."

District 16 considers it a Post Best Practice for Post leaders to ensure their post members understand the principle of **"Policies Not Partisan Politics"** and its importance to The American Legion.

Election Year Opportunity - Get Out The Vote

The American Legion has supported a **Get Out The Vote (GOTV)** program for more than 20 presidential elections. Presidential elections are important to our nation, and they impact virtually every American.

constitution tells us: "To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;" There are not many things more American than voting!

The details of how to run an effective non-partisan **Get Out The Vote** program in your post are available in these free publications from The American Legion.

- [Get Out The Vote brochure](#)
- [Vote, America](#)

District 16 believes it is a Best Practice for all our posts to help
Get Out The Vote!



June 23-26, 2016 Department of California Convention
[Fresno Convention Center](#)

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

Franklin D. Roosevelt



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