



**Department of California  
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation  
March Bulletin**

Yes, March Madness is upon us, Spring is just around the corner, and with that comes year-end reporting. Hopefully your calendar notes are current and your tracking sheets reflect the miles, hours, and dollars you have spent on services and events for our veterans and military families during the year. And don't forget to include all those miles, hours, and dollars spent for activities and services provided for homeless veterans, veterans in rest homes and medical centers. These statistics need to be included on Unit and District Impact Report Forms as the information ultimately finds its way into the Annual Report that the American Legion compiles for Congress.

**Dates to Remember**

- ✓ Unit End-of-Year Reports are due to the District VA&R Chairman by April 12.
- ✓ Unit Impact Reports are due to the District President by April 12.
- ✓ District End-of-Year Reports are due to the Department Chairman by May 1.
- ✓ District Impact Reports are due to the Department Secretary by May 1.

**Awards**

Please take a few minutes to check out the following awards, available to our Volunteer Medical Center Workers...there are many deserving volunteers who qualify!

- ✓ **V.I.S.T.O – Volunteers In Service to Others** – a perpetual plaque to be awarded annually to an outstanding Volunteer Medical Center Worker nominated by the Director of Volunteers or Chief of Voluntary Services in each of the VA Medical Centers and the Veterans Homes. Entries shall be submitted to the Department VA&R Chairman by May 10th.

The rules to apply for this award will be found in the Department Code/Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation-Revised July 31, 2023, Pages 68-69.

- ✓ **N.A.V.A. – Non-Affiliated Volunteer Award** – A certificate to be awarded annually to an outstanding Non-Affiliated Medical Center Worker nominated by the Director of Volunteers or Chief of Voluntary Services in each of the VA Medical Centers and Veterans Homes. Entries shall be submitted to the Department VA&R Chairman by May 10th.

The rules to qualify for the N.A.V.A. Award will be found in the Department Code/Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation-Revised July 31, 2023, Page 69.

### **American Legion Family Support Network**

Did you know that The American Legion, which has nearly 13,000 posts across the country, is an organization that welcomes help from volunteers for numerous activities on behalf of service members and veterans. The Family Support Network helps families with tasks such as grocery shopping, lawn mowing and home repairs when service members are away or in need. To take part, contact your local American Legion Post or email [familysupport@legion.org](mailto:familysupport@legion.org). It's not only Auxiliary members who can volunteer – Legion and Squadron members can also volunteer! Many retirees/seniors are looking for something to keep them busy – so why not volunteer?

Please keep your spirits high as we soar into Spring, and remember, by working together we can be...

United As One,

Susan Baker, VA&R Chairman

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