



Northwestern Division Veteran's Affairs
and
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Hello and Happy March—the month of Mardi Gras and leprechauns—where we all might feel a little bit Irish. If you take a look at the dates to remember, March is also the month where we Spring Ahead with the beginning of Daylight Savings Time, where we take a moment to honor the women who came before us and of course, we can't forget The American Legion's Birthday.

Do you know of any birthday celebrations going on in your Department? Be sure to share what is going on in your Departments. Thank you to everyone who is posting to the National VA&R Committee Facebook page. If you've seen something that a Unit in your Department is doing please do not hesitate to share it. Who knows, your post might inspire an idea for someone else.

This past month saw birthday celebrations at VAs, BINGO, ice cream socials and so much more.

We are rapidly approaching that time of year where Units are writing and submitting reports. Please reach out to the Units in your Department and encourage them to send in a report. If it helps you, give them a list of questions to answer in preparing their narrative to you. Some good examples of questions include: did your unit participate in Wreaths Across America, did your unit provide anything to veterans around the holidays or any other time of the year, did your unit participate in any suicide prevention training or rallies, etc.



Dates to Remember:

- ✠ 3/1 Seabee Birthday
- ✠ 3/3 Navy Reserve Birthday
- ✠ 3/4 Hug a GI Day
- ✠ 3/9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ✠ 3/13 K9 Veterans Day
- ✠ 3/15 American Legion Birthday
- ✠ 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- ✠ 3/21 Rosie the Riveter Day
- ✠ 3/25 Medal of Honor Day
- ✠ 3/29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Women's History Month



Of course you can always contact me if you have questions or concerns. My contact information is below:

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Monthly Message from:

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Have you begun organizing your information for reporting? I hope you've been collecting your data and photographs in preparation for reporting. Many Departments begin their reporting process at the end of March.

Here are a few brief reminders about reporting. Please report what you do. Congress reviews our reports and the members make decision, often based upon what they've read. Be sure to take quality pictures. Pictures from Facebook, as I've said before, cannot be used on the National stage or in ALA publications. If you need specific information about picture quality, please contact the ALA Communications Department.

I am looking forward to seeing you on April 3 at our Q3 Zoom. We will discuss some really important information.

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