



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!

Donna L. Smith Department Membership Chair E: DonnaLSmith1919@gmail.com



MAY IS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



Also known as Military Appreciation Month, the entire month of May is a special time for active duty and retired military. It is a time designated to honor and recognize the contributions, sacrifices, and service of the members of the armed forces, past and present. Military Appreciation Month plays a crucial role in fostering awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by the military community. It provides a platform for education and dialogue about the experiences of service members, veterans, and their families.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. It serves as a reminder of the profound contributions made by service members. May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, Children of Fallen Patriots Day, and the anniversary of the death of Osama bin Laden.

We pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all. May also marks several other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 9th, and Armed Forces Day on May 17th.

You are encouraged to plan and participate in an activity at your Post or in your community sometime in May to honor our heroes – our veterans and active duty military. And don't forget to offer Poppies every day in memory of all those veterans who gave their lives in service to our country.



Children and Youth

Hello to all the amazing Wonder Women

May 2025

May is here and Boy O Boy the reports are just flowing in and let me tell you the units and districts have been super busy with supporting the Children and Youth program. I won't be going into too much detail this month regarding the activity but soon.

I did want to give you update the TFA, so far this year we distributed over \$3000.00. Last year our budget was cut from \$3000.00 to \$2000.00. I have asked for the budget to be increased to \$5000.00. This means that we are going to need more donations from the districts and the units. We have such a need for TFA's especially now with our units still recovering from the CA Fires. I know it is a lot to ask but we cannot let our Military Children go hungry or have them do without the basics such as electricity, gas, or even a home

I want to send a big shout out to all of the districts and units that Participated in purple up for our Military children. I have been reading the reports and now just waiting for the pictures, you are so amazing and I could not be prouder of all of you.

As we talked about last month, I was able to attend the Jr Conference this year which was held at Camp Arnez right here in the 16th district. It was a beautiful location, and the girls had so much fun. As the Children and Youth chairman I took flowerpots, along with Dandelion seeds and each one of the girls was given this along with the Dandelion poem which is the flower of the Military Child, and we handed out the Military Child table setting.

June is right around the corner and this year we will be having our preconvention meeting by zoom. I will be sending out the Children and Youth code to each of the delegates before the meeting. This will give everyone time to review, so if we need to make any code changes, we have time to discuss them. I think the department will be sending out the date and time, but I will also send out a reminder in the June Bulletin.

I know we have had some Good Deed and Youth hero awards, please be sure to send me a copy because I want to make sure that the units and Districts get the recognition for finding those amazing youths.

The last thing is The Child Well-being fund is the same as the Child Welfare Fund; the name was changed this year, but it is one and the same. I know we are all getting ready to send out those donations, please do not forget this great program. This will be submitted directly to The American Legion, please make sure you send me a copy of the donation.

Let's count down the days until the convention. See you all then.

Please let me know if you have any questions or some new ideas.

To Quote Wonder woman: We Will Fight for Those Who Cannot Fight for Themselves

For God and Country

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Department of California

May Education Bulletin

Happy May Anne Sullivans,

Thank you to all that sent in your EOY reports. I am enjoying reading about all the accomplishments that our Units have done for Education this year.

Are we ready for National Teacher's week April 5, 2025, through April 9, 2025? Our educators work so hard for their students to give them the chance to further their ambitions for the future. This is our opportunity to show them how much they are appreciated. Here are a couple of ideas. 1. Send them doughnuts or something sweet. 2. Provide Teacher Survival Kits with fun and helpful items, such as candy, tea bags, or gift cards.

As our year comes to a close, remember it takes a village, so that our children and their teachers succeed. Looking forward to seeing you all at Convention in June.

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