

2017-2018 PROGRAM CONTESTS

The following awards are available during this administrative year. Any Unit wishing to submit an entry for any or all of these contests, should complete the Awards Submission Form we have provided. The completed submissions are to be sent directly to the Department Chairman as listed below. There will not be any District eliminations. Units are to submit all entries to the Department Chairman responsible for the program.

Please note that there are several other contests which do not require the use of our Awards Submission Form. Please check the rules for each contest you wish to enter for information on the rules and requirements. **denotes no form required.

AMERICANISM- Angela Golightly, 3909 Smith Rd. Colona, IL 61241

RICKY'S COUNTRY GIRLS AMERICANSIM PLAQUE – to the Unit submitting the most outstanding participation on promoting the Americanism Program to the schools.
THE DORIS SCHULTZ 'GOD BLESS AMERICA' PLAQUE – to the Unit for the best overall participation in the Americanism program.

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the Unit with the best participation in the Essay Contest.

\$10 to the Unit with the best participation in the Flag Project.

AUX. EMERGENCY FUND- Susan Heinz-Wojcik, 390 W. Mahogany Ct. Unit 201, Palatine, IL 60067

**ANN'S REPORTERS PLAQUE – to the District with the highest contribution to the AEF fund by June 1.

***Personal Awards:*

\$10 to the Unit with the highest contribution by July 1.

\$10 to the Division with the highest contribution by July 1.

****CHAPLAIN- Tina Abdelnour, 815 Van Buren St. Belvidere, IL 61008**

**MARGARET'S GEMS OF EIGHTY PLAQUE – for the best Unit Book of Prayers.

CHILDREN and YOUTH – Michelle Woodburn, 201 S. Maple, El Paso, IL 61738

BEULAH M. UNFER PLAQUE – to the Unit Chairman who submits the best overall participation in the Children and Youth program.

Personal Awards:

Certificate of Appreciation to the Unit with the most participation in the Special Olympics.

Certificate of Appreciation to the District with the most monetary or items donated to the Special Olympics program.

*Certificate of Appreciation to the Junior member collecting the most number of pop tabs from 8-1-17 to the opening of Junior Conference. **Awarded at the Junior Conference.***

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Suzanne King, 1465 N. Winslowe Dr. Apt. 103, Palatine, IL 60074-2998

PAT'S SOLE SISTERS PLAQUE – to the Unit for the best overall participation in the Community Service Program. (Judged from all award application forms received).

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the runner up to the Pat's Sole Sisters Plaque.

*\$10 to the Junior member with the best overall participation in the Community Service Program. **Awarded at the Junior Conference.***

EDUCATION- Teri Miller, 315 W. Republic St. Peoria, IL 61604-3540

RUBY'S CANTEEN DANCERS PLAQUE – to the Unit with best overall participation in the Education Program.

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the runner up of the Ruby's Canteen Dancers Plaque.

***Certificate of Appreciation to all Units contributing a full scholarship of \$1000 or more.*

GOLD STAR – Debbie Hancock, 110 North St., Armington, IL 61721

**STARR'S HEARTWARMERS GOLD STAR MEMBER OF THE YEAR – to the selected Gold Star Member of the Year.

Personal Awards:

An award to be given to the Unit submitting and enrolling entry for the most new Gold Star Members.

****HISTORIAN – Patti Williamson, 405 E. Belle Ave, Rantoul, IL 61866-1805**

****PRO-BOWLERS PLAQUE** – for the best Unit History.

****RAMONA'S INDIANS PLAQUE** – for the best District History.

****BASKETBALL SHOOTERS PLAQUE** - for the best Division History.

****IRENE LOFTON'S EAGLETES PLAQUE** – for the best Junior History.

awarded at the Junior Conference

****DOT'S APPLE DUMPLING GANG PLAQUE**--for the best District Junior History.

awarded at the Junior Conference

Personal Awards:

***\$10 to the runner up of the Pro Bowlers Plaque.*

***\$10 to the runner up of the Ramona's Indians Plaque.*

***\$10 to the runner up of the Basketball Shooters Plaque.*

***Citation given to any Unit, District or Division submitting an electronic history (email, flash drive, or CD). Awarded to Seniors and Juniors.*

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES – Marcia Stalter, Box 317, Cullom, IL 60929

ROSES FOR REMEMBRANCE SHINING STAR PLAQUE – to the Unit for the best overall participation in the Junior Activities Program.

Personal Awards:

***\$10 to the Unit bringing the most Juniors to Department Junior Conference.*

\$10 to the Unit reporting the most service projects to our veterans in facilities.

LEADERSHIP – Linda Kilmer, 188 N. Hickory, Palmyra, IL 62674

Personal Awards:

An award to the Unit graduating the most Seniors from a Leadership Class.

An award to the Unit graduating the most Juniors from a Leadership Class.

LEGISLATIVE -Deb Lewis, P.O. Box 152, Cisco, IL 61830-0152

1978 SLUGGERS LEGISLATIVE PLAQUE – to the Unit for the best overall participation in the Legislative Program.

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the runner up of the 1978 Sluggers Plaque.

