

# **JUNE 2026** **DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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Hello Lions,

From International Lions President A.P. Singh:

As we approach the end of the year, this is the perfect time to reflect on our shared experience as Lions. While each of us brings something unique, it is our combined effort that creates the greatest impact. When we come together in service, we achieve meaningful goals and show our communities the kindness and commitment Lions are known for. As Lions, we are never alone — we support one another, inspire one another and overcome challenges together.

As District 25-E we are asking if you have any prospects of new members please get them in before June 30 they will just be paying the few days that they are members not a full 6 month period. Currently we are 25 members down from this time last year.

Treasurers check your portal to see if you have any outstanding bills they need to be paid to Lions Clubs International.

International could have a bill outstanding for you for members that have been added or supplies that you have purchased. And remember to pay online with Credit Card or ACH payments. (Checks can take over 30 days to clear.




COME SERVE WITH US !!  
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Above and Left: More wall art from around the district.

# 25-E DISTRICT PICNIC & CABINET MEETING

*Join your fellow Lions for a fun  
and relaxed gathering!*

-  **DATE:** June 20
-  **TIME:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
(CDT)
-  **LOCATION:**

*Lincoln State Park – Lake Side Shelter*  
15476 County Rd 300E  
Lincoln City, IN



## *Lunch Provided:*

Hamburgers (with or without cheese) & toppings  
Refreshing lemonade



*Bring a Side Dish to Share*  
(Pitch-In Style)



## *Make a Day of It!*

The Lincoln Boyhood Home National Park is located  
just north of the state park—a great place to visit  
after the picnic!

• **\$7.00 ENTRY FEE TO ENTER PARK** •

**PLEASE RSVP / QUESTIONS:**

*Lion D.G. John*

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 812-498-0342 (call or text)



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

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As I prepare to begin my year serving as District Governor, I first want to say thank you to every Lion across our district. Whether you are organizing a fundraiser, helping at a community event, serving in a club office, or simply showing up to support your club, you are making a difference. I have truly enjoyed visiting clubs, meeting members, and seeing the incredible service happening throughout our district.

As we move into the new Lions year, I am excited about the opportunities ahead of us. I believe serving as a Lion should be fun, rewarding, and meaningful. Sometimes we get so busy handling reports, meetings, and responsibilities that we forget the friendships, fellowship, and joy that brought us into Lions in the first place. One of my goals this year is to bring new energy into our district while making sure our members feel appreciated, involved, and heard.

My motto for the year will be:

“Fueled by Fun, Driven by Service.”

I want our district to focus on communication, teamwork, and supporting our clubs in ways that truly matter. We have started building a new district email database so we can better share important information, training opportunities, district events, and updates with our members. Please take a few minutes to make sure your information is current in the Lions Portal and let the district know of any updates as well. Good communication will help all of us stay connected and informed throughout the year.

I also want our district meetings to become more engaging and worthwhile for members attending. To help make better use of everyone’s time, district reports will be emailed to the district before meetings instead of being read during the meeting itself. This will allow us to spend more time having conversations that matter — topic discussions, round tables, leadership ideas, training opportunities, and sharing solutions that can help clubs grow and succeed.

I want our members to know this year is not just about checking boxes or attending meetings. It is about listening to clubs, understanding what challenges they face, and working together to find ways to help. Every club matters. Every member matters. I want fellow Lions to know their voices are important and that district leadership is here to support them.

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As District Governor, I have set several goals for our district this year:

- Charter 1 new Lions club
- Add 100 new members across the district
- Achieve 100% club reporting of service projects
- Have every club make an LCIF donation

Increase participation so that 80% of our clubs are represented at a district or state event or meeting during the year

These goals are ambitious, but I truly believe we can accomplish them together by supporting one another and continuing to build excitement throughout the district.

I would also like to invite everyone to attend our first District Cabinet Meeting on July 25th at the Brown County Library. Watch your email for the meeting agenda and additional details as we get closer to the event. I hope you will join us as we begin the new Lions year together.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this incredible district. I am looking forward to listening, learning, and working alongside all of you during the year ahead. Together, we can continue making a positive impact in our communities while building a district that is energized, connected, and proud to serve.

