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DEC

A big shout out to Governor Glenda Schulz for a very successful DEC. Friday's Fun started with the Program Fair, where many skits were performed. I would personally like to thank my **Golden Nuggets**. Awesome job ladies!

That evening we had our membership party where 94 awards were handed out.

- 7 of our Units received the Mother Lode because they reached 100% by Veterans Day.
- A big EUREKA goes out to Units 415, 233, 180, 241, 817, 283, and 497.
- 69 Units reached the 75% by Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2023.
- 18 Units reached 100% by January 1, 2024.
- 1 District has 100%.

I know I had fun as you danced your way to the podium to Pink Floyd's "Money" to receive your certificates.

MEMBERSHIP

The Goal for the Department of California is 18,428 members; at the end of DEC we were at 14,289 members, 77.59% of goal. We are over half way there! Western Division is in second place, 1.59% behind the Southern Division.

Last year at The National Convention we were shouting “The West is the best” - we can do that again! However, we have 14 Units that have not transmitted members for 2024 and 22 Units that have under the 10-member requirement. We need to keep our focus on the prize of reaching our goal of 18,428.

PROBLEMS WITH OBTAINING DD214

One of the concerns that I heard at DEC is what to do if we cannot get a DD214. I went on the national website (www.alaforveterans.org/join) and downloaded helpful tips in obtaining veterans’ military records:

- Visit the National Archivers and Records Administration: archives.gov/veterans.
- The County Clerk and Records Office where the Veteran resided when he/she registered upon returning from service.
- The funeral home may have kept a copy of military honors that were provided.
- Monument company if a Veterans headstone or marker was ordered.
- If the veterans utilized a VA Home Loan, there may be a copy of the DD-214 with the title documentation.
- Veterans who signed up for the VA’s eBenefits may be able to obtain a printable copy: ebenefits.va.gov.

We are well on our way to achieving goal for the 2024 year, but Gold Miners, keep your pans, shovels, and picks dusted off as we go for the **GOLD**. Remember: you are more important than gold!

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