**UNIT MEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE APPRECIATION AWARD**

**“CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR OTHERS”**

For the year 2021-2022, National President Kathy Daudistel will be focusing on the American Legion Auxiliary members in our community who care for others. We have many members who care for veterans, and they are recognized under the VA&R program.

But we also have those Unit members who do outstanding work in the community, even though they are not caregivers for a veteran. There is always that one Unit member who stands out in your community as the “go to person” to get things done in the community. A candidate for this award must be a **volunteer** who is spearheading a community project, taking care of a non-veteran community member outside of their family, visiting the homebound residents to find out their needs, or just spending time with a community member at risk. They work for the good of the community and all residents, regardless of who needs the help, and they always represent the ALA. They have great organizational skills, are compassionate, kind, and humble people. Let’s reward these Unit members by recognizing their efforts with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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Each Unit may nominate **one** Unit member by submitting a narrative to the Department Community Service Chairman with a deadline requested by the Department Chairman.

Each Department Community Service Chairman will submit **one** Unit member winner per Department, **by email,** to their National Community Service Divisional Chairman by June 1, 2022. Each Divisional Chairman will submit their Divisional winner to the National Chairman, Denise Conrad by June 15, 2022.

* **Candidate must be a Unit member in good standing.**
* Narrative must be less than 500 words
* Please try to include the Unit member’s picture (doing a task in the community OPTIONAL)
* Make sure to include Winner’s name and contact information
* Include Unit name, Department, and chairman information
* It is recommended that Units download the Certificate of Appreciation from the website alaforveterans.org Community Service page and present it to those members in your Unit that are considered for this award.
* It is recommended that the Department Chairman award a Certificate of Appreciation to all Unit members submitted to the Department Community Service Chairman for the award.

Each Divisional Unit member winner will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from National President Kathy Daudistel.

Denise Conrad

National Community Service Chairman 2021-22

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