

Reflections

Summer Issue

Moose International Implements One Moose



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Lifetme Achievement Award
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD SELECTION



Danny Williams
Lifetme Achievement Award
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TIME IS LIKE A RIVER. -- You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy Every Moment.

The deadline for the next issue of *Reflections* is:

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On The Cover:

At Mid-Year, Danny Williams received the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Honorary west Virginia Moose Association Past President. Both were well deserved for our Moose Brother.

Jim Means



Valued Veterans

Moose Veterans Serving Then, And Now!

We Thank You!

FROM EDITORS DESK

Jim Means

As we emerge from 2021, moving into 2022, our world is changing at a very rapid pace on several different fronts. As we gradually evolve into a dissipating COVID world we turn our thoughts to a One Moose Organization. Which, has us all scratching our heads on how best to implement the procedures to become, “The Moose”. Many of our Lodges are struggling or have closed, yet most of our members are dedicated to rebuilding our Fraternity. The local communities that we live in need us more than ever now, we can’t let them down! As our Theme for this year states “ We Are Stronger Together.

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**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
JUST
BECAME
MORE
VALUABLE!**



A Message from Director General Scott Hart



SCOTT D. HART
Director General

For a number of decades now, a select few Mooseheart students are afforded the opportunity to spend the summer working at Yellowstone National Park (YNP) as part of the Conservation Corps. On one of those occasions, I chaperoned the students to YNP and spent a few days to attend orientation. During the time, we hiked up a hill (5,500 ft elevation) – that would be a mountain and then some in Illinois, but not in Wyoming. Everyone had lots of energy at the bottom and still a little reserve at the midway point. By the time we reached the top and could enjoy a beautiful view of God’s creation, most of us were slightly out of breath and our legs were rubbery. Although challenging, the hike down was much more enjoyable.

To stand at the top of the hill (mountain) and appreciate the view, you had to put in the work to get there. With our transition to One Moose, that is exactly what you and our entire Fraternity has done. The tireless effort to recognize the need, develop the strategy, negotiate the challenges and execute the plan took a complete team effort by the women and men of The Moose. We were always good, have grown to be better, but now as One Moose we have the full potential to be the best ever! When you look into the eyes of our Mooseheart children, our Moosehaven seniors and those in need within our communities, you realize that it is all worth it. Thank you for being a valuable member of the greatest family on the planet – the Moose family!

The International Moose Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio from June 30 – July 4th is a go! Make sure to register now and book your housing. It is going to be an incredible time as we celebrate our Fraternity being “Stronger Together.” Good news – no mountains in Cincy! See you soon! God Bless!

**FROM THE DESK OF
TERRITORY MANAGER**

Bill Przelenski



THE YEAR HAS COME TO AN END AND THE NEW YEAR BEGINS. WE ARE NOW ONE MOOSE. WOMEN AND MEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SAME COMMON CAUSE. OUR CHILDREN AT MOOSEHEART AND OUR SENIORS AT MOOSEHAVEN.

“THE MOOSE” EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE TO MOVE OUR LODGES, DISTRICT, ASSOCIATION, AND MOOSE INTERNATIONAL FORWARD IN THIS NEW YEAR. WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE TO ACHIEVE THE SAME GOAL WILL LEAD US TO SUCCESS.

WE WILL HAVE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON HOW TO DO ACTIVITIES. WE MUST DISCUSS THESE DIFFERENCES AND COME TOGETHER WITH AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR LODGES. THIS IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT BUT INDIVIDUALS WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL. WORKING WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP ON IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES. YES, THE MEMBERSHIP JUST MIGHT HAVE AN IDEA THAT WILL WORK. IT IS TIME WE ALL WORK TOGETHER FOR US TO PROSPER,

WE HAVE JUST FINISHED A YEAR OF HARDSHIP. WITH THE PANDEMIC AND LODGES BEING CLOSED HAS PUT A HARDSHIP ON EVERYTHING THAT WE STAND FOR. HOWEVER, WITH YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION WE FINISH THE YEAR STRONG, AND EVEN THOUGH WE FINISH WITH A LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP IT WAS BETTER THAN ANYONE EXPECTED. BECAUSE OF YOU THE MEMBERSHIP DID NOT GIVE UP AND CONTINUE TO WORK THE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS AND MADE PHONE CALLS ALONG WITH PERSONAL VISITS TO INDIVIDUALS IN AREAS AND IT HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN OUR MEMBERSHIP TOTALS.

HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS. THE CENSUS SHOWED THAT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA LOST A LITTLE OVER 59,800 PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT OUR GREAT STATE. YES, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE MOVED WERE MOOSE MEMBERS. HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT GET DISCOURAGED AND MOVE FORWARD. WE CAN AS A TEAM WORKING TOGETHER CONTINUE TO MOVE OUR ASSOCIATION FORWARD.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START PLANNING THE FUTURE OF YOUR LODGE. SET UP ORIENTATIONS EVERY OTHER MONTH AND INVITE NEW MEMBERS AND CURRENT MEMBERS TO THE ORIENTATIONS TO LEARN ABOUT THE MOOSE. NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN ACTIVITIES FOR THE LODGE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITIES. WE NEED TO STARTING PLANNING AT LEAST 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE AND GET THE WORD OUT TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PLANS. IF WE DO THIS, WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

IN CLOSING I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF YOUR LODGES AND THE MOOSE ASSOCIATION, WITHOUT YOU WE WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. LET’S PULL TOGETHER AND FOLLOW THESE WORDS: IF IT IS TO BE IT IS UP TO ME.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR THIS FRATERNITY AND YOUR LODGES. LET’S PULL TOGETHER AS ONE AND LETS BECOME WEST VIRGINIA STRONG.



STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Marc Miller

Greetings

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

As we become one Moose, remember we are better together. We believe that our members are unique with different backgrounds and experiences that are essential components for our success. I like to think of goals, not quotas, as we will do this one step at a time. While the past year has brought many challenges, so much inspiring work has been done in and for our communities that have helped us move ahead more united and stronger than ever. We need all of you to be vocal advocates and supporters of our mission. Your leadership is crucial and we cannot do it without you. My wife and I would like to thank all of you for your great hospitality in our travels. This has been a great year for us to be able to visit the lodges in our great state. There is always room for improvement, but I believe we are all trying our best. Again, thank you, and keep up the good work.

Fraternally,
Marc Miller
WV State Moose Association President

NO Application
Fee **MAY 1 – JULY 31, 2021**
to join The Moose

Take advantage of this initiative and welcome your neighbors, friends and family into our Moose family. Remember, our rules prohibit public solicitation of membership. It is suggested that if you post on social media, that you encourage anyone that wants more information to contact you personally.

There is no application fee for the Moose Legion or WOTM Chapter beginning May 1.
(Membership dues must be submitted with the application.)

Cheryl Foster, CA



Hello Moose Sisters, by now you should all have had your first meeting. How did it go?

Our Mid Year Conference went off without a hitch. I have not heard of anyone who got sick afterward, so we must have done something right. Thank you to all who stepped up to work the doors and took everyone's temperature and checked for masks before entering the room.

Congratulations to our new Academy of Friendship members. We had seven who received their degree Sunday morning in Huntington.

Thanks to all that were at the banquet on Sat. night and heard the name of the Lifetime Achievement Nominee for our State and "did" keep it a secret. I was honored to be asked if I would like to help present the plaque to the honoree at Keyser's Installation of Officers on Mon. evening, April 26th and I happily agreed. I asked Sarah Held if she would like to go with me and we had a wonderful two days on the road. Keyser sure knows how to conduct a meeting and installation properly and the food afterward was unbelievable! We won't even talk about those Cupcakes!! As soon as the installation of officers was over, our Deputy Grand Regent, Melissa Stanislawczyk went up to the podium and pulled out the Plaque and read the info on it and said a few words about Sue and her history in their Chapter, and I must say Sue Lusk was quite surprised.

Congratulations Sue Lusk, you were the top choice for our State and you were very deserving of this honor.

Set a time to call your Past Regents together to schedule a meeting and pick a "Co-Worker" of the year. The Treasurer must enter her ID # into the admin menu by Oct. 31st. At the same time select a deserving Sister for the Lifetime Achievement Award. The recommendation form will be e-mailed to the Chapters to fill out and must be returned to me by July 31st. Look around, each Chapter has a deserving Sister who stands out, works hard, volunteers frequently, and is worthy of this honor. This is a great way to honor and celebrate two of your exceptional members. It will give your other sisters something to strive for.

Cheryl Foster

BARBARA SHEPPARD
PDGR/WV WOTM Moose Charities



MOOSE CHARITIES UPDATE

Wow – the beginning of a new year and the end of the kind of year that everyone wants to forget!!! Spring is definitely here because the sun is out, temperatures are warmer, weeds are growing and the grass needs mowed on a weekly basis!!! The masks are slowly going away, however, don't be afraid to still color coordinate your outfits with your mask. We have worn them for over a year and what's another few months.

Taking care of our children and seniors is still the major focus of Moose Charities. We do what we do in our lodges and chapters because of the oath we took when we became members of this great organization. We are inspired by Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

I hope those of you who attended the conference in Huntington had a great time and gained knowledge about "One Moose" while playing it safe. It was the first time in thirty years that I missed a conference, but you were in my thoughts and prayers. I would like to thank all of you who participated in the fundraising for Moose Charities. The numbers that came in were amazing.

Our Mooseheart kids are continuing to keep busy and stay active and engaged, even under these strange circumstances. OUR MOOSEHEART KIDS ARE SAFE and SOUND! They are protected, loved and being safely cared for.

Our Moosehaven campus is taking very good care of our seniors and staff. Our seniors have been the most vulnerable for this dreaded virus and so keep your support, good thoughts and prayers continuing in the upcoming months, although our younger generation is just as vulnerable as numbers are now showing.

Continued support for the Mooseheart and Moosehaven campus is needed more than ever. Please continue to give what you can when you can, all to benefit and support our Moose family. Moose Charities would like to thank you for your dedication.

The Moose Charities website is full of ideas for fundraising ideas and there is always something new happening there. Please check the website on a regular basis.

With the temperatures rising and weather changing, please continue to enjoy the time with family and friends outside. Hopefully it will be a year where we can give actual smiles, without a mask, and Moose hugs to everyone.

Looking forward to seeing my West Virginia Moose brothers and sisters in the near future.

