

# 2024-2025 VA&R

## Awards

### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

1. **Muriel E. Nothinger Memorial Award:** To the Unit with 10-99 members reporting the most outstanding year-round “Service to Veterans” program
2. **Linda Liebenow Award:** to the Unit with 100-160 members reporting the most outstanding year-round “Service to Veterans” program.
3. **Cheryl Wilson Award:** To the Unit with 161-250 members report the most outstanding year-round “Service to Veterans” program.
4. **Clara Scott Award:** To the Unit with 251 or more members reporting the most outstanding year-round “Service to Veterans” program.

*Narrative reports must include Unit name, name of Unit President and name of chair. The Department VA&R chairman and selected judges will determine the above winner.*

### **Marge Kenobbie Memorial Award**

*Awarded to the Unit submitting the best narrative report to include:*

- Service and/or funds given to the VA Transplant housing unit.
- Community awareness of Veterans
- Outlining your Unit’s projects and activities
- Report must include Unit name and number, name of Unit President and VA&R chairman.
- Department VA&R chairman and selected judges will determine the winner.

### **Louise Carter Memorial, PDP, Service to Veterans Award**

*Awarded to the Unit submitting the best narrative report on service to Veterans, based on the following criteria:*

- Service hours include time spent sewing, knitting, cooking, shopping for material and making gifts for the Veterans use (including gifts forwarded to VA Facilities)
- Material contributions sent to VA facilities, such as ditty bags, cards, comfort items, etc.
- The report shall be in story form, type written report of the work their Unit has done.

### **Louise Carter Memorial, PDP, Service to Veterans Award (cont.)**

- To include the Unit name, number, Unit President and VA&R chairman's name.
- The report to be signed by the Unit VA&R chairman and the Unit President.

### **Trudie McGriff, PDP, Service to Veteran Award**

*To the Unit reporting the most outstanding Service to VA facilities, their community and education on Veteran's needs. The report to include:*

- Cash sent to Department for Check-a-Month
- Number of gifts and value sent to the Gift Shops
- Veteran contact in our communities (How many? Number of Veterans assisted? Value of materials and cash donated?)
- Contact in nursing homes and care facilities (How many? Number of Veterans assisted? Value of materials and cash donated?)
- Holiday baskets delivered and their value.
- Did you provide any education in your community on Veteran's needs?
- Report to include the Unit name, number, Unit President and VA&R chairman's names.
- The Department VA&R chairman and selected judges will determine the winner.

### **Angelina McKinney, PDP, Service to Veterans Award**

*Awarded to the Unit submitting the best narrative report to include:*

- Special emphases on training and partnering with Legionnaires in Service to Veterans
- What projects/activities did you do together (How many? Number of Veterans assisted? Value of materials and cash donated?)
- Report to include the Unit name, number, Unit President and VA&R chairman's names.
- The Department VA&R chairman and selected judges will determine the winner.

### **Debra Godwin, PDP, Service to Veterans Hospital Award**

*Awarded to the Unit with the best narrative report on Service to Veterans in hospitals and VA homes. Report to include:*

### **Debra Godwin, PDP, Service to Veterans Hospital Award (cont.)**

- All money and materials contributed to the VA hospitals, VA clinics and Veterans Homes.
- Based on the Unit contributing the most on a per capita (percentage) thus giving each Unit an equal opportunity to win the award.
- The percentage will be based on the Unit membership on record at the Department office as of May 1st each year. (Example: if a Unit donates \$3,000 it will be divided by the number of members on record as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Unit with the highest per capita contribution will win this award.
- The VA&R chairman will obtain these figures from Department and then, with selected judges, determine the winner

### **Louis Carter Memorial, PDP, Junior Activities Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Award**

*Awarded to the Junior Unit submitting the best narrative report for the most outstanding year-round program including projects and activities.*

- Not to exceed 500 words
- Must have the Unit's name, number and Unit President's name