

*Happy New 2025 Year!*

# MEMBERSHIP

**MEMBERSHIP PINS:** At fall conference, Presidents received their qualifying pins, at the mid winter conference **TREASURER** pins will be given to the president and any additional pins for levels achieved will be issued.

**Did you Know:**

- Purple Heart recipients qualify for membership in the VFW, so if you have any relative who received a purple heart sign them up for post or auxiliary..
- Your membership applications are processed 2-3 times a week by Cindy Estell
- Membership Statistics – Florida as of 11/28/2024
  - YTD – 739 New Members
  - Total members 36,462 – (Last Year 38,877) - 2,415

Membership QR Code has changed make sure you are using this one for direct access to membership information



*Thankful for your Membership and serving our Veterans many ways, thru your volunteering or just your smile to a Veteran makes a difference.*

**Yes, we MAY use the photo of the headstone as proof of qualifying service, if it is the headstone provided by the Department of Defense (ie. the white ones/government issued), not one provided by the family. In order to receive that headstone, the cemetery/funeral home has to verify the deceased DD214 in order to request that stone. So, we're good on that part. As for dates of service, my advice is to approximate the dates of service as closely as you are able and don't leave the slot blank.**

**Do you realize that is what you do every day as an auxiliary member? We show our gratitude for our veteran, for those veterans in our Post and Community, and for each other by providing love and support to each other**

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