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VALUED VETERANS - Annual Program Timeline Now Available / Self-Identification Deadline for Spring Recognition Ceremony

The Annual Program Timeline for the Valued Veterans program (attached) is now available on the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org, under **Valued Veterans / Administrator & Recorder Information**.

Tomorrow, **February 28th, is the self-identification deadline** for veterans to be recognized at the **first semi-annual recognition ceremony in April**. If Moose veterans identify *after* this date, they will be recognized at the semi-annual recognition ceremony in *November*. **Recognition at the semi-annual ceremonies includes the presentation of the Valued Veterans pin and Certificate of Appreciation**. As described in the attached Valued Veterans Annual Program Timeline, Moose International will ship these items to lodges by the third week of the month prior to the ceremony (the 3rd week of March for the April ceremony; and, the 3rd week of October for the November ceremony).

Deadline Extended to March 10 For Entries to 2016-2017 Moose Journalism Awards!

The deadline for website and newsletter entries for the 55th Annual Moose Journalism Awards **has been extended to Friday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m. CST!**


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.

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 or forms can be directed to the Moose International Department of Communications at (630) 966-2229.

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Valued Veterans

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DATE	ANNUAL TIMELINE
FEB 28	> Last day members can self-identify on the Moose International website to be recognized at the April recognition ceremony. Members can also call (630) 859-2000 to self-identify.
MAR 15	> Moose International ships Valued Veterans Pins and Certificates of Appreciation to lodges for newly identified Valued Veterans. (Lodges to receive 3 rd week of March, to be used in the April/Spring recognition ceremony)
APR 1 - 30	> Lodge conducts Spring Recognition Ceremony ; (<i>no later than 4/30</i>). > Pins & Certificates of Appreciation presented to all newly identified veterans. > Moose Valued Veterans video is played to honor all veterans in attendance.
MAY 1	> Lodge Officers should make "Valued Veteran of the Year" nomination forms available to entire lodge membership (Available on the Moose International website www.mooseintl.org). > Nominations should be based on nominees' efforts to serve the community during the previous campaign year , and without regard to their military accolades .
JULY 31	> Completed Nomination forms for "Valued Veteran of the Year" from lodge membership due to lodge's Heart of the Community Chairman. The Heart of the Community Chairman will: 1) Enter all nominees' names onto a single ballot; 2) Attached all veterans' nomination forms to the ballot; and 3) Make enough copies of the ballot 'packet' for each member of the Voting Committee.
AUG 31	> Deadline for the Voting Committee to vote on a single 'Valued Veteran of the Year' for the lodge and its affiliated chapter (*Only one person receives this honor in the lodge annually). The Voting Committee should include the Lodge's Officers and the Heart of the Community committee .
SEPT 1	> Deadline to submit Lodge's "Valued Veteran of The Year" to Moose International's Activities / Heart of the Community Department. (Email name & membership #: cmondrella@mooseintl.org)
SEPT 30	> Last day for members to self-identify on the Moose International website to be recognized in the November recognition ceremony. Members can also call (630) 859-2000 to self-identify.
OCT 15	> Moose International ships Valued Veterans pins, Certificates of Appreciation, & "Valued Veteran of The Year" Certificates to lodges for newly identified Valued Veterans. (Lodges to receive 3 rd week of October, to be presented in the November recognition ceremony).
NOV 1 - 11	> Fall/November Culminating Recognition Ceremony - <i>*To be held on/before Veteran's Day.</i> > Pins & Certificates of Appreciation presented to newly identified veterans. > Moose Valued Veterans video is played to honor all veterans in attendance. > The Lodge's Valued Veteran of the Year is honored; receives Moose Intl. certificate. <i>*Specific format for recognition ceremonies will be sent to lodges prior to these events.</i>

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