**Sincerely,
Barb Sheppard, PDGR/WV WOTM Moose Charities**

Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
MD DE DC & WV Moose Charities Co-Chairman



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

WV Moose Charities Report

Moose Charities May 2021-Reflections-Report

Hello, WV Brothers and Sisters of “One Moose” !

We made it and are enjoying it like it should have been years ago. Well another Moose year has started and it began much better than last year with Covid-19.

With a new year comes new commitments. Because donations weren’t coming in as usual, after our Conference I asked Moose Charities for a reduction on our obligation to the WV Home Project from \$60,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for the 2020-2021 year and for the 2021-2022 year and it was approved. Don’t really know how we stood at the end for this past year as of yet. With that being said and the Lodges are opening up under new leadership, new members, etc. we all need to talk up the WV Home Project.

Just remember when you have fundraisers for community projects won’t you split the bottom line, ½ for the Community Project and ½ for our WV Home Project at Mooseheart???? ! This is a WV Moose Association Project. It should be number one before all others! Due to our commitments!

Thanks for all your donations to all Moose Charities giving projects. I congratulate all of our League of Guardians who have contributed at least \$1,000.00 toward Moose Charities. When I get this list of Brothers and Sisters I will let you all know.

Fraternally

Danny Williams Sr. PIP
MD DE DC & WV Moose Charities Co-Chairman



**Jim Turner
Jr. Past President**

Hello all,

What better time to sign new or former members. With Moose not charging an application fee this may help swing some people on the fence to join and pay more than one year's dues.

I am glad this Covid thing is a little closer to being under control. With a little luck, we all can get back to normal soon if we remember what normal was.

Remember the International Convention is coming soon and all lodges should be represented The State Convention is coming in August. Make plans to attend so we all come together and move forward and become bigger and better than ever before..

Well my time on the WVMA exec. board is coming to a close in August and I want to thank everyone for their support and help along the way, I am not sure what is in store for the future, but I still plan to be active in the Moose.

**God bless you and God bless Mooseheart and Moosehaven
Jim Turner Jr. past president**

State Treasure

Hello brothers and sister. It was nice seeing many of you at the mid-year conference. With all the Covid restrictions, I think the conference was a success. Now that we are officially One Moose, I hope all of you are finding ways for men and women to work together to make our lodges thrive. It will take all of us to make sure that we make Moose survive. Let's turn this association and Moose around so we can make sure our kids at Moose Heart and seniors at Moose Haven can be taken care of for years to come. Enjoy your summer and I hope to see some of you in Huntington in August.

**Robert Ellifritz
WV State Treasure**

Rodney Wade
HIGHER DEGREES

I would like to say congratulations to our new Fellows and Academy members.

Our Fellows:

Robert Blankenship Barboursville 2586, Mickey Cayton Franklin 769, Bradley Wilt Charles Town 948, and James Kneisly Martinsburg 120.

Our Academy:

Jordan Gehring New Martinsville 2165, Shannon Richards New Martinsville 2165, Paula Gould Princeton 355, Pamela Harper St. Albans 857, Rebecca Tully St. Albans 857, Teresa Beter Barboursville 2223, and Tina Miller Charles Town 1028.

It was great seeing everyone at our Mid-Year Conference in Huntington this year. It had been way too long since we had been together.

I am looking forward to the new year as ONE MOOSE. It is going to be a change, but we can be "Stronger Together". I hope all lodges and chapters come together and make this a great year. I pray everyone stays happy and healthy this year. Looking forward to seeing you all again at our Annual Convention in Huntington in August.

Sincerely,
Rodney Wade

James Dunn
WV state prelate

Brothers and Sisters,

It was great seeing everyone at the convention. Let's show everyone how ONE MOOSE is done.

Since we can start having events in our lodges I hope everyone is using precautions and doing a good job cleaning. I am asking to urge members within the lodges and your communities to get the covid shot if they have not done so. This virus is going to be with us for a while.

At this time I would like for you to say a prayer for all in our communities, lodges, and for Moose Heart and Moose Haven for them to stay safe.

Let's keep WV strong so we can beat this virus and get back to normal.

James Dunn

**Mick Brooks
H.O.C. Chairman
District 3 ATM**



Hello brothers and sisters. Hope all is well with you and your family, also your Moose families. As we slowly get back to some sort of normalcy, we must remember this is the new normal. Maybe this is a better normal, a lot of us have adjusted well. This may just be a good thing. It has opened our eyes wider than ever before as we have seen our family and friends struggle through this last year during the Covid pandemic. The pandemic is not over, even with the last few weeks of school, counties and individual schools are shutting down or implementing more restrictions because of Covid outbreaks.

I feel that getting the Covid vaccine is an individual choice. I also feel that it is the individuals' choice or duty to protect themselves and others against spreading the virus. Enough said about the Covid virus, we all not how it effected us and our loved ones. All of us will remember Covid-19 2020-21.

This is where community service really kicks in. Many of our family and friends have lasting affects from the Covid 19 pandemic, whether it be physical with respiratory damage or mental stress - related. Take time to reach out in your community to help an individual, group, or agency. Just providing meals for home delivery or bottled water to schools, daycares, senior facilities or any agency in need. There is so much good we can do as "One Moose". Let us move forward and show our communities what One Moose is all about. Extend a hand !

As of right now, we have not decided what our Heart of the Community Project is going to be for the convention in August 2021. Although we have several ideas, we are open to suggestions. Please contact Alta or me at 304-813-5234 or 304-813-6225.

