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VA & R Plan of Action 2018-2019

The VA & R program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of U.S. Veterans, Military, and their families. This is a rewarding and exciting program and I Thank You for accepting the chairmanship in your unit. Included in this plan are just a few ideas how to promote this program in your unit, family and community. The Nation Program Action Plan for 2018-2019 and 2017-2022 is available online at www.alaforveterans.org

What is this program, and why do we have?

The Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of Veterans, Military and their families. The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program and the 2014-2019 ALA Centennial Strategic Plan: Our work to enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families provides our members opportunities to serve in volunteer leadership roles within their local Veterans Affairs hospital (Goal 3), which broadens our membership pool (Goal 1) among a target population and builds brand loyalty (Goal 5) with the veterans themselves.

VA&R Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:

Take The time to share a Favorites story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! it helps us tell the world who we are, what we do, why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

- 1) Please follow instructions as you fill out the Nation Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Programs Action Plan.
- 2) Provide details/examples about activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section
- 3) Submit as indicated in the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.

National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadline, and VA & R Committee contact information may be found on the VA& R committee page on the national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Service to Veterans

B. Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit VA&R Program

*Deadline: June1,2019

*Send to national VA & R chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST on deadline listed above.

C. Department Award : Best Department VA &R Program

* Deadline : June 1,2019

*Send to National division chairman post marked or email by 5 PM EST on the deadline listed above.

National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) support recognition

A. NVCAF Award: NVCAF Support Recognition

- Deadline : July 31,2019
- Send donations to ALA Foundation to National Headquarters

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

A. National Award : VAVS Volunteer of the Year / ALA NAC Nominee

- Deadline: November 1,2018
- Submitted by the chiefs of voluntary service and department chairman to the national VAVS deputy

B. Member Award: 10,000 Hours Volunteer Service

- Deadline : March 31,2019
- Verification of hours must be mailed to National Headquarters by the first Friday in June

C. Member Award : 20,000 Hours Volunteer Service

- Deadline : March 31,2019
- Verification of hours must be mailed or emailed to National Headquarters by the first Friday in June

D. Individual Recognition Award : Volunteer Recruitment & Service Department

- Deadline : March 31,2019

E. Individual Recognition Award : 100 Percent VAVS Meeting Attendance

- Awarded to each representative and deputy who has 100 percent attendance to VAVS committee meetings at her assigned facility.

F. Department Recognition from The American Legion Award :Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach

- Deadline: January 15,2019
- Entries must be approved by the department adjutant or department employment chairman and sent to The American Legion National Headquarters

G. James H. Parke Scholarship

- Deadline: November 1,2018
- See www.va.gov for information on VAVS, James H. Parke Scholarship

The National President's for Excellence (NPAE) will be awarded to those who emphasize the national president's focus through the American Legion Auxiliary's programs. See criteria and guidelines in the NPAE cover sheet located under " General Information" in the 2018-2019 Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Reporting

Mid – Year Reports

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as a opportunity for mid -year correction. Each department VA&R chairman is required to submit a narrative report by January 5,2019 to division VA&or chairman,plus a copy to the national chairman.

Year- End Reports

Annual reports reflect the program work of the units in the department and may result in a national award for participants if award requirements are met. Each department VA&R chairman is required to submit a narrative report by May 15,2019 to division VA&R chairman,plus a copy to the national chairman. Members and units should follow their department’s deadlines.

South Dakota Reports.	Mid-Year Reports	Year-End Reports
From Units to District Presidents to Chairman.	November 15,2018	April 15,2019
From District Presidents to Department Chairman	December1,2018	May 1,2019
From Department Chairman to Department President & National Division Chairman	December15,2018.	May 15,2019

The Mid-Year Report should include activities April1,2018 through November1,2018. The Year-End Report is from November1,2018 through April 1,2019.

Captain Shane Skinner in the South Dakota Army National Guard has asked if the South Dakota Auxiliary along with our Junior members would be willing to make cards for Guard Units. We support our deployed members and he would like to see card of thanks, seasonal(Halloween,Christmas,Easter) colored pictures from school children to support the units that drill every month. If you would send the cards to Me(Teresa Huntimer) and I will forward them to the Captain Skinner, and he will give them to the units. Thank You. If you have questions please feel free to call me 605-351-8470.

Saddle Up for Veterans
Serving Veterans Not Self

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