



DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
VA & R
PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT PLAN
2024-2025

Purpose: The purpose of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee is to promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives.

Key Program Statements:

- Support rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies.
- Support veteran caregivers, family members and survivors.
- Enroll Auxiliary members as VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) volunteers at VA health care facilities.
- Help The American Legion, State Department of Veterans Affairs and Chamber of Commerce promote job fairs for veterans and their families.
- There isn't a VA hospital close to your community, find opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve veterans in your area such as serving the homeless.

Important Dates

- Year-end reports — May 1: Unit chairmen report due via email to Dept of Texas chairman, MaryAnn Paul email: mapminmol@gmail.com
- Department and Unit Award Nomination Form Completed and Submitted: June 1.
- NVCAF Award: NVCAF Support Award — Send donations to the ALA Foundation to National Headquarters for the current calendar year by Dec. 31.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival-

Every Unit that donates \$100.00 or more to the NVCAF by November 15th will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 check to their Unit to assist in working our programs. Drawing to be held during our Mid-Winter Conference in January.

Christmas Assessment –

Every Unit that donates 20% above their obligated Christmas Assessment amount on/or before November 11th will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 check to their Unit to

assist in working our programs. Drawing to be held during our Mid-Winter Conference in January.

Unit Reports-

An award for the Best Overall Unit Year-End report.

Every Unit that submits a Year-End Report will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

Unit Year-End Reports due May 1, 2025.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

2024-2025 National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation VA&R Program Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements

Here are the National awards for this committee:

Unit Award: Most Outstanding VA&R Program (per division)

All award submissions must include a narrative (either a PDF or Microsoft Word document) explaining why the unit you're nominating should receive the award. You may also upload other supporting documentation that will give the committee a full picture of the important mission works your unit has accomplished this year. These files can be photos (JPG, JPEG or TIFs -- no larger than 14MB) or PDF documents. If you have more than three supporting files, please email the committee email address listed in the form.

- All unit entries must be submitted via [electronic form](#) by **5 p.m. EST on June 1.**

Note: You will receive confirmation when your award is submitted.

National Awards Form Link: <https://www.legion-aux.org/National-Awards-Form>

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