Fueled by Fun, Driven by Service.

*Brad Nolan*

DGE Lion Brad Nolan  
District 25-E Lions Clubs International





# Lions Club Officers TRAINING!

 DATE	 TIME (EST)	 LOCATION
MONDAY, JUNE 15	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	 VIA ZOOM
SATURDAY, JUNE 27	10:30 AM – 2:30 PM	 JASPER-DUBOIS COUNTY LIBRARY JASPER, INDIANA

 **RSVP FOR TRAININGS TO:** | [lionchristynolan@gmail.com](mailto:lionchristynolan@gmail.com)



**You don't have to be an incoming officer to attend training!**  
Anyone interested in what the officer roles are  
is welcome to attend.



**LEARN ★ LEAD ★ SERVE**  
*Stronger Clubs, Stronger Communities!*

ALL PROCEEDS  
BENEFIT  
LCIF! ❤️



**SAVE THE DATE!**

# 25-E BANNER NIGHT

A FUN NIGHT OF FUNDRAISING, FELLOWSHIP & FUN!

TO BENEFIT LCIF ❤️

SATURDAY

SEPT.

26<sup>TH</sup>

🕒 SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 – 6:00 PM EST

★ ACTIVITIES START: 6:00 PM EST

📍 THE PINES – EVERGREEN ROOM  
SEYMOUR, INDIANA

**CASH  
BAR!**



**LCIF FUNDRAISERS INCLUDE:**

**BINGO!**

B	I	N	G	O
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	63
3	23	★	58	70
10	22	34	52	68
6	16	44	60	75



**HEADS OR  
TAILS!**



**AUCTION PIES  
TO BE SMASHED**



**THE FINALE!  
AUCTION PIES  
TO BE SMASHED IN  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
BRAD NOLAN'S  
FACE!**



*Together, we serve.*  
**TOGETHER, WE CHANGE LIVES.** ❤️

Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

**LCIF**

## 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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## Revitalizing Volunteerism In Today's Lions Clubs

Volunteerism is changing across America, and many Lions Clubs are feeling the effects. Busy schedules, changing lifestyles, and increased community demands have made it harder for organizations to recruit and retain volunteers. However, the desire to serve still exists — Clubs simply need to adapt to today's volunteer expectations.

One of the biggest changes Clubs can make is offering flexible service opportunities. Many people are willing to help but may not be ready for long meetings or major time commitments. Short, hands-on projects and community events can attract new volunteers who may later become active members.

Clubs should also focus on service more than business meetings. Communities are inspired by visible action. Sharing photos, success stories, and project results through social media and newsletters helps people see the real impact Lions are making locally.

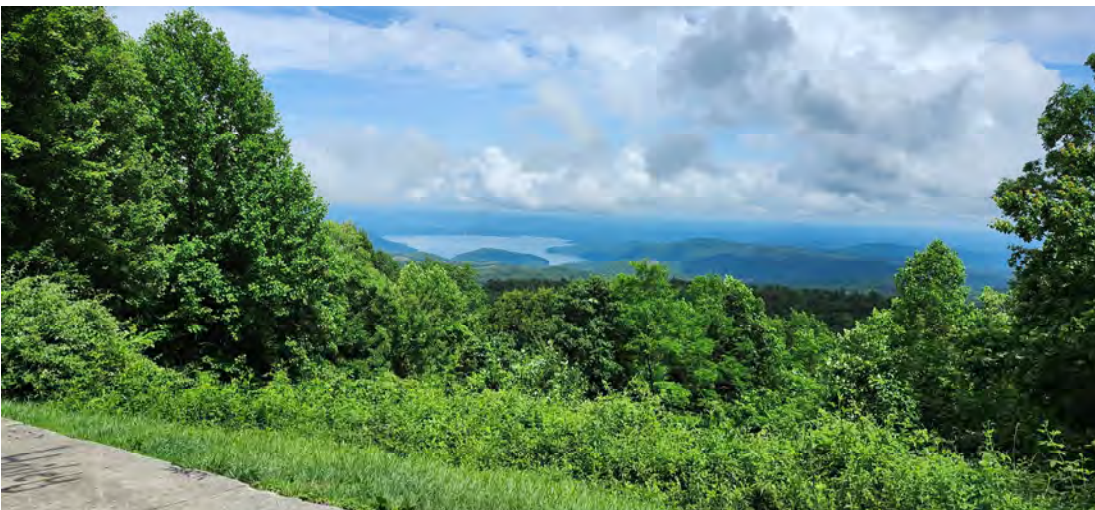
Modern communication is equally important. Text messaging, email lists, Facebook pages, and online sign-ups make it easier for members and volunteers to stay involved and informed.

