

Historian & Media Relations Promotion #1 | July 2023  
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Just as I look forward to getting to know you, I want to share with you who I am.

I am a Life Member of Black Lamberjack Carey, Ohio Auxiliary 3759. I joined under the eligibility of my son, who served in the United States Air Force in four foreign conflicts and is now retired. My husband, Ben, is a Vietnam veteran. I have held numerous positions and Chairmanships on the Auxiliary, District and Department levels. I am a past Department President (2016-2017) and a member of the Circle of Excellence. I am also a Past National Council Member Area D, as well as being a Page for National Conventions.

Ben and I share two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. We enjoy spending time with family and camping. I also spend some of my spare time relaxing by playing the hammered dulcimer.

I am incredibly honored to be beginning this Program Year as your National Historian & Media Relations Ambassador. I am excited about what we can achieve together. Here are a few things I want us to focus on this year.

**Mindfulness:** Be mindful of people you are photographing. Some people may not want to be included in the photo or for one reason or another, could be at risk if they are photographed. This is when it's important to utilize Photo Releases, which can be found in MALTA member Resources. Also, when photographing our young people (children).

**Revive:** I want to revive a lost art. That's the art of storytelling. After your Auxiliary completes a Program project, take a moment to write down the story of your work. Who did you help? Why? What led you to reach out in this project? It's through stories that we stay connected. If we share those stories with others looking to serve, we can multiply our capacity for preserving your Auxiliary memories.

Let's smile at new members and make them feel welcome. Let's open ourselves up and pour ourselves out and let others in. Let's give ourselves permission to feel the moment through your camera lens. Let's put our photos on our Auxiliary walls and memories in our hearts. Let's turn our Auxiliary stories to honor each other and the history of your Auxiliary. Let's find the beautiful thread that ties everything together with joy and consideration for one another. We don't need everyone to excel at the art of photography. Let's learn the art of communication through photos.

Let us begin to build our momentum to greater success of preserving our Auxiliary heritage and

history. As the dawn of a new Program Year begins to rise over the horizon, there are a few things to be accomplished:

1. Begin interviews of your Auxiliary Legacy members (older)
2. Develop those Historian scrapbooks,

Together We Can...and Together We Will. We, the Historians of our Auxiliaries, may be the only hope of saving those memories.