

Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)

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

- Award: Citation + \$500 donation to VAVS facility or VCAF of her choice presented by the American Legion Auxiliary
- Presented to: Member
- Materials and guidelines:
- Candidates for VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC) Volunteer of the Year will be submitted by the chiefs of voluntary service to the national VAVS deputy (please see supplement for deadline and contact information).
- Awarded to the nominee who has given extraordinary service to our nation's veterans through the ALA VA&R program and the VAVS program.
- Nominee must serve in an established VA assignment and be defined as a regularly scheduled volunteer.
- Should be actively involved in working with veterans in any one of the following areas: outpatient clinics, nursing homes, homeless veteran programs, hosted veteran-related functions outside the VA, or visited veterans confined to their homes (as assigned by VAVS).
- The American Legion Auxiliary selects the ALA Volunteer of the Year. The name of the ALA Volunteer of the Year is forwarded for consideration as the NAC Volunteer of the Year.

B. Member Award: 10,000 Hour Volunteer Service Award

- Award: Citation plus \$100 donation to VAVS facility or VCAF of her choice presented by the American Legion Auxiliary
- Presented to: Member
- Materials and Guidelines:
- Given to volunteers who have reached 10,000 hours of service in a VA facility from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.
- Verification of hours must be received at National Headquarters by the first Friday in June.

C. Member Award: 20,000 Hour Volunteer Service

- Award: Citation plus \$200 donation to local VAVS facility or VCAF of her choice presented by the American Legion Auxiliary
- Presented to: Member
- Materials and guidelines:
- Given to volunteers who have reached more than 20,000 hours of service in a VA facility from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

- Verification of hours must be received at National Headquarters by the first Friday in June.

D. **Individual Recognition Award:** Volunteer Recruitment & Service Department

- Award: Citation presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs
Presented to: Hospital Representative
- Materials and guidelines:
- No entry form required
- Awarded to the hospital rep at every facility that shows an increase in both volunteers and volunteer hours at a VA Medical Center from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.
- The award winners will be determined by the national VAVS representative through verification of hours and number of volunteers as recorded by VAVS.

E. **Individual Recognition Award:** 100 Percent VAVS Meeting Attendance

- Award: Attendance Card presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Presented to: Hospital Representative and Deputy
- Materials and guidelines:
- No entry form required.
- An "Attendance Card" will be awarded to each representative and deputy who has 100 percent attendance to VAVS committee meetings at her assigned facility.
- The national VAVS representative will verify the winners from VA records.