Lions Clubs can also strengthen volunteerism by involving families, younger adults, and community partners such as schools, churches, and local businesses. Service projects that welcome everyone help build stronger community connections and future membership growth.

Finally, recognition matters. A simple thank-you, public acknowledgment, or volunteer spotlight can encourage members to stay engaged and motivated.

The future of volunteerism is not disappearing — it is evolving. Lions Clubs that remain positive, welcoming, flexible, and community-focused will continue to grow and make a lasting difference in the communities they serve.

*In Lionism,*  
**Eddie McKim**  
SVDG, District 25E



Left: Picture from the overlook on SC107. Picture by PDG Erica Thomas during her vacation at the end of May.



**SANDBORN LIONS CLUB**

# **BREAKFAST**

**June 6th • 8 AM - 11 AM**

**Sandborn Community Center**



## Time Is Running Out to Support LCIF This Year!

As we approach the end of the Lions year, there is still time for every club in our district to make an impact through a donation to LCIF. Clubs that have not yet contributed this year are encouraged to send in their donations by June 15th to ensure they are credited for the 2025–2026 Lions year.

Your support helps District Governor John achieve his goal of having 100% club participation in LCIF giving this year. Every donation, no matter the size, shows our commitment to serving others and strengthening Lions service both locally and around the world.

Please also remember that our district is currently benefiting from an active LCIF grant for our District Emergency Response Trailer. This important resource will help us respond quickly and effectively when disasters and emergencies impact our communities. LCIF support truly comes back to help our own district when it is needed most.

If your club has not yet donated, now is the perfect time to act. Together, we can finish the year strong and show the power of Lions serving Lions. Reminder in the memo put **“EMPOWERING SERVICE”**.

If you are unsure how to donate or need assistance, please contact your district LCIF Coordinators: Lions Christy Nolan, Debbie Ellis, or Laura Davis. They will be happy to help guide your club through the process.

Lion Christy Nolan  
District 25E LCIF Coordinator  
812-569-1868



Left and Right:  
PDG Erica Thomas  
took pictures of the  
Whitewater Falls in  
North Carolina from  
the top and bottom  
of the stairs. Can  
you tell which is  
from the top?!?



Hello Lions,

I am sitting here thinking about the upcoming in Lions year and waiting on the Indy 500 to start... I would like to thank the veterans for their service and remember the ones that gave their all so we can be Lions and sit on the couch and watch the race.

I would like to encourage all the incoming club presidents to develop membership, leadership, and service goals for their club and to share these goals with the members.

We all want new members in our clubs, but how many new members do you want? Any specific skills are you looking for? Also, we all want younger members, but 30 year olds do not want to join a club of 70 or 80 year olds. This is a long time process but recruit people 5 to 10 years younger than you. Encourage them to recruit people 5 to 10 years younger than they are, and repeat.

As part of the leadership goal, I would encourage achieving a club excellence award from LCI. The new 2026-27 requirements are not released yet but hopefully will be by the next newsletter. Another goal could be to end the next Lion's year with new officers. If your club is one that has the same officers year after year, those officers may be getting tired or want to move up. New Leaders have fresh ideas. Fresh ideas can spur membership growth.

I would encourage all club presidents to set a goal of at least one **NEW** service project (not a fund raiser). I would also encourage that these new projects be visible in the community. Doing needed and visible projects. Visible projects draw attention. Attention attracts possible members.

