

American Legion Auxiliary Western Division Community Service February 2024 Newsletter



It is never too early to start thinking about our year end reports. I wanted to include the information about the awards that are available and how you are to submit them. All entries are to be submitted electronically.

Here are the National awards for this committee:

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Community Service Program (per division)

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

Note: You will receive confirmation when your award is submitted. Unit members should follow instructions from their department.

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

Unit Award: Best Promotion of American Legion Family Day (one per division)

- All unit entries must be submitted by the department chairman 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>

Department Award: Best Department Community Service Program (per division)

- All department entries must be submitted by the department chairman 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>

Please note – when applicable, unit and department deadlines differ.

Questions? Contact CommunityService@ALAforVeterans.org

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Please fill out the information as completely and accurately as possible. Award certificates will be completed using the information given on this sheet, so please be sure to complete the [electronic form](#) in its entirety.

Please refer to the webpage for specific criteria such as photographs, narrative length, submission deadline, and point of contact. All awards will be mailed to the department office after the ALA National Convention. Department presidents may wish to recognize award recipients by presenting them with the award at a department function.

Your department year-end report is due to me, and a copy sent to National Chairman Diana Sirovina at dsirovina@icloud.com by May 15th. I am so excited when thinking about reading your reports and all the submissions for the awards. I know that every department in the Western Division is doing fantastic things for our communities. We just need to get it in writing.



I can understand if you feel like you keep seeing Zoom meeting information, you are not mistaken. I do not want you to miss the opportunity to join us as a division or as a national group. We all have very busy lives and things can get missed. Our next **Divisional Zoom** meeting is March 6th at **7:00 pm Pacific time** so please make the time adjustment for your area. That link is as follows –

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85418559951>

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Our scheduled **National Zoom Meeting** will be April 10, 2024, at **6:30 p.m. Eastern time**. Please adjust for your time zone. See the link below to register for that meeting if you have not done so already. This is a time where we can hear what others are doing and get a few innovative ideas or twists to things we already do. It is always great to share with one another.

Here is the link:

[ALA Community Service - Apr 10, 2024 - Formstack](#)

American Legion Family Day-April 27, 2024



Have you got your plans in the works for American Legion Family Day? If you have not started planning NOW is the time. Get those ideas flowing. This is an opportunity to get creative. Remember that this event can be big or small. Make it work for your Legion Family. This is a time to bring the Legion Family together and introduce your communities to what you do. Plan activities for various age groups. Highlight our 100+ years of service to veterans and the community. So many people do not know

about us or the many projects and programs that we support. This is a time for the American Legion Family: Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, and Sons to stop being the best kept secret and get out there and shine.



Small service is true service.

– William Wordsworth

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