

Two's News

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Hello, District 2 members!

Hope you are surviving the winter. I know I am really getting tired of all the wind lately, but spring is in sight.

District 2 Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 15th in Park River. 2pm Social, 3pm meeting

Along with spring comes our annual Impact reporting. Every hour and dollar we report shows Congress what we do and how we are impacting our veterans and their families. Please encourage your members to keep track of their time and money spent helping veterans and their families as well as volunteering in their communities and church. Year-end reports are due to me by **April 15th**. Feel free to bring your impact reports to the Spring Meeting.

Someone recently asked Marcy –

How to account for hours caring for a veteran spouse. Here is the response from National Headquarters:

Hi Marcy. Thank you for your email. Caregivers can now be awarded "Service to Veterans" hours which may accumulate for hour bars as well as count for impact for the time spent providing care and assistance to Veterans within their families if they do not receive PROFESSIONAL compensation for doing so. VA stipends (PCFAC stipends) do NOT count as professional compensation.

If the caregiver lives with the Veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do NOT live with the Veteran, then they may be awarded 5 hours a week. The onus is placed upon the caregiver to report these hours through the existing structure within their units and departments.

These hours can be claimed for activities such as _but not limited to_

- * Medical appointments*
- * Any assistance provided with activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, feeding, managing prescriptions, etc.)*
- * Support activities outside the home such as errands*
- * Activities that positively impact the health and welfare of the Veteran*

Only the highest earned hour bar will be awarded. For those departments that track both "hospital" hours as well as "Service to Veterans" hours, these hours would fall under "Service to Veterans".

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,

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Winter Conference was held January 27-29 in Minot. National President Vickie Koutz and Northwestern Division National Vice President Marlene Boyer were in attendance.

President Vickie spoke about POW-MIA awareness. If you have family or know of someone that has family missing in action, consider sending in your DNA. There was a 99-year-old woman that sent in her DNA, it helped them find her brother that had been MIA for many years.

Vice President Marlene Boyer spoke about taking part in the walk to Capital Hill and Bill 1040- concerning the Greatest generation- WWII Veterans.

Membership- continue to send in your dues as soon as possible. Do not hold them. Check with your post to get their roster. How many have spouses that are not members? Invite them to your next meeting, ask them to join.

Reminder to update your Constitution and By Laws also your standing rules. A copy must be turned in to Diane Kraemer. There are 146 units in the state, 14 have been reviewed, 8 under review. Only 1 unit has turned theirs in from District 2. Let's get this done as soon as possible.

Stay warm and I will see you April 15th.

Shelley Schuster
District 2 President

PS: When you get a chance, please let me know when your monthly meetings are scheduled. I would like to visit your unit.

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