



American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,
Military, and their Families*

To: ALA Red Book contacts

CC: Dan Wheeler, James Baca, Dean Kessel, Chanin Nuntavong, Mark Seavey

From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director

Re: Weekly Briefing 10-15-2021

Department Presidents Retreat a success

Just over 50 department presidents, national officers, and national chairmen came together for a day and a half to participate in a retreat, learning about diversity and inclusion, conflict resolution, governing documents, and caregivers. Stories were shared, friends were made, and everyone is bringing new ideas home!

Website corrections

Thanks to eagle-eyed members, we discovered we missed a couple of updates to our website. Please make sure unit members see these updates:

Member Award: Unit Member of the Year

- Deadline June 1.
- Open to senior members who are not in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.
- Each department may submit only one entry. Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address.
- Send your form to PNP Linda Newsome, lindanewsome1995@gmail.com and cc: National Chairman Brenda Collins, brendawcollins@charter.net.

Award: Service Member of the Year

- The nomination deadline is June 1 of each calendar year.
- Must be currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.
- Must submit a narrative of 750 words or less on the topic specified in the application.
- Membership in the Auxiliary is desired, but not required.

Each American Legion Auxiliary unit may submit one entry for each branch of the service.

Send the nomination form to PNP Mary Davis, marydavis.ala@comcast.net and cc: National Chairman Diana Sirovina, dsirovina@icloud.com.

Sharon Neville, a long-time member serving on the VA&R committee, passed away in September. Sharon was incredibly active in the ALA at all levels and will be sorely missed.

The online Red Book has been updated. All updates for the latest edition of the Red Book will be sent as one file when the hard copies are distributed.