We have a new District Governor starting in July: Brad Nolan. Every governor brings different strengths and skills to the job. Brad is no different. Brad races RC cars and plays frisbee golf and is an electrician by trade. He along with his wife Christy own and operate B&C Electric. Blend all this together... you can understand his slogan "Fueled by Fun, Driven by Service". Try to get your Official District Governor visit scheduled early.

Well the pre-race coverage is getting close to transition into the actual race and I am hoping the rain doesn't win. Maybe Helio gets his 5<sup>th</sup> win, but the odds are against it.

Racing to Serve, PCC Keith Thomas



Left: Another picture from the overlook on SC107. Picture by PDG Erica Thomas during her vacation at the end of May.



Photo Left: Ramsey Lions member Glen Wuest (left) presents Scout Master Paul Rathgeber of Boy Scout Troop 4071 with a \$500 check. This donation will send a scout to "Camp Crooked Creek" in Kentucky this summer.

Photo Right: Boonville Lions Dr. David Hyndman and Dr. Bethany Ford at Boonville High School stage presenting the Boonville Lions Scholarships.



Photo Left: Canton Vice President Ken Powell presents District Governor John Spurgeon during the Official Visit to Canton.



Photo Right: District Governor John Spurgeon presented charter chevrons to Canton Lions. Left to Right: Lion Doug Sabens, DG John Spurgeon, Lion Wron Wade and Lion Nona Wade



## 2026 Lions Indiana State Convention Silent Auction



" There is no medicine like HOPE, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectations of something BETTER TOMORROW."-Orison Swett Marden

The State Convention Silent Auction was HUGE. We asked you to bring something to help a child AND you did in spades !

What an amazing mixture of items, experiences, and delicious treats. Attention bakers : every single item you spent time making, sold ! From our hearts, we Thank you:)

To each of you that took time to search for and bring a treasure, and to those that searched and found a treasure to buy, YOU MADE THE HOPE HAPPEN for each child with cancer at Riley.

This Auction was " always " For the Kids, and with your caring hearts this Auction bought in \$9306 that is going to our very own Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana, Inc ...then with the Riley Children's Foundation / Walthers Cancer Foundation Match, it will create \$18,612 in impact !

2026 IN State Convention Auction Committee.

PDG Pat Short

Lion Gail Robbins





Left: Wall art from Seymour.

Right: Wall art from Jasper.



Left: Wall art from Medora

Hello Lions,

Please remember to contact Lion Ceal Schulz to add and remove names from the Prayer List and the Fallen Lion list. Also please let Ceal know about the memorial service or visitation. Ceal's email address is cealschuz4@gmail.com

## *Fallen Lions in May*

<u>Fallen Lion</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Lion Henry Spindler	Chandler Lions	21.97 Years of Service
Lion Mike Mills	Georgetown Lions	26.35 Years of Service
Lion Cathy Loveland	Wheatland Lions	5.93 Years of Service

## *Prayer List*

### Lions in need of Prayers

Lion Carol Murdock	PDG Charlie Crawford	Lion Jim Springer
Lion Bill Hinkle	PDG Don Russ	Lion Ben Davis
Lion Nichole Harris	Son of PCC Jeff and PDG Sheryl Schaffer	
Lion Don Southwood	2VDGE Debbie Ellis	PDG Harold Klinestiver
Quentin Jerger	Lion Neil Arnhart	Lion Martin Bailey

## *New Lions in May*

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Garrett Holder	Boonville Lions	Natalie Holder
Dean C Buechler	Jasper Lions	Gary Sturgil, II
Ryan Hembree	Jasper Lions	Gerald Meyer
Leigh R Hembree	Jasper Lions	Gerald Meyer
Daryl Hensley	Jasper Lions	Gary Sturgil, II
Michael Ryan	Jasper Lions	Gary Sturgil, II
Jeff Becker	Oakland City Lions	Paula Becker

## *Club Anniversaries in June*

Palmyra #49676	Chartered 06/03/1989
Chandler #82874	Chartered 06/28/2004
Fayetteville Comm #105942	Chartered 06/23/2009
Pershing Township #108647	Chartered 06/16/2010
Canton #111273	Chartered 06/09/2011

# *District Events and Calendar*

June 6	Pre-Council Meeting in Indy
June 15	7pm to 9pm Zoom Officer Training
June 20	District Picnic/Meeting at Lincoln State Park, Lakeside Shelter
June 27	10:30am Officer Training at Jasper Library, Jasper
July 3-7	Lions International Convention in Hong Kong.

