American Legion Auxiliary Department of Texas Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) 2022 - 2023 <u>VA&R Action Plan</u>

In the spirit of service, not self, our mission is to enhance the lives of veterans, military, and their families. Our committee is here to assist our Reps and Deps, advocate on behalf of the veterans we serve and be accountable to all the ALA members in the great state of Texas.

May 1st, 2023 year-end narrative reports due (with photos)! Please email your reports to BOTH the Chair and your Division Committee member.

Remember your mandatory unit <u>Christmas Assessment</u> is due to Department of Texas by December 1st.

CHRISTMAS ASSESSMENT CHALLENGE: Units that get their Christmas Assessment payment to Department of Texas by Veteran's Day, **November 11th**, will get a certificate and be entered in a drawing. Division/District Presidents with 80% of their Units paid by November 11th will receive a certificate.

VA&R GENERAL FUND CHALLENGE: All Units donating a minimum of \$25 by June 30th, 2023, will receive a certificate and be entered in a drawing.

NVCAF TEXAS CHALLENGE: By December 1st, each Unit that donates a minimum of \$25 marked for NVCAF to the Department of Texas will get a certificate and be entered in a drawing. Please do your part toward raising our NVCAF obligation of \$5,000 due from Texas to National.

NVCAF TEXAS SPONSOR: Starting July of 2022 and ending on Flag Day, June 14th, 2023, set up your Unit as a monthly NVCAF sponsor and receive a certificate and a banner for your flag. These payments are made for 12 months or in a Lump Sum to the Department of Texas marked NVCAF.

BRONZE LEVEL: \$5/month (\$60 total) SILVER LEVEL: \$10/month (\$120 total) GOLD LEVEL: \$20/month (\$240 total) PLATINUM LEVEL: \$50/month (\$600 total paid by Flag Day June 14th, 2023 special award.

NVCAF NATIONAL SPONSOR: Before the July 31st deadline, make a Unit donation directly to National toward the NVCAF to receive a National Award.

BRONZE: \$1,000-\$2,499 SILVER: \$2,500-\$4,999 GOLD: \$5,000-\$14,999

IDEAS FOR YOUR UNIT:

Have a "Thank You" event or dinner at your Post on Veteran's Day. (Send photos) With your Post, host a Veteran Stand Down or flag retirement/disposal, or attend a Veteran Job Fair event and set up an informational Membership table to encourage all attendees to join our organization. (Send photos)

Participate at a VA Hospital/Clinic event such as their Gift Shop, Ice Cream Social, Valentine Day card distribution. Collect and distribute clothing, winter items, food to homeless veterans. Tell us about your participation and send photos. Those who send us photos and tell us about your event with the Hospital/Clinic by April 1 will be entered in a drawing. Please reach out to your VA Reps and Deps to see what you can do to help.

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