



Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

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I would like to share an exciting project that we are working jointly on with our Public Relations Chairman Patti Galatioto. That is proclaiming November as **“Veterans, Military and their Families Month”**. Seeing that we are in the middle of September, we will need to act quickly. We are asking that you send a letter to your local Mayor or local governing agency. Patti has provided a sample letter that you can alter to fit your area. She has also provided two proclamations to accompany your letter. One signed by **President Obama** in 2013 proclaiming November as **“Military Family Month”** and one signed by **President Trump** in 2019 proclaiming November as **“National Veterans and Military Families Month”**. We are asking that the wording in the proclamation include **“Veterans, Military and their Families”** to show our appreciation. Patti will be sharing information from a Public Relations standpoint on working the programs together to prove that we truly care about honoring our **Veterans, Military and their Families**. Think of how good you will feel knowing that you were a part of making this happen.

Our National Chairman, Lisa Williamson has asked that we share something new and exciting about reporting this year. National will not be asking for Mid-Year Reports. Instead, they are asking that members and Units share the stories and photos of their events as they happen. Doing this while the details are fresh in your mind makes it easier to present a clear and better picture of your event. You simply email your District Chairman who will forward it to the Department Chairman who will forward it to the Division and National Chairman. Just remember to include these events in your year-end supplementals I am being told that more changes are afoot from National as well. I will forward them to you as soon as I hear. Just remember that so far nothing has changed for Mid-Year Reports for our Department.

Remember to be kind to each other. It will make all of us have a better day.

Glenda Schultz – DOC VA&R Chairman