

Here we are already in May. 250 years to celebrate because of our veterans.

Maybe if they allow me to continue in this role I will someday get it right. I do believe I have been remiss in communicating with you. I need to share thoughts with you more often and definitely use Facebook and email more effectively. I NEED to know what I can do to make you feel more comfortable in sharing your activities. I even missed the boat on using the hashtag enough. This year let's blow up Facebook with what we do. Post on your post and auxiliary website and also #. I will follow everybody who lets me. Tag me. I want to NEED massive storage for your pursuits. The reason people go to church is to be supported in their faith. The same idea can help us all remain motivated. Allow me to share your success with others. If you do something special fill out a program award entry then and there. Submit multiples. And think outside the box. A wish list has things but smiles are earned through action. Research the Veterans Legacy program.

Just for fun I am including a brief look at what was reported in 2025-2026.

9 reports from auxiliaries (3 from 1433) including erecting a gazebo, crocheting beautiful blankets, filling a Flagstaff library, Gift bags, guitars, baby items and membership events.

10 Grant applications from casket flags, necessity bags, wheelchair bags, shoes, tracphones, cookies and more. We left about \$10,000 unused. Ouch!

5 entries for National Auxiliary Awards from Auxiliaries 1433, 3632, 9399, 10254 and 11014. If I had a budget, you would all get recognition. Though I do believe you all are too humble. Your work counts and IS appreciated.

By the way, every time I visit the department website, I discover something I missed. There is a wealth of information there. Also watch for message from our National Ambassadors.

Keep up the good work and help each other enjoy this anniversary of America with all our veterans who keep us free.

So, three cheers for 2026-2027. Can someone clue me in what the new # will be? I will be making a sticker for my computer monitor.

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