

Official Communication for March 24, 2017

Valued Veterans Pins & Certificates Shipped Last Week For Semi-Annual Spring Recognition Ceremony – April, 2017

Pins and Certificates of Appreciation for newly identified Valued Veterans through February 28, 2017, were shipped to Lodges and Chapters the week of March 13th, and should arrive any day, if not already. In each of the shipments, Administrators and Recorders also received a list of their new Valued Veterans, along with their phone numbers and email addresses to help when inviting these members into the lodge for the semi-annual Spring recognition ceremony, which should occur any time this April, 2017. Have you begun to plan your Spring Valued Veterans recognition ceremony yet? If not, now is the time!

We ask that Lodge Administrators and Chapter Recorders who have received these shipments to promptly coordinate their efforts to ensure that any and all of the newly identified Valued Veterans from their Lodge, and its affiliated Chapter, are invited to the Lodge to attend the *same* semi-annual Spring recognition ceremony.

As a reminder, any member that was identified in their Membership record *after* February 28, 2017, will be included in the next shipment of pins and certificates, which will arrive to Lodges and Chapters during the third week of October. These Valued Veterans should be recognized in the next semi-annual Fall recognition ceremony, which should occur on or before Veterans Day, November 11th, 2017. Please note that this is the same time as Member Retention week, which runs from November 5-11th this year, so this ceremony can count as one of the four required Member Retention events.

Although lodge Administrators currently do not have access to members' membership records where they can be identified as Valued Veterans, they can still assist them in the following ways:

1. Have them call our Member Services department at (630) 906-3658, and have the membership number available;
2. Help them set up a membership record from any internet-connected computer/device by accessing www.mooseintl.org. All you need is their membership number. Once in their membership record, just check the box "Veteran."

*A Valued Veterans lodge poster describing these methods for self-identifying will be sent to all lodges in the Spring campaign mailing in late April/early May.

Thank you, in advance, for doing your part in ensuring that our Moose Valued Veterans receive the recognition, support and honor they deserve!