Email: kanick50@hotmail.com

Thanks for all you do.

HOC Chairpersons

Mick & Alta Brooks

District # 3 ATM

Chapter Rally Day

Mark your calendars for Sat. Oct. 9th, Chapter Rally Day will be a day to honor and celebrate us. The theme for this year will be, "Traveling Back in Time", where you will be transported back to an 80's Chapter Night, and a Rally Day. (minus the outfits) Registration and hotel info will be sent by e-mail to the Chapters soon. Please note, all Chapters must have representation at Rally day to help towards earning the Award of Achievement.

Lunch will be provided by the Buckhannon Women of the Moose.

An evening of activities is being planned by the Lodge for those that need to spend the night. Plus, Sarah Held is planning some tournaments for Corn Hole, Darts and/or Pool and some table games to fill in the time between the close of the meeting and the evening activities to start. Dinner is also in the works.

Stay tuned, more to come.

Thank you Sisters for all your hard work.

Cheryl Foster, CA



KENNY SIMMONS

WVMA Sports Director

Hello, fellow brothers and sisters just a reminder please send all of your WV Moose Association Golf ball drop tickets to me as soon as possible. This year's state pool tournament will be held at the Beckley moose lodge this fall. If any moose in interested in hosting any sports activities for the WV moose association please contact me. Please contact me at (304) 673-2755 also my mailing address is 227 Fairlea Plaza Drive, Ronceverte WV 24970.

**WV Moose Association
Sports/Activities Chairman
Kenny Simmons**



**Melissa C Stanislawczyk
PDGR WV WOTM**

Greetings,

As we step into the next chapter of this great Fraternity, let us be enthusiastic, excited, and open to the concept of ONE MOOSE. Most people don't like change and we are about to see changes that we may or may not like, but our first concern is our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. I have faith that together as ONE MOOSE will be able to better fulfill our commitment to this Fraternity ONE MOOSE.

I would like to congratulate all of the new officers for the 2021-2022 year, may your year be a successful one, and may you earn your Award of Achievement. I personally am having a hard time remembering the new titles of our officers and chairmen, this old dog has trouble with new tricks. I hope your first meeting is under your belts and I know that each one to follow will get easier.

I would like to congratulate Sue Lusk of Keyser Chapter 191 for receiving the Life Time Achievement Award from the West Virginia Moose Association at our Mid-year Conference in March. I would also like to congratulate the Sisters that earned their Academy of Friendship Degree, from Princeton, Paula Gould; Pamela Harper and Rebecca Tully from St. Albans; from New Martinsville, Shannon Richards and Jordan Gehring; Tina Lynn Miller from Charles Town and from Barboursville Teresa Beter. For those of you who did not make the Mid-year Conference we missed you and hope to see you, maybe not in Cincinnati, but back in Huntington for our Annual Conference.

**Stay Safe, Be Strong and God Bless
Melissa "Stan"slawczy
Deputy Grand Regent**



P Edward Orndorff CAPS CHAIRMAN

Hello Men and Women of Moose One

When people or members come through our lodge doors, attend our social functions or Heart of the Community event to benefit some family in need or charitable cause, we have the opportunity to make an impression.

Loss Prevention

It is the responsibility of every Administrator and Lodge Officer to look out for the well-being of the Lodge. It is your duty to protect your Lodge against losses. Let's examine the losses most watched.

While ninety-nine percent of all losses only need discussion during your Executive Committee meetings to correct, let's look at a type of loss that can cripple your Lodge. The ONE percent is also known as the silent killer (of a lodge).

Many Executive Committees just touch on an incident because it is a long-time prominent member, or an active member who contributes a great deal of time, and worse someone prominent in the Lodge or community.

The mistake Lodges make is not documenting incidents properly. Your Lodge Administrator can gather the relevant facts of an incident and should report those facts to the Board of Officers and the Executive Committee. Immediate action should take place.

Let's look at a case scenario:

This is not an actual scenario and represents no one in your Lodge.

John Doe was in a dispute that evolved into a shoving match. The server did nothing to intervene. Worse...The Executive Committee never knew of the incident because it was never reported properly. Word spread as it does in all Lodges. Of course, every time the story is told it gets a little more added to it clouded by alcohol.

Fast forward 24 months:

You receive a thick envelope notifying you that you are now being sued. As you read, it alleges all the information described above. John Doe is now suing the Lodge for medical bills, lost wages, pain, and suffering, etc. John Doe alleges that he had issues heard before the Executive Committee a year prior to this incident with the same person he fought with and he perceives that the Executive Committee did nothing.

The female member/employee involved, off duty at the time of the incident, is also suing the Lodge because the incident happened on Lodge property and now wants compensation as well. The Administrator is responsible to gather documents and report claims. It is not the Administrators job to embellish or place personal comments into the documentation. No incident is too insignificant. Like I said before, an ounce of prevention is cheaper than a day or days in court with a lawyer trying to explain a safety problem that got a member hurt.

Looking forward to our Conference in August in Huntington, but in the meantime keep plugging away signing, reenrolling, and getting those expired members back in the Lodge.

SAFETY FIRST , BE CAREFUL, BE AWARE, BE SAFE

**Ed Orndorff
CAPS Chairman**

**Danny Williams, Sr. PIP
WV Moose Legion Area Manager
Intl. Moose Legion Secretary**



DANNY WILLIAMS, SR.

