

JOINT MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT MISSION

Mission: The Joint Military and Veterans Affairs Department serves as the Imperial Council's and Imperial Court's support and recognition element for Prince Hall Shrine Nobles and Daughters who have served or are currently serving in the Uniformed Armed Services.

Purpose: The Department's overall objective is to provide A.E.A.O.N.M.S. and D.O.I. Service Members, Veterans, and their families with the most current information on Benefits & Services, Claims Processing, and serve as a conduit for other vital resources provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and other Service Advocate Organizations.

Objective: To Enhance Membership Engagement Among Armed Services Members by:

a. Establishing Imperial Deputies and Deputy Directresses

Designate dedicated leadership to serve as key resources for Deserts, Temples, and Courts, offering guidance, support, and continuity across the domain. Establish structured programs for sending letters and outreach communications to members, veterans, and their families to strengthen morale and foster connections.

b. Implementing an Annual Military Awards Program

Launch the *Military Desert/Temple and Court of the Year* Awards to recognize outstanding service, foster pride, and promote friendly competition among units.

c. Maintaining Active Communication with Desert Points of Contact (POCs)

Ensure the consistent and timely dissemination of military-related benefits and updates through regular engagement with representatives at the Desert level.

d. Recognizing Military Members by Showcasing Articles in the Pyramid Quarterly

Honor Temples demonstrate exemplary support to military members and veterans with official commendations, reinforcing the value of their efforts.

e. Launching a JMVAD USO "Imperial United Service Organization"

Encourage Greater Military Member Attendance at Imperial Session. Promote participation among Military Members Stateside and Overseas by emphasizing the opportunity to connect and collaborate with like-minded Nobles and Daughters who share similar values, experiences, and commitments to service. This dedicated space will provide a welcoming environment for Nobles and Daughters of the military community. It will also serve as a Safe Haven for veterans and service members experiencing stress or emotional triggers, allowing a peaceful retreat from the busyness of the session.

Responsibility: To develop procedures and programs to accomplish the objectives of the Joint Military Affairs Department. Receive and disseminate useful/vital information to our Uniform Service members/Veterans within our organization.

Results: The effectiveness of the department is evaluated annually with a report submitted to the Imperial Council.

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