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## Official Communication for February 1, 2017



### **The new Moose Valued Veterans program is now in effect!**

Moose International is proud to announce that the highly anticipated new Moose “Valued Veterans” program is now in effect. The newly added Valued Veterans section of the Moose International website is now accessible, and Veteran members can now ‘self-identify’ under “My Membership Record.” Additionally, lodges and chapters can now access Valued Veterans reports in the ‘Admin’ section of the website.

Please visit the new Valued Veterans section of the website at [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org), under the Members Area, Programs & Events area to learn more about the program components and how the program is implemented in the lodges. More information will follow in the coming weeks and months as we navigate through our debut year of what we expect to be an ever-evolving, continually improving, and truly important fraternal program.

### **Lodge Safety Inspection Information Can Now Be Entered via your Admin Menu - Form Due April 1, 2017**

April Lodge Safety Inspection Forms can now be entered and is due no later than April 1, 2017. The form is an electronic form and is the only form being accepted. It can be located on the Mooseintl.org website-Moose Admin. (where the Heart of the Community Form is located)-Forms-Lodge Safety Inspection Form-April 2017. Once the form has been completed and submitted, [a message will display confirming the information has been submitted to Moose International](#). A confirmation email will be sent to the Lodge’s smart mail account ending in “mooseunits.org” within ten (10) business days of receiving the form.

Lodges that fail to submit the completed form by April 1, 2017 will have a Compliance Modifier added to their 2017-2018 Risk Pool Assessment, which will increase the amount the Lodge pays for the Risk Pool Coverages.

**PLEASE NOTE: REGIONAL and TERRITORY MANAGERS NOW HAVE ACCESS TO SEE IF FORM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED, just as you do for the Heart of the Community Report.**

If you have any questions regarding the APRIL 2017 Electronic Lodge Safety Inspection Form, please contact Ann Price at 630-859-6615 ([aprice@mooseintl.org](mailto:aprice@mooseintl.org)) or Cherie Staples at 630-859-6637 ([cstaples@mooseintl.org](mailto:cstaples@mooseintl.org)).

### **2016-2017 Moose Journalism Awards Open!**

**Entries are now being accepted for the 55th Annual Moose Journalism Awards!**

This year, just like last year's contest, all entry forms will be posted **online only**. Participants can download entry/informational forms online through the Moose International website under the Members Area under News, the Heard of Moose? Facebook page, and Official Communications.

The Moose Journalism Awards program seeks to encourage and motivate editors of all Moose publications towards the achievement of consistently high journalistic standards in their newsletters and, through such achievement, to enhance communication and shared information between Moose members and their Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Higher Degree Councils, and Associations.

**The deadline for website submissions is 4:30pm CST, Friday, February 24th, 2017. The deadline for publication submissions is 4:30pm CST, Friday, March 3rd, 2017.**

Winners of this year's competition will be recognized during the International Moose Convention in Tampa, FL June 29- July 3, 2017.

Questions about the contest can be directed to the Moose International Department of Communications at (630) 966-2229.



### **Moose Rewards Double Points Ends February 28, 2017**

Don't let your sponsors miss out on double Moose Rewards points! Our Moose Rewards special promotion will end February 28, 2017. This doubles their efforts in getting closer to redeeming valuable incentives. As a reminder, members can now verify the number of Moose Rewards points by entering their Moose ID Number and click View Points under the member section, Programs & Events, of the Moose Website. This is a quick and easy way for members to check to see the number of points earned without having to go into their personal member record.

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