Moose Legion Report

Moose Legion Area Manager Report May 2021

Congratulations to a New and better year in “The Moose” !

I would like to thank our Ambassadors Stan Ellison and Robert Ellifritz for an outstanding job performed during this Covid-19 epidemic. We wouldn’t have made it without you. Great job!

There is currently NO FEES in the Moose Legion, just dues. The only qualifications to join are you must be a paid-up male Lodge member and to attend a “Conferral”. The Moose Legion is still the “Degree of Service” an advanced degree of our “Moose”. To become an officer of your “Moose Lodge” you must be either a Moose Legionnaire member (male) or a Chapter member (female).

It was announced by CEO Scott Hart that the International Convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio for July this year is a go! I suggest if you haven’t registered, do so now. When registering don’t forget to get your Moose Legion Breakfast ticket. A lot of Moose Legion information is given out at this Breakfast. I would recommend all Moose Legion Presidents and Secretaries attend, and of course any Directors and all interested individuals feel free to attend. Make sure you order your tickets online. The cost is much more at the Convention.

Thank You for all you do for “The Moose” and for the Moose Legion.

Fraternally,

**Danny Williams Sr. PIP
MD DE DC & WV Moose Legion Area Manager
International Moose Legion Secretary**

MOOSE LEGION AMBASSADORS



ROBERT ELLIFRITZ

**Robert Ellifritz
WV Moose Legion Ambassador
North W,V,**

Hello Brothers

Now that the state is starting to open up more and Covid restrictions are lifting, I hope you are coming up with ideas for functions to have to help raise money for in-house moose legions and your lodges. It's time to get involved and get things turned around and back to normal.

Also, remember that you can now sign a Moose Legion member up when they sign up for your lodges. No waiting 6 months, so take advantage of this opportunity and let's get them involved. Everyone knows they need help or can use an extra set of hands around our lodges so what better way. Teach them the meaning of our Moose values, and what the kids and seniors mean to us. If we don't act now the future could look bad.

There is a virtual Moose Legion officer training class on June 16th at 10 am for all our officers who need it. You must register by June 12th. If you need the class please try to take it if possible. I would like to take this time to congratulate Danny Williams for his life-time achievement awards this year in the state. In my opinion, he was deserving of all that was presented to him. Congratulation Danny!!!

Remember everybody if we don't at least TRY we won't succeed, so lets all give it our best. Hope to see my Moose brothers and sisters soon.

**North Moose Legion Ambassador
Robert Ellifritz**



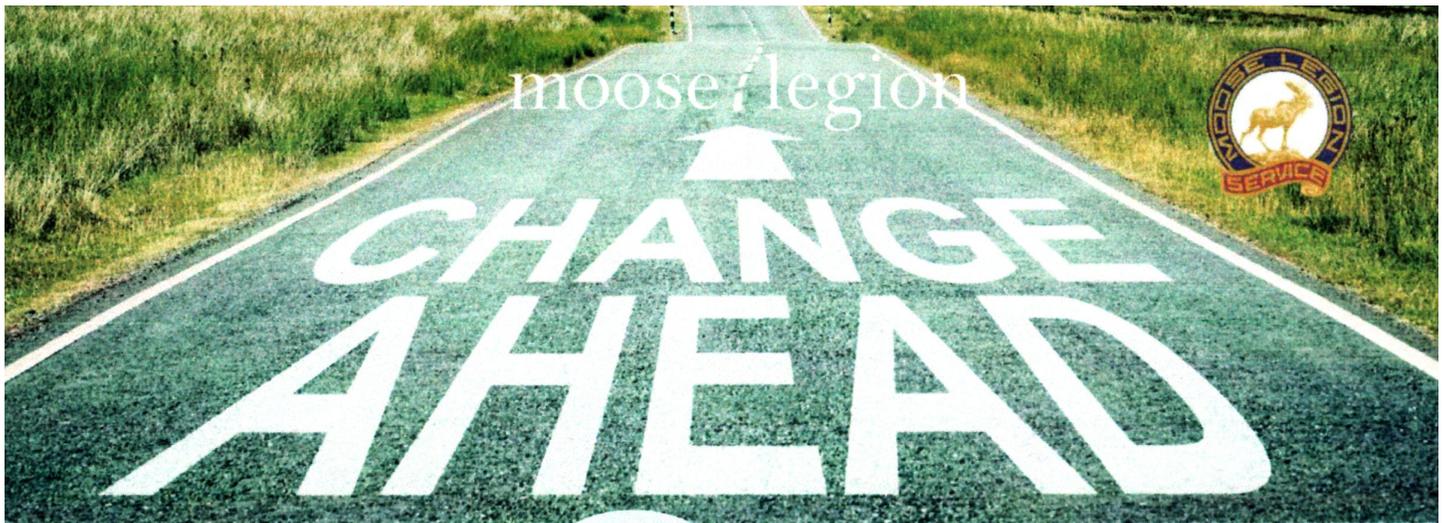
Stan Ellison
WV Moose Legion Ambassador
South W,V,



