

2023-2024 APPROVED DEPARTMENT PLAQUES AND AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S BEST "" Recognition Citation/Blue Folder

To the Unit that sends pictures and a narrative describing how they promoted the theme "Serving Veterans: The Real Superheroes")

One for a Unit with 10-150 members

One for a Unit with 151 and over members

One for a District

One for a Division

AMERICANISM

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.

SERVE AND PROTECT CADET OF THE YEAR PLAQUE – to the outstanding cadet at American Legion Police School. The plaque and a picture of the cadet will be presented at the Youth Police School and reported during the Americanism report at Department Convention.

Personal Awards:

\$10 and a Certificate of Appreciation to the Runner-up of the Ricky's Country Girls Americanism Plaque.

\$10 and a Certificate of Appreciation to the Runner-Up of the Doris Schultz "God Bless America" Plaque.

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

\$10 to the Unit that reports the Best Star Spangled Kids Promotion Certificates to all Unit that promote Star Spangle Kids

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ILLINI GIRLS STATE

Unit raffle drawing for one Unit that receive a \$300 registration refund if the completed application and check for the attending citizen arrive in the Department Office no later than April 1, 2024.

Unit raffle drawing for one Unit that receive a \$300 registration refund if the completed application and check for the attending citizen arrive in the Department Office no later than May 1, 2024.

Units will be notified by letter following the raffle drawings

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the 1st Unit submitting a completed ALA IGS application who has not sponsored a girl in the last 5 years.

\$10 to the Unit that submits the largest increase over 2023 in citizens sent to IGS to be verified with Department records.

AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND

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 June 1.

\$10 To the Division with the highest contribution by June 1.

CHAPLAIN

PATTI'S CRAFTERS PLAQUE – for the best Unit Book of Prayers.

Personal Awards:

\$10 for the First Prayer received for President Angie's Prayer Book.

\$10 to the Best Division Book of Prayers

\$10 to the Best District Book of Prayers

CHILDREN and YOUTH

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

Personal Awards:

\$10 and Certificate of Appreciation for the Unit, District or Division that brings the most small toy action figures or stuffed heroes to the Special Olympics Summer State Games that the American Legion Riders hand out to the athletes.

\$10 and Certificate of Appreciation for the Unit, District or Division that hands out the most toy action figures or stuffed bears to the military deployment that a child may need a hero to help them get through his/her crises, child in a hospital or any event.

\$10 and Certificate of Appreciation to the Unit, District, Division that hands out the most, Good Deed and Youth Hero awards in their community, District or Division area.

\$10 and Certificate of Appreciation for the Unit, District or Division that collect the most beverage/food can table to raise money by April 1st for a charity program that will assist children and veteran programs designed to help them. A little tab can make a big difference.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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).

SR. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD-to the senior member who volunteers the most in service to their community.

JR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD-to the junior member who volunteers the most in service to their community.

Personal Awards:

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

\$10 to the Division with the most Unit submitting Community Service Projects

\$10 to the Unit reporting the most units of blood collected at a blood drive

EDUCATION

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

JANET'S HUGGIE BEARS PLAQUE – Recognition for the largest donation from a single source to the Education Fund by May 15th.

Personal Awards:

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

\$10 to the runner up of the Janet's Huggie Bears Plaque

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

GOLD STAR

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

Personal Awards: Not to exceed \$10 each

\$10 to be given to the Unit chairman submitting the best report

\$10 Award to be given to the person submitting the best Gold Star Poem to Dept. Chairman by May 1, 2024

HISTORIAN

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 EAGLETTES PLAQUE – for the best Junior History.

awarded at Dept. Convention

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

awarded at Dept. Convention

Personal awards:

\$10 and a Certificate to the runner up of the Pro Bowlers Plaque.

\$10 and a Certificate to the runner up of the Ramona's Indians Plaque.

\$10 and a Certificate to the runner up of the Basketball Shooters Plaque.

Citation given to any Unit, District or Division submitting a history (Seniors and Juniors) submitted to the Historian for competition.

