

MEMBERSHIP

Bulletin #1

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Membership year!

It is an honor to be your membership chairman this year. Throughout the year I will be posting bulletins to keep you informed of where we are and what we will be working on for our deadlines and our special challenges.

As we are a declining organization, it is more important than ever that we are there for our auxiliaries.

CARE: Call And Remember Everyone.

This year our Presidents theme is **HOLD ON BE STRONG**

The theme emphasizes supporting those struggling with depression and reminds our members that through the Auxiliary we can provide strength, support, and assistance to our Veterans and their families. Throughout the year we will be covering this further. So, think of attending your local VA or Veterans home to just say hi. I guarantee someone will have stories to share. See if they have a spouse and what they are up to. **CARE**

We all need to continue to use our **3 R's**.

Recruit, Rejoin and Retain.

At the School of Instruction in Yakima, August 22nd I will be having some incentives.

All attendees coming to the SOI will receive a fun token. EVERYONE!!!

Incentive drawings

1. The first drawing will be for our round up, so bring your dues with you for either a new member or annual.
2. A drawing for any auxiliary with 70% + membership.

Department Challenges

- Throughout the year, if I receive information on an event where your auxiliary does something special for an auxiliary member that is not active. For example: **CARE**, call them to see if they would like to come to a meeting, let them know what time and date. If they cannot drive, see if they would like a ride and pick them up. Share with them what is going on and see if they would like to participate. You never know they may have a friend that would like to have fun too. I will put your auxiliary in for a drawing.
- Suicide Awareness Prevention. An Auxiliary that participates either by taking the class offered by the VA or asking them to come to your auxiliary and give a class, you will be put in for a drawing. Just let me know.
- As our bulletins progress through the year there will be some extra challenges so keep your eyes open it could be your auxiliary.
- Auxiliaries meeting 95+ % by November 30, 2026, will be put in for a drawing.
- Auxiliaries meeting 98% + by February 28, 2027, will be put in for a drawing.
- Auxiliaries meeting 100% + by April 30, 2027, will be put in for a drawing.
- Auxiliaries meeting 102 % + by May 31, 2027, will be put in for a drawing.

NATIONAL AWARDS

- Recruit 5 members and receive a pin, with a chance at a drawing.
- \$50 to each auxiliary reaching 100% + by June 30, 2027.
- National Achievement Award for a member who recruits 20 or more members, a drawing will also take place for this.

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