The real question here is, *“What is a Moose Legionnaire?”*

A Moose Legionnaire is a Moose Member first. Way back in 1913 members along with their spouses wanted to do more to support Mooseheart, and the Legion of the Moose was formed. That is right, men and women working together. Later the Women of the Moose separated and the Moose Legion was renamed. These Moose Legionnaires feel an increased level of pride in membership. Opportunities to be leaders and to provide additional support for the Order’s philanthropic causes in relation to Mooseheart & Moosehaven are recognized through involvement in this degree. Each lodge is encouraged to organize Moose Legion Committees. These groups hold various functions for the social enjoyment of the local members. By so doing not only do the members enjoy their membership even more, but additional support is generated for the lodge itself. Additionally, an area of lodge’s band together and unify efforts to form Moose Legion jurisdictions (sort of like a district). These jurisdictions then hold additional functions for members, set up by the boards of directors elected by the members. They raise significant funds for the support of Moosehaven and Mooseheart as well as general support of the state and provincial associations and indeed the fraternity itself. The Moose Legion is known as being the “Degree of Service” because of the many programs it supports. It is also possibly even better known as the “Fun Degree.” Our members do like to enjoy themselves! Our mission is: “To have fun while providing greater service to the Moose fraternity.” Our motto is: “To do some good thing for someone each day.” Whether a good deed to assist a neighbor or fellow member, or just inviting friends to join the fraternity, doing a good thing each day just kind of comes naturally for Moose Legionnaires. Because if they do nothing other than support Mooseheart with kind words and support, or donate money to help build a new building at Moosehaven, it is in their heart to help others. But a Moose Legionnaire does not always stop there, many become leaders and organize others to build plans and execute them on many levels. Plans to build membership, to raise much needed funds to support our local lodge homes, and of course events to support our kids at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven. And you better believe the word “Fun” will be involved. If you are or would like to become one, please join us at a Celebration and hear the Ritual of the Moose Legion for yourself. Renew your commitment to help others, and stand proud to be a Moose Legionnaire. **THE TIME TO BUILD OUR FUTURE IS NOW! LETS DO IT TOGETHER!!!!!! Don't hesitate to call or contact me with any questions.**

Stan Ellison



New Moose Legion Qualification Guidelines

“Effective Jan. 1, 2021, the qualifying criteria to be eligible for Moose Legion membership was simplified.”

— Bob Neff,
Director of Higher Degrees

Over the years of our existence, the criteria to be satisfied for advancing to the Moose Legion has changed multiple times. When I became a Moose Legionnaire in 1980, a member simply needed to be a lodge member for six months.

There was a period where all one needed was to be a lodge member and, once enrolled, a member could join the Moose Legion that day. We had the “Pride in Four” program some “old-timers” might recall. In that era, a member had to be a lodge officer, a chairman, a sponsor of so many members or a member for at least three years.

Most recently, the qualifying criteria has been to be a lodge member for at least six months or to sponsor at least one member into the Order. We often have heard people say, “he paid a full year, so he has committed to more than six months.” Others have said, “He is interested in stepping up and doing more for the Fraternity, so why can’t he advance now?”

We have often said that “the one constant in life is change.” As we prepare to become One Moose on May 1 – when both men and women will be members and will be eligible to serve in lodge leadership positions, more change is underway. It is our plan and fervent hope that it will make us stronger in the future.

To that point of positive change, to become stronger and better, the Moose Legion Council has listened to our members. There have been many requests to make the membership requirements simpler and end the confusion of who is or is not eligible to advance. Therefore, effective Jan. 1, 2021, the qualifying criteria to be eligible for Moose Legion membership was simplified. This gives us a head start on implementing a variety of changes for the May 1 transition to One Moose.

Effective immediately, a male Lodge member, who is in active status (meaning lodge dues are current) is eligible to be invited to and be conferred into the Moose Legion, which is the Degree of Service. There is no more waiting period for any man who is a current lodge member. Men interested in further service to the Order, have a green light to proceed. He may submit his application as soon as, or anytime after, enrolling in a Moose lodge.

This change will provide an opportunity for a boost in Moose Legion membership during the final months in this fiscal year. Our members have asked for positive change and we believe in this response to that request. Let’s make 2021 a year of growth as we do some good thing for someone each day! ■

**Virginia Lamber
Youth Awareness Chairman**



Winter is behind us, Spring is here. Now is the time to enjoy a few outdoor activities with friends and family.

Moose Youth Awareness Scholarship Program is designed for high school students to share positive messages to preschool and elementary-school age children. They can also motivate and inspire them. Students also have a chance to win scholarships for college.

All the new changes with the beginning of the One Moose I have not scheduled the Youth Awareness Training Classes at this time. The schedule should be complete by the state convention in Aug. 2021. These classes are scheduled from Sept- Oct. on a Saturday morning at 10:00 am, lasting a couple of hours. If your Lodge is interested in hosting a training class please contact me. Without help from the lodges, this program is going to fall by the wayside. This program has helped many students in the past years and can help many more in the future so lets work together and get this program back where it needs to be.

It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful Human beings.

Thank You

**Virginia Lambert
Youth Awareness Chairman**



West Virginia Moose Association Convention

**WVMA Convention, (August 12, 2021 - August 15, 2021)
At the Double Tree, "by Hilton", Huntington WV
1001 3rd ave. Huntington, WV 25701 PH 304-525-1001**



**At the time of this writing the Convention is in Person.
*" Mask Recommended "***



**Join us in Cincinnati from June 30th – July 4th, 2021
for the 2021 International Moose Convention.**

Nestled among the hills of the Ohio River Valley, the City of Cincinnati has the personality and charm of an Old World city, complemented by the stature of a world-class business center. Foodies and food trucks, brew masters and bourbon, football and fuzzleball, tradition and transformation – it's all happening in Cincinnati!

