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## Official Communication for October 18, 2017

### Valued Veterans' Pins & Certificates, And 'Valued Veteran of the Year' Certificates Arriving Soon!

Administrators and Chapter Recorders, please be on the lookout for a special package from Moose International to arrive this week. The *primary* lodges and chapters of all members identified as Valued Veterans between 3/1/17 and 9/30/17 will receive pins and certificates no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. These items should be presented at the semi-annual recognition ceremonies in November.

**IMPORTANT:** Only members who were identified in their membership record between 3/1/17 and 9/30/17 will be included in this fulfillment. We ask that you do not request a special shipment for anyone not identified between these dates. Anyone identified after 9/30/17 will receive their pin and certificate during the Spring ceremony, in April, 2018.

When you receive the shipment, and you believe that a pin and certificate is missing for someone that you are positive was identified between 3/1/17 and 9/30/2017, please contact Brian Schimek immediately at [bschimek@mooseintl.org](mailto:bschimek@mooseintl.org), or call at (630) 966-2257, to arrange for a replacement pin to be sent prior to your November ceremony.

Enclosed with your shipment you will find a list of names and phone numbers and/or email addresses of all Valued Veterans to be honored. **Please invite them in as soon as possible** for your November ceremony to ensure their participation.

**IMPORTANT:** We emphasize the importance of Administrators and Chapter Recorders collaborating to ensure that all veterans, male or female are recognized at the same recognition ceremony in November. WOTM veterans should not merely receive their pins and certificates privately in their chapter meetings; instead, they should be honored in front of the entire membership alongside their LOOM veterans, or alone if no LOOM veterans are being honored.

**Valued Veterans of the Year** will also be honored at the November ceremonies with special certificates, also included in this shipment. Please be sure to invite these veterans to your ceremony, too, even if they were already identified this past spring. In cases when your Valued Veteran of the Year is also receiving their initial pin and certificate, it is recommended that this be done *first* with any others being recognized; and that you present the special 'Valued Veteran of the Year' certificate as the culminating presentation towards the end of the ceremony.

Thank you for all that you are doing to ensure that all of our Moose Valued Veterans receive the honor and recognition they deserve!



### **Member Retention Week, November 5 – 11, 2017**

Plans should now be in place for Member Retention Week. Lodges and Chapters will receive their multiple month expired member kit tomorrow, via e-mail. This will allow time to contact expired members prior to the start of Member Retention Week by inviting them to stop in and pay their dues and enjoy one of the fun-filled events planned during Member Retention Week. Need help? Please contact your Territory Manager for ideas and suggestions!

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