**District Governor Elect Brad Nolan has started scheduling meetings with the District's Lions Clubs.**

**Please contact District Governor Elect Brad Nolan at [bnolan1976@gmail.com](mailto:bnolan1976@gmail.com) to schedule your club's Official Visit!**

Hello Lions,

As of this writing, only 5 club elections are not reported in the portal. It is important that the results be recorded in the portal. This is so that the club officers can be entered into the district directory.

If your club needs help entering the information into the portal, please reach out to me at [kthomas@threeidesign.com](mailto:kthomas@threeidesign.com), or PID Linda Tincher at [linda.tincher@ma.rr.com](mailto:linda.tincher@ma.rr.com) or Lion Christy Nolan at [lionchristynolan@gmail.com](mailto:lionchristynolan@gmail.com)

We will help you get the officers entered into the portal.

Racing to Serve,

PCC Keith Thomas

## Bringing Clear Vision to Our Communities: How Lions Can Screen from 18 Months to Adults

One of the proudest traditions of Lions International is our dedication to sight preservation. For over a century, Lions have been leaders in bringing eye care to those who need it most. Today, thanks to advanced vision screening technology, we have the power to detect eye problems earlier than ever before — even in children who can't yet read or speak clearly.

### Yes — We Can Screen an 18-Month-Old!

Many members ask, “Have you ever vision screened an 18-month-old?” The answer is: with the right equipment, we absolutely can! Early screening is crucial because a child's visual development lays the foundation for learning, coordination, and overall development. Detecting problems at this stage gives families a chance to intervene early, improving outcomes for a lifetime.

### The Tools in Our Hands

**Plusoptix:** This device screens from **age two through adulthood**, making it perfect for school events, health fairs, and community screenings.

**Bling:** Specifically designed for **18 months through 6 years**, this device detects amblyopia and other binocular vision issues that are often invisible to parents and teachers.

These tools empower Lions to offer reliable, non-invasive, and fast screenings in just a few minutes — no reading charts, eye drops, or uncomfortable procedures needed.

### Training and Support for Your Club

Do you need training on how to use these machines? **You're not alone — and help is available.** I will gladly travel to your club or event to show you how to use the equipment effectively. Training takes the guesswork out of screening and ensures you're confident in serving the youngest and most vulnerable members of our communities.

### No Equipment? No Problem!

Don't let a lack of equipment hold your club back from making an impact. **Our district has a Blinq machine** courtesy of a grant from LCIF. I will bring it to you to use at your event. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce vision screening to your service projects without a large upfront investment.

### Why This Matters

Vision screening is more than just a health check — it's a chance to change a life. Children with undetected vision problems may struggle in school, miss developmental milestones, or face lifelong challenges. Adults with untreated eye conditions may lose their independence or livelihoods. A few minutes with a Lions volunteer can be the first step toward glasses, treatment, or even sight-saving surgery.

### Get Involved

If you've been thinking about adding vision screening to your club's service, now is the time to act. With equipment and training available, there's nothing standing between your club and the chance to give the gift of clear sight.

**Contact me:** Lion Christy Nolan – 812-569-1868 or by email at [lionchristynolan@gmail.com](mailto:lionchristynolan@gmail.com)

Together, let's make vision screening a hallmark of our service. Every screening we perform is another opportunity to live our motto: **We Serve.**

## **Amendment Voting Results**

At the Multiple District Convention, the Amendments were voted on. Here are the results of the voting.

Amendment #1 and Amendment #2 addressed the Assistant Comptroller and should be voted on together. Amendment #2 (Assistant Comptroller shall receive Per Diem) passed.

Amendment #3 and Amendment #4 addressed a possible dues increase of either \$1 or \$3. Neither Amendment passed.

Amendment #5 and Amendment #6 addressed possible voting on Saturday. Neither Amendment passed.

