

THE SHOW ME GAZETTE

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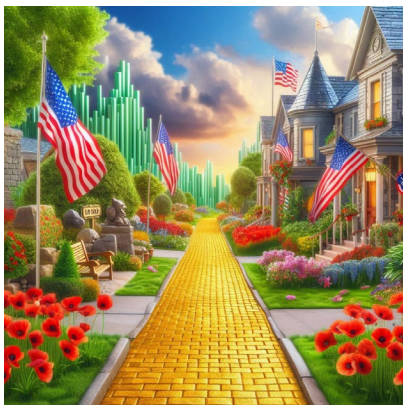
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I want to take a minute to let you know that I have accepted the position of Department Historian for the 2025-2026 year.

There is a photo contest happening this year. It is to help raise money for the President Patti's special project. More details to come on the "Sensational Senior" photo contest from the District President. The winning District President might have the opportunity to put a pie in the face of our Department President Patti IF \$5,000 is raised by the members across the state.

It should also be noted that IF ALL 12 districts report in with 8 photos within 8 days of the official visit of Department President Patti that winning District President might be picking me to get a pie in MY face, and Past Department Amy Jo has offered to make those pies.

I believe that both goals can be met and that the convention in June 2026 will be one to be remembered.



If you are the historian, there are several things you need to do before an event that you are photographing –

1. Make sure that there is room on the memory card, and you have a spare as they do wear out (and I learned this firsthand).
2. Make sure that you have an extra battery or two with you. I also carry a backup camera.
3. Take several shots of the same post and pick out the best. Look closely at the background when taking and reviewing photos. Make sure that there are not any offensive words and/or gestures in the image (or video).
4. Do not be afraid to ask people to pose.
5. Use the flash wisely and stand in the right place.
6. Always be prepared as some of the best photos are not planned.
7. Talk to President in advance and see if there is something special going on.
8. Try to get at least one or two photos with you in the picture during the year so that your President will remember who you are.
9. Keep in mind that each one of us can only reach as far as our arms (zoom lens) will go.

Yes, you can use the camera on a phone to take photos. Most phones do the job just as good as a still camera. Try NOT to use the zoom when using a smart phone. The zoom on smart phones is digital, not optical. Digital creates a grainy image. Please take the photos as usual. It can be cropped and edited afterward.

I look forward to seeing photos from events that you are having across the state. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

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"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring our Veterans – Who Keep Us Free."