

2026-2027 Department of Illinois Membership Awards

KATHY'S KITTENS THE CATS MEOW PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest percent of membership by July 1 (10-150 members)

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest percent of membership by July 1 (151 and over members)

SUE CC'S TWO TIMERS PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1 (10-150 members)

JO'S STARLIGHTERS PLAQUE – to the unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1 (151 and over members)

DOUBLE D BOOT KICKERS PLAQUE – to the District for the highest percent of membership by July 1. Vice President gets citation in a blue folder. (Districts up to 900 members).

DEPARTMENT AWARD PLAQUE – to the District for the highest percent of membership by July 1. Vice President gets a citation in a blue folder. (Districts 901 and more members).

SHARON'S HALOS PLAQUE – the Division for the highest percent of membership by July 1. Vice President gets a citation in a blue folder.

PAT'S KNIGHTS PLAQUE – to the Unit for the highest numerical gain in Junior membership by July 1.

FAMILY CARAVAN (January 14-23, 2027) – the Unit that brings the most membership at each stop will receive an award.

LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS – to the Division and 2 Districts (1-900, 901+) with the highest percent in membership on January 27, 2027 (President and Vice President). Winners will receive a jacket and a breakfast ticket **if they are present** for the program on February 10th and the breakfast on February 11th.

PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS – to any District President/Vice President and Division President/Vice President that are goal by opening of Patriotic Conference, they will receive 1 free night at the hotel or monetary equivalent if not staying at the hotel because they live in the area. **Must be present to win.**

100% AND 101% MEMBERSHIP AWARD – any 100% Unit by Department Convention gets 2 100% pins with a 2026-2027 Bar and a certificate. The first Division in each category (1-900, 901+) to reach 101%, the President/Vice President will receive \$150.00 each. The first District in each category (1-900, 901+) the President/Vice President will receive \$75.00 each.

Traveling Necklace/Tie Tac Awards and Target Dates

Traveling Awards will move on the following dates. Division Presidents & Vice Presidents with the highest % in membership/District Presidents & Vice Presidents with the highest % in membership in each category (1-900, 901+) in each Division.

- * September 27, 2026 - Blue Ribbon Fair Day (President Linda's Birthday)
- * December 7, 2026 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance
- * March 19, 2027 – Patriotic Conference
- * July 8, 2027 – Department Convention

Membership Target Dates

- * September 27, 2026 – **25%** Linda's Blue Ribbon Fair Day
- * November 4, 2026 – **50%** Veterans' Day at the Fair
- * March 10, 2027 – **85%** Merit Medallion Trophy Day
- * May 24, 2027 - **95%** Illinois Poppy Day
- * June 30, 2027 – **100%** Happy Independence Day
- * July 31, 2027 – **102%** Blue Ribbon Celebration Day