



## Service Dogs Report Letter

Dear Chapter Members,

First, let me thank each and every one of you for your overwhelming support for PAVE during the 2018-2019 Hares and Hatters year. Your ingenuity, generosity and dedication prove what I have believed for a long time – you are amazing!

As we begin a new “Miracle Believers” year, you will receive a new reporting form from Lynn Rose, Co-Chair Service Dogs. This form will be used to report your project, fun events, fund raisers, etc. it will also be used to share ideas throughout our state, evaluate what is working, encourage your enthusiasm and lastly – give me information for my quarterly report to my General Grand Chapter Chairman.

As a reminder of why we are doing this; the statistics regarding suicide by our veterans are chilling and unfortunately very real. The stepson of friends of Steve and Lynn Rose, the sole survivor of a helicopter crash in Afghanistan, recently took his own life – survivor guilt. A military brother of husband who served with him in Viet Nam also recently took his own life. A friend sent him

articles about some of the missions he was assigned. Both men were receiving treatment through the VA. Both had demons, in one case, even after 60 years. I never met either of these men, but I cried when I learned of their death and realized what horrible pain must have driven them to that fateful decision. We can make a difference.

Through the Gr. Secretary, I will be sending you a gentle reminder several weeks before my next report is due to General Grand Chapter. The report form will be given to the Charitable Giving Committee member in your Chapter. In Chapters without a member of this committee, the form will be given to the Chapter Secretary.

The form is short but give as much detail as you can think of and return the form, via mail or email, to Lynn Rose who will then compile the information and forward same to me. My next report deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>. The following report deadline will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I can't wait to brag about Oregon's OES membership.

Best Regards,

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