With a cityscape overlooking the mighty Ohio River, Cincinnati is a strikingly pretty metropolis where visitors are never wanting for something hearty to eat, classy museums to visit, and exciting sports events and festivals to go wild over. Dominated by the breathtaking Roebling Suspension Bridge, Cincinnati radiates north from the waterfront and encompasses stylish neighborhoods, urban green spaces, a prominent university, and all-things German.

Registration and housing information is available now at the Moose International Web Site

See you in Cincinnati!

The Moose Rewards Program:

It's simple, you can earn points for sponsoring members, attending meetings, holding office, or just renewing your dues. Every member has an opportunity to participate and your points are awarded automatically without any paperwork or submissions.

Here's what you earn for each activity:

- Sponsor your FIRST ever new or re-enrolled member into the LOOM or WOTM – 6,000 points
- Sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into the LOOM or WOTM – 600 points
- Sponsor your FIRST ever new or re-enrolled member into the Moose Legion – 1,000 points
- Sponsor a new or re-enrolled member into the Moose Legion – 250 points
- Renew your Lodge or Chapter dues – 250 points
- Renew your Lodge or Chapter Dues (year 1 to year 2) – 1,000 points
- Renew your Moose Legion dues – 150 points
- Renew your Moose Legion dues (year 1 to year 2) – 600 points
- Pay dues multiple years in advance – 1,000 points
- Become a Life Member – 1,000 points
- Join the Moose Legion – 250 points
- Become a Life Member of the Moose Legion – 600 points
- Qualify for the 25 Club – 1,000 points
- Attain the next division(s) within the 25 Club – 250 points
- Attain a higher degree of the Order – 1,000 points
- Members you sponsor renew their dues (year 1 to year 2) – 1,000 points
- Members you sponsor renew their dues (year 2+) – 600 points
- Members you sponsor renew their Moose Legion dues – 250 points
- Attend an International Moose Convention – 1,000 points
- Attend an instructor-led, live training session – 1,000 points
- Complete an online training program – 600 points
- Hold an elected office in your Lodge or Chapter* – 8,000 points
- Hold an elected office on your Association Executive Board* – 600 points
- Hold an elected office in the Moose Legion* – 1,000 points
- Attend the Moose Texas Hold 'Em tournament or future select programs – 250 points

**At least 10 months in office and still in the position on April 30th*

Here's how many points are needed to redeem for:

- Annual LOOM dues for Lodges with dues between \$34-\$50 – 22,500 points
- Annual LOOM dues for Lodges with dues between \$51-\$100 – 30,000 points
- Annual WOTM dues – 12,500 points
- Annual Moose Legion dues – 9,000 points
- Registration for the International Moose Convention – 30,000 points
- Contributions to Mooseheart & Moosehaven through Moose Charities* – 8,000 points
- Moose gift store merchandise* – 8,000 points
- Entry into the Texas Hold 'Em tournament – 420,000 points
- Moose cruise fees – 726,400 points

**Represents the number of points for every \$10 contributed or available for purchase*

All program access is online:

Simply visit the [My Membership Record](#) section of the Moose website and your Rewards Record will be contained in your individual section. If you have visited before, simply log in. If you have not, follow the instructions to establish a user profile. You can keep track of your points and redeem them by revisiting this area. To redeem points, you must also provide a valid email address.

The program's official start date is May 1, 2015 and is scheduled to conclude on April 30, 2022. All activities conducted from the start date through conclusion will be counted towards points earned. No activities prior to the start date will be awarded points as previous programs and awards were in place to reward activity. Points are non-transferable. Moose International reserves the right to alter the program at any time.



District News

**Chris Nisewarner
District 3 President**

I Like to take this opportunity to thank all the lodges in district 3 for the hard work and commitment each and everyone has made. We have had a challenging time in 2020 but it did not stop the goals that each and every one of us signed up for. We will always keep moving forward and striving to meet our obligations because we are the Herd of the Moose.

Never forget our children our seniors our family our God and our America.

Chris Nisewarner

**Eugene Huffman
District 4 President**

On May 1st, we became "The Moose", I hope that all of District IV had a special celebration in honor of this momentous occasion. It begins a new era for us as the men and women combine under the umbrella of one Moose organization. If you still have any questions, feel free to contact anyone on the District IV Board for help.

As we move forward, Moose International has updated LCL to reflect these changes, and all of the lodges and most of the chapters have already moved to use the ONLINE QUICKBOOKS. There are to be training sessions available, please attend them as the trainers will be able to help you with any questions or at least get the answers for you.

With Governor Justice announcing that when West Virginia has at least 2/3 of the state vaccinated that we will be lifting the mask mandate, hopefully, this will allow the lodges to return to full capacity and regular business. We have managed to survive through the Covid-19 pandemic. Let's get back to supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven and our local communities!

Speaking of needing support...District IV is holding elections for the Board of Officers, please speak to any member of the current board regarding the requirements to hold office as our female members are now also available to do so.

