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GIVE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Acknowledge achievements

Give a shout out to those who have had big achievements!

Recognize contributions

It's important to recognize contributions made by members and outside organizations!

Credit efforts

Make sure your articles and posts talk about what you did and why or whom!

Honor accomplishments

We must honor accomplishments appropriately. The National website provides several media templates for your use!

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Salute Archivist and Curators!

It's that time of the year, End-of-Year (EOY) Deadlines!

- **Unit to the District by April 11, 2025.**
- **District to the Department by May 1, 2025.**

For those who are newer and don't know, when submitting an End-of Year Report via email, include a “Narrative Report Cover Sheet,” in the first (1st) attachment to the email. A “Unit Cover Sheet” or “District Cover Sheet,” along with your End-of-Year (EOY) and supplemental in a second (2nd) attachment to the email. Lastly, any pictures in a third (3rd) attachment to the email.

When submitting an End-of Year Report via “snail mail,” consider mailing submissions no later than April 4th to ensure they are received by the deadline. Please include a “Narrative Report Cover Sheet,” A “Unit Cover Sheet” or “District Cover Sheet,” along with your End-of-Year (EOY) and supplemental. Lastly, any pictures with details on the back.

For those who don't know, an important part of the end-of-year is the **Supplemental.** The supplemental is the story that tells the details of the work done in the units. The who, what, where, when, and how of the activities. It gives a “shout out,” to the units. A picture is painted of the activity so members can visualize what was done. This is another way to share ideas.

There is a Narrative Model type of supplemental. This is writing a story of what went on in the unit. Programs may overlap and the information can be shared in multiple reports. HOWEVER, THE DOLLAR, HOURS and DONATIONS can only count for ONE program. Any pictures submitted in this report CAN NOT BE EMBEDDED in the report. Pictures must be sent as a separate attachment to this report and pictures should be at the highest resolution.

The Statistical report gives the report on the numbers. The number of times an activity occurs, the number of participants, the number of hours, the number of dollars spent, the number of miles driven etc. This is written in a listing of statistics.

National President Trish Ward has stated she is a “History Buff,” and has respectfully requested a “snapshot,” or photocopy of charters as a “fun History project.” It would be greatly appreciated for units to send “snapshots,” or photocopies of their charters to their District Historians or to this Archivist via email.

Happy Archiving!!

For God and Country

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Proverbs 16:3



Past President's Parley

May 2025

Good News- Nurses Scholarship applications are now being judged!

End of Year reports Deadlines: District Chairman – **May 1, 2025**

Districts to Department Chairman (me) – **May 25, 2025**

Seven key leadership qualities of great leaders:

Brendan Reid, Author

1) **Accountability:**

Taking responsibility for actions and those of your team, both successes and failures, and avoiding blame.

2) **Adaptability:**

Being flexible and able to adjust quickly to changing situations and needs.

3) **Authenticity:** Being genuine and true to oneself, fostering trust and building strong relationships.

4) **Communication:** Conveying information and ideas, actively listening, and fostering open dialogue.

5) **Compassion:** Showing empathy and understanding for others, creating a supportive and inclusive environment.

6) **Self-Awareness:** Understanding one's own strengths, weaknesses, emotions, and biases.

7) **Gratitude:** Showing appreciation for team members and their contributions, fostering a positive and motivated environment.

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Don't forget your PPP Lunch Reservations due June 6, 2025

Reservations Deadline is June 6, 2025.

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Membership

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As we approach the end of the year, we're thrilled to report that we're incredibly close to reaching our membership goal. Thanks to the support and dedication of our members, we've made tremendous progress, and we're now within striking distance of achieving our target. Every single member makes a difference, and your support will help us:

- Continue to provide high-quality resources and events
- Expand our reach and impact in the community
- Strengthen our voice and advocacy efforts.

Let's continue to work together as a team, sharing our expertise and experience to drive innovation and excellence in everything we do. By doing so, we'll maintain our position as one of the largest veterans' support organizations but also ensure that our members receive the best possible service and support. Now is the time to reach out to members who have not renewed and check on them. They may be sick and shut-in or need assistance.

Award dates on the horizon:

85% Department Award Deadline - Passed

95% Department Award Deadline – May 23, 2025

Recruit/Rejoin 10 Award Deadline – June 1, 2025

100% Department Award Deadline – July 4, 2025

102% Department Award Deadline – July 26, 2025

LET'S IGNITE THIS!

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