\$10 and Certificate – Basis: To the Unit Historian who submits to Department Historian the most information throughout the year.

\$10 and Certificate- Basis: To the District Historian who submits to Department Historian the most District information throughout the year

\$10 and Certificate – Basis: To the Division Historian who submits to Department Historian the most information throughout the year

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

DEB'S WILD ONES PLAQUE – to the Unit for the best overall participation in the Junior Activities Program.

Personal Awards:

\$5 to the Junior Unit bringing the most Juniors to Jr. Conference.

\$5 to the Unit describing the most creative idea for assisting Juniors with the patch program

LEADERSHIP

DIANA'S HATS OFF TO YOU PLAQUE – to the Unit Member of the Year.

Personal Awards and Rules

\$10 to the Unit having the most Senior members at a Unit leadership class

\$10 to the District having the most Senior members at a District leadership class

\$10 to the Division having the most Senior members at a Division leadership class

\$10 to any Unit sending one or more Junior members to a Unit, District, or Division Senior Leadership Class.

- *Due July 1, 2023.*
- *Cannot be from the sessions at Department Convention.*
- *Submit only a picture, the date, the instructor and a list of attendees. Email is preferred but snail mail will work.*

RULES

- Use the cover sheet with your award submissions.
- Leadership
- Due June 1, 2024
- Do not include convention leadership classes
- Submit a picture, a list of attendees, and the instructor's name, as well as the level.
- Must indicate junior members, and which unit and district they are representing.
- Each unit only awarded once for junior attendance at any level leadership class.

Unit Member of the Year

- Due May 1, 2024
- Candidate must be an active member of the unit.
- Use the Unit Member of the Year Award form.

LEGISLATIVE

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

\$10 to the member receiving the most replies from their legislators both National, state, and local as reported to this chairman.

MEMBERSHIP

KATHY'S KITTENS THE CATS MEOW PLAQUE – to the Unit with the highest percentage of membership by July 1st.

SUE CC'S TWO TIMERS 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. Vice President gets citation in a blue folder. (Districts up to 1000 members)

DEPARTMENT PLAQUE - to the District for the highest percent of membership by opening of Department Convention. Vice President gets citation in a blue folder. (Districts 1001 and above members)

SHARON'S HALOS PLAQUE – to the Division for the highest percent of membership by opening of Department Convention. Vice President gets citation in a blue folder.

PAT'S KNIGHTS PLAQUE – to the Unit for the highest numerical gain in Junior membership by July 1st.

Target Date Awards to the first-place districts in each division and first-place division at the target dates. Award to be announced at Fall Board Meeting.

Goal Units by our birthday 11-10-2022 gets \$25.00

Any goal unit by Department Convention gets 2 teal pins and a certificate.

Patriotic Conference awards – for any District President and Vice President and Division President and Vice President that are goal by opening of Patriotic Conference will receive 1 free night at hotel or monetary equivalent if not staying in hotel because of location (live in area). MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

At Family Caravan (January) the Unit that brings the most membership at each stop will receive an award. To be determined.

Lincoln Pilgrimage awards - to the Division and the 2 Districts with the highest percentage in membership on January 31, 2024. To include the President and Vice President. Winners will receive a Jacket and a breakfast ticket **if they are present** for the program on February 11th and the breakfast on February 12th.

The first Division to reach 102%, the President and the Vice President will receive \$150.00 each.

The first District to reach 102%, the President and the Vice President will receive \$75.00 each.

Traveling Necklaces:

September 15, 2023 – Div. President and Vice President highest % in membership/District President and Vice President in each Division with highest % of membership.

November 29, 2023 - Div. President and Vice President highest % in membership/District President and Vice President in each Division with highest % of membership.

March 22, 2024 - Div. President and Vice President highest % in membership/District President and Vice President in each Division with highest % of membership. If they are 100% they keep their necklaces.

July 11, 2024 - Div. President and Vice President highest % in membership/District President and Vice President in each Division with highest % of membership.