**Thank you
Eugene Huffman**

2021 Midyear Elimination Drawing



2021 Conference Memorial Service



2021 Midyear Conference

Fellowship Conferral



New Inductees Into The Degree Of Fellowship





Sue Stewart Lusk

Sue, of Keyser, WV Chapter 191 was recognized by Moose International as the LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SELECTION of the West Virginia Moose Association at the Mid Year Conference in Huntington, WV.

Danny Williams

Congratulations to Danny Williams of Berkeley Springs, WV on receiving Both the Lifetime Achievement Award and Honorary Past President of the WV Moose Association.



Activities Around the State During The Covid-19 Lock Down

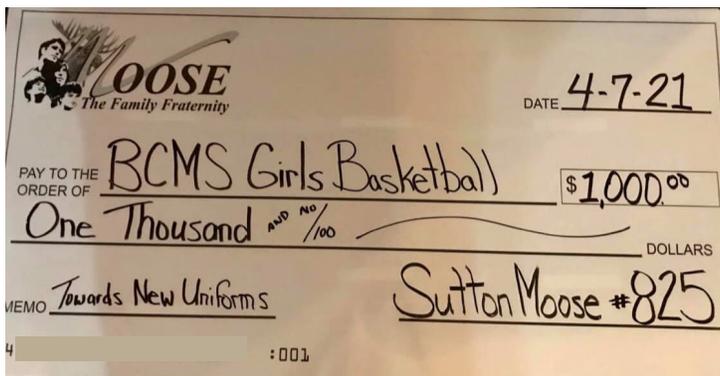


Sutton Moose Lodge 825

It was an honor for our lodge to sponsor part of the wall padding for the new youth wrestling facility in Gassaway. The total cost of wall padding was \$3900, so great job by the board and parents fundraising for this venture. What a great opportunity for the youth in our county! Great job for all who helped make this dream a reality!!



BCMS Girls Basketball Varsity and JV for 2020-2021. The girls had a great season and received a donation towards new uniforms for the upcoming year





NITRO WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Cheryl Woodall Foster presenting \$500.00 to Nitro Food Pantry. One of our last community service donations before Nitro 757 is dissolved

WV WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Making no sew blankets with the lovely ladies of the Saint Albans Moose. Thanks Pam Valentine for asking us to help



ROMNEY MOOSE LODGE

Donations to the food bank are amazing this year we are so excited to be able to make this donation and it's never too late to donate at the Romney moose thank you everyone.





Valued Veterans

Moose Members Serving Then ... and **NOW!**

Five years ago, the Saint Albans Moose began to hold a monthly Valued Veteran's Breakfast which had proven popular with our local veterans, several of whom have become members of our Lodge. This community service project is open to all Veterans and their families, they do not need to be a member of our lodge to attend the breakfast. Our lodge officers wished to find another way to show our Veterans our appreciation and looked around for ways to help those who have served our country.

In late fall, 2019, we came up with the idea of paying one utility bill up to \$200.00 for one Valued Veteran a month. We spoke to several of the attendees to our Valued Veteran's Monthly Breakfast and on December 8th, 2019 the Veteran's of Value Utility Program choose one lucky Veteran whose Electric Bill was paid. Since then, other than while we were closed due to Covid-19 we have chosen by blind lottery a Veteran who then brings in one of their Utility Bills for payment. The Lodge will pay Electric, Gas, Water, and/or Sewer bill. It does not cover Cell Phone bills.

We ask each Veteran to write their name and a phone number that they may be reached at on a paper ticket that is placed into a basket. At the end of the Veteran's Breakfast, we draw one ticket from the basket and then contact the winning Veteran if they are no longer in attendance as they need not be present to win.

To finance the Veteran's of Value Utility Program, we began raising the funds necessary by holding a 3 day Open to the Public Dart Tournament which raised approximately three thousand dollars which became the foundation of our program. To help support these endeavors we have held Silent Auctions and raffled off donated items and have received generous donations from local businesses.

Our lodge has had great success with the Veteran's of Value Utility Program in reaching out to those Veterans in our community that might need a helping hand but who feel unable to ask for that help. As the State Chairman for the Valued Veteran's program I would like to encourage other lodges to implement similar programs in their own lodges. If you need help getting a similar program started, feel free to contact me at 304-756-2209.

Fraternally, Brian Harper

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MOOSE STRONGER TOGETHER

May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

As we embrace and celebrate the power of unity, our campaign theme proclaims that we are "Stronger Together." Although this has always been the case, we have formally acknowledged that we all bear the same responsibility for the success of our Fraternity and welcomes all members to participate in leadership roles in The Moose.

Sponsor 1 Member

Stronger Together pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.



Lodge pin



Moose Legion/
Women of the Moose pin

Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be donated to our Mooseheart campus toward a climbing wall, weight room, TV's and gaming systems for the Mooseheart Activity Center (MAC). Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Sponsor 25 Members

Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the Stronger Together membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2022 International Moose Convention in Orlando, FL. Additional information can be found on www.mooseintl.org.



Earn rewards simply for doing things that strengthen The Moose. Now is a great time to sponsor a member; serve in office; renew your dues or complete training. Each activity generates points automatically that you can use to pay dues, contribute to Mooseheart/Moosehaven, or redeem for Moose gift store purchases. Check your Moose Rewards points total today at www.mooseintl.org to see how many you have earned! Also, look for special promotions throughout the year for your chance to earn greater rewards.