Endorsements for Department Offices

November is the month for giving thanks. I would like to thank all of you for the honor to be your Department President for this 2nd term. I absolutely love this position. Meeting all of you, sharing information to the Units, Districts. Learning from National all the upcoming events of the new year. Working as a team.

With that being said, I need to also encourage all of you to think about your own desires to hold a Department Officer or Chairmanship position. It's never to early to start thinking about what you would like to do to help our Department grow and thrive.

Endorsed Positions include: Department President, 1st Vice VA&R (Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation), 2nd Vice (Children & Youth), Historian, Chaplain and this upcoming year is I believe NEC (National Executive Committeewoman/man) and Alternate NEC

At one time, not so long ago, a member would run for Chaplain or Historian, and that election would be the beginning of your run up the chairs. Chaplain, then Historian, then 2nd Vice (C&Y), then 1st Vice (VA&R), then Department President. By going up the chain, when a member finally made it to the office of President, she/he was fully prepared to hold that position because she (now including he) had held and worked all the major positions we work with on a daily basis. You would have the knowledge to help your officers and chairs with their positions if needed.

This bulletin is to encourage you to look into yourself, and if you have the pull to step up, or have any questions about stepping up, reach out. Ask your questions, talk to your Units/Districts, the Department Officers or Chairs and let them help you with the information you are seeking.

These are all simple positions…if you have held any in your Unit, you know it's not hard. Children & Youth, you receive information from your department officers and share it. Department receives it from National. VA&R, a lot of people are worried that it's a huge position. Yes it is, BUT, remember you as the Department VA&R chair, is just that, the Chair, you have an entire team to work the program with. Department President, this position oversees the entire department. Again, you receive your information from National, you work with your District Presidents and Chairs. You help guide the Districts/Units.

It's early in the year, but I encourage you to all look around and see if you see someone who would be a great leader for our Department. It's a fun, exciting time. Make no mistake, it is a commitment, for the members…the position…the organization…but so very rewarding and fulfilling. You are the face of the organization, no matter what position you hold…so step up, step out and donate your time and assistance.

You the members are the American Legion Auxiliary, please consider being a leader for our Department. April/May is a perfect time to have your Unit endorse you for a Department or District officer or Chair. That allows time for the endorsements to be published to our membership.

For God and Country

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Department President 2026-2027