Personal Award:

An award to the District that helps organize and participates in the most Unit Revitalizations.

MUSIC

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

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

\$5.00 to the Junior member for best Patriotic or Department President's Theme written or video. To Department Chairman by April 1, 2023

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

\$5.00 to the Junior member for the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme written or video. To Department Chairman by April 1, 2023

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

\$3.00 to the Junior member for the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme written or video. To Department Chairman by April 1, 2023

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

\$3.00 to the Junior member for the best Patriotic or Department President's Theme written or video. To Department Chairman by April 1, 2023

Personal Awards:

1ST PLACE - \$5 award to the Senior member who submitted the best Parody of a patriotic song based on the Dept President's theme, written or video.

1st PLACE - \$5 award for the Best Unit, District and Department Narrative Report on Unit's Music Program

1st PLACE –\$5 to the Best Division, District, and Unit with the best video parody to by May 1, 2024.

NATIONAL SECURITY

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

A plaque for each winning service member of the year – one per branch of service

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the Runner-up of the Firehouse Crew National Security plaque.

\$10 to the District National Security Chairman for the Best Overall National Report

\$10 to the Unit with the Best Report on How They Honored a Military Spouse

\$10 to the Unit with the Best Report on how they became involved with Community Emergency readiness Training – Making a Plan for Disasters and Emergencies

\$10 to the Unit that donates the most to the USO

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

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 June 1st.

Personal Awards:

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

\$10 or a gift to the Unit for the most unique way to raise money for the nurse's scholarship fund as provided by written report

\$10 or a gift to the Unit raising the most funds for the nurse's scholarship program

\$10 or a gift to the Division with the most unique way of celebrating their Past Presidents at any level...Department Division, District or Unit as reported to me in a written report.

PHOTO BOOK

Personal Awards:

\$10 To the Unit with the best picture and narrative of President Angie and her theme

\$10 To the District with the best picture or pictures and narrative of President Angie and her theme

\$10 To a Junior Unit with the best picture and narrative of President Angie and her theme

\$5 runner up to a Junior Unit with the best picture and narrative of President Angie and her theme

POPPY

MARSHA'S ATHLETES PLAQUE – 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.

LITTLE MISS POPPY AWARD - \$50, Sash and Tiara. ***Awarded at the Junior Conference***

MISS POPPY AWARD - \$50, Sash and Tiara. ***Awarded at the Junior Conference.***

POPPY CONTESTS: Poppy Corsage, Poppy Floral Table Arrangement, Poppy Holiday Table Arrangement, Poppy Tray Favors, Poppy Hat, Poppy Apparel, Poppy Wall Hanging Non-Holiday, Holiday Hanging Wreath, Poppy Poem

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the runner up of the Marsha's Athletes plaque

\$10 to the runner up of the Judy's Circus Performers Plaque.

\$10 for the best Video and Narrative Distributing Poppies

PUBLIC RELATIONS

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 each Junior Conference.

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

Awarded at each Junior Conference.

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

Personal Awards:

\$10 to the runner up of the Burn's Reel Stars Plaque.

\$10 to the runner up of the Julia's Musicians Plaque.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

TERI'S FIRECRACKERS PLAQUE – to the Unit for best overall participation in the VA&R Program as proven by a narrative submission.

CAROLLEE'S COOKIES PLAQUE – to the District with the best overall participation in the VA&R Program as proven by a narrative submission.

Personal Awards:

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

\$10 to the District with the most Quilts made for the Quilt of Valor program

SERVICE TO VETERANS/HOSPITAL SERVICES

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

\$15.00 to VA/VS Volunteer serving the greatest number of hours, for Reps/Deps.

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

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

\$15 to Illinois Veterans Home volunteer serving the most hours for the year, excluding Reps and Deps.

\$15 to Illinois Veterans Home volunteer serving the most hours for the year, for Reps and Deps

Personal Awards:

Citation to honor years of service

HOLIDAY GIFTS

NONE