

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee is to promote programs, events and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans, their families, their caregivers and their survivors, ensuring the best quality of life possible and the continuing honor of their memory. *Standing Rules #6, Core National Standing Committees*

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.
- You say 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 e-mail to Department of Texas chair, Brenda Towers: bjingranbury@aol.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 December 31st.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

- Every Unit that donates \$100.00 or more to the Women's PTSD Project 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 2026 Mid-Winter Conference.
- 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 2026 Mid-Winter Conference.

UNIT REPORTS – DUE MAY 1, 2026

- An award for the BEST OVERALL UNIT YEAR-END REPORT
- Every Unit that submits a Year-End Report will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

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NATIONAL AWARDS:

- **UNIT AWARD: MOST OUTSTANDING VA&R PROGRAM (PER NATIONAL 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 supporting documentation that will give the committee a full picture of the important mission works your unit has accomplished. 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 e-mail the committee @ the e-mail address listed in the form. **All unit entries must be submitted via electronic form by 5:00pm EST on June 1, 2026.** You will receive confirmation when your award has been submitted.

As part of your narrative report, please include answers to the following questions:

- How do you support rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies?
- How do you support veteran caregivers, family members, and survivors?
- How have you supported your local VA facility?
- How have you supported veterans and their families in the community by collaborating with external like-minded organizations such as Honor Flight, Quilts of Valor, Wreaths Across America, etc.?
- What other opportunities have you taken to support your local veterans and their families in your community?

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