Amendment #7 and Amendment #8 addressed charging a registration fee of either \$10 or \$25 for conventions. Neither Amendment passed.

Amendment #9 is a stand-alone amendment to provide additional funds for State Convention from an dedicated investment account. This Amendment was approved.

Amendment #10 is a stand-alone amendment to provide move the convention to at least 60 prior to International Convention. This Amendment was approved.

Amendment #11 is a stand-alone amendment to adjust Credentials time. This Amendment was approved.

Amendment #12 is a stand-alone amendment to add the MD-GET position. This Amendment was approved.

Amendment #13 is a stand-alone amendment to correct verbiage and add MD-GET position. This Amendment was approved.

Amendment #14 is a stand-alone amendment to clarify who can be appointed as committee chair. This Amendment was approved.

Because neither Amendment regarding the registration fee was not approved, our Amendment from the district convention is on hold until a registration fee is approved at the Multiple district level.



Left: District Governor Angela Locke holds a pie with Past International President Joe Preston sitting calmly waiting on the pie.

PIP Joe Preston was President from July 2014 to June 2015

Right: District Governor Angela Locke holds the pie ready to hit Past International President Joe Preston. Note Joe's expression! Past International Director Linda Tincher watching to make sure she does not wear the pie!



Left: District Governor Angela Locke holds an empty pie plate with Past International President Joe Preston wearing the pie. Past International Director Linda Tincher in the background ready to help clean up the pie.



Above: Lion Christy Nolan receives the Leadership Medal. Left to Right PID Nick Xinopoulos, PIP Joe Preston, Lion Christy Nolan, PID Linda Tincher and DG John Spurgeon.

Below: PDG Erica Thomas receives the Presidential Medal. Left to Right PID Nick Xinopoulos, PIP Joe Preston, PDG Erica Thomas, PID Linda Tincher and DG John Spurgeon.



Below: Next year's District Governors and the Council Chair. Left to Right: 25-A DGE David Dickinson, 25-C DGE Tom Schultz, 25-E DGE Brad Nolan, CCE Jackie Kurley, 25-D DGE Mike Careins, 25-B DGE Beth Kohli, 25-G DGE Steve Weld, and 25-F DGE Brenda Wilson. Good luck next year Governors!





Left: District Governor John Spurgeon with the gavel presented to him by Council Chair Simpson.



Right: Dr Daneil Neely gives the luncheon speech on Saturday at the Convention. Dr. Neely is the Medical Director for Operation KidSight



Above: Past International President Joe Preston speaks to the lions at the Caucus Meeting. Also pictured 1VDG Brad Nolan, DG John Spurgeon, and PCC Keith Thomas.

Below: the members of the Caucus Meeting listening to PIP Joe Preston.



Below Right: PDG Mark Clark helped auction off two bottles of Bourbon for Cancer Control donation to the Riley Match Grant.

Right: PDG Mark Clark with one of the Bourbon bottle winners, Tim Fischer, President of VisionFirst.

Below: DG Jim Furlong was the winner of the other bottle of Bourbon.



Below: PDG Glen Georges giving a report at Convention.



Above: Taking a break, PID Nick Xinopoulos, PID Doug Lozier, PIP Joe Preston, and PID Linda Tincher



Right: District Governor John Spurgeon gives a prayer at one of the sessions at the State Convention.



Below: the trustees of Cancer Control presenting a 'large' check to Riley Children's for the matching grant.



Below: District Governor John Spurgeon and First Lady Mary Ann Spurgeon entering the banquet room with PDG Jeff Locke in the background.



Above: PID Linda Tincher and PDG Vern Tincher entering the banquet room.



Left: PDG Vern Tincher received a LCIF 2 diamond progressive MJF. Presented by PID Linda Tincher and PIP Joe Preston.

Below: PDG Erica Thomas is presented with a jeweled PDG Pin by PCC Julia Kozicki.



Above: 1VDGE Eddie McKim being introduced at Convention.

Below: 2VDGE Debbie Ellis being introduced at Convention.

Right: MD25 GLT PCC Julia Kozicki presented PDG Mark Clark with a Certificate of Appreciation.