****MEMBERSHIP - Janet Bacon, 129 Homewood Dr., Genoa, IL 60135**

- **KATHY'S KITTENS THE CATS MEOW PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest percentage of membership by January 1st.
- **VIRGINIA'S ROAD RACERS PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1st. (10-150 members)
- **JO'S STARLIGHTERS PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest numerical gain in membership by July 1st. (151 and over members)
- **DOUBLE D BOOT KICKERS PLAQUE – to the District for the highest percent of membership by opening of Department Convention.
- **SHARON'S HALOS PLAQUE – to the Division for the highest percent of membership by opening of Department Convention.
- **PAT'S KNIGHTS PLAQUE – to the Unit for the highest numerical gain in Junior membership by July 1st.
 - Free Patriotic Lunch for any District President/Vice President and Division President/Vice President who are goal by opening of Patriotic Conference.
 - Free Gold Star/PPP dinner for any District President/Vice President and Division President/Vice President who are goal by the opening of Department Convention, (if not goal at Patriotic Conference).

\$100 award to the Unit with the highest number of members in attendance at the Fall Forum or January Family Caravan.

Two \$250 awards drawn for Units that reach or surpass their 110% stretch goal by opening of Department Convention.

MUSIC – Kim Garland, 121 N. Main St., Modesto, IL 62667

MARY'S FLEURETTES PLAQUE – to the District Chairman for the best overall participation in the Music Program.

Parody (First Place) ages 1-12. ***Awarded at the Junior Conference***

\$5.00 to the Junior member writing the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme.

Parody (First Place) ages 13-17. ***Awarded at the Junior Conference***

\$5.00 to the Junior member writing the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme.

Parody (Second Place) ages 1-12. ***Awarded at the Junior Conference***

\$3.00 to the Junior member writing the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme.

Parody (Second Place) ages 13-17. ***Awarded at the Junior Conference***

\$3.00 to the Junior member writing the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme.

Personal Awards:

An award to the 1st place Sr submitting a parody based on patriotic or Dept President's theme.

An award to the 2nd place Sr submitting a parody based on patriotic or Dept President's theme.

NATIONAL SECURITY – Sue Johnson, 140 E. Russell St., Rockton, IL 61072

FIREHOUSE CREW NATIONAL SECURITY PLAQUE – to the Unit for the best overall participation in the National Security program.

Personal Awards:

\$10 “Operation Home Front for Olympians” – complete 4 events on the given list of suggestions in National Security with great detail and pictures in your report.

Senior award.

\$10 “Who will get the Gold?” – plan a Blue Star and Gold Star Banner Bash that involves Veterans, Military and their families with great detail and pictures in your report.

Senior award.

*\$5 “Wounded Olympic Warrior” – set up and raise funds in fundraisers to support Operation Comfort Warrior to provide supplies to wounded service members with great detail and pictures in your report. **Junior award.***

*\$5 “Secure the Premises Training Time” – who can organize an event that connects with children or youth of military families who are deployed in their area with great detail and picture in your report. **Junior award.***

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY- Luella Buske, 904 N. Van Buren, Litchfield, IL 62056-1555

MARION’S BALLOONITICS PLAQUE – to the Unit for best overall participation in the Past Presidents Parley Program.

**** PAM’S TV LANDERS PLAQUE – to the District with highest contribution to the Nurses Scholarship Fund by April 15th.**

****WANDA’S LOVELY WORLD PLAQUE – to the Unit Member of the Year.**

PLAQUE - to Veteran honoree from Iraq War Era from 5 branches of Service.

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the runner up of the Marion’s Balloonitics Plaque.

****\$10 to the runner up of the Pam’s TV Landers Plaque.**

POPPY – Barb Ziegenweide, 317 Merchants Ave., Apt. 6, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-2258

MARGARET’S GARDENERS – to the Unit with the best overall participation in the Poppy program.

JUDY’S CIRCUS PERFORMERS POPPY AWARD – for the most new and innovative way or idea of raising funds for the Poppy Program.

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the runner up of the Margaret’s Gardeners Plaque.

\$10 to the runner up of the Judy’s Circus Performers Poppy Award Plaque.

****PUBLIC RELATIONS – Judy Ehlers, 32884 E 1600 North Rd, Cullom, IL 60929**

****BURN’S REEL STARS PLAQUE – for the best Unit Press Book submitted.**

****JULIA’S MUSICIANS PLAQUE – for the best District Press Book submitted.**

****\$5.00 First Place for the most outstanding Media Book by Juniors (Class I and II) *awarded at the Junior Conference.***

****\$3.00 Second Place for the most outstanding Media Book by Juniors (Class I and II) *awarded at the Junior Conference.***

****\$2.00 Third Place for the most outstanding Media Book by Juniors (Class I and II) *awarded at the Junior Conference.***

Personal Awards:

****\$5 to the runner up of the Burn’s Reel Stars Plaque.**

****\$5 to the runner up of the Julia’s Musicians Plaque.**

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION - Marsha Ziska, 267 Oliver, Caseyville, IL 62232

TERI'S FIRECRACKERS PLAQUE – to the Unit for best overall participation in the VA&R Program. (Narrative)

CAROLLEE'S COOKIES PLAQUE – to the District with the best overall participation in the VA&R Program. (Narrative)

Personal Awards:

***\$10 to the Unit with the most donations to the Creative Arts Festival.*

***\$10 to the District with the most Units supporting the caregivers program sponsored by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation.*

****SERVICE TO VETERANS/HOSPITAL SERVICES-Carollee Junge, 3750 215th St. Matteson, IL 60443**

***\$15.00 to VA/VS Volunteer serving the greatest number of hours, excluding Reps/Dep.*

***\$15.00 to the "Service to Veterans" Volunteer serving the greatest # of hours for a Junior.*

***\$15.00 to the "Service to Veterans" Volunteer serving the greatest # of hours for a Senior.*

Personal Awards:

***\$10 to Illinois Veterans Home volunteer serving the most hours for the year, excluding Reps and Deps.*