



Southern Division

Legislative Bulletin

May 2021

What a challenging 2 years that we have had, but it is coming to a close. The committee is looking forward to seeing everyone (in person) at our National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

- It is time to submit your Department Year End Reports. They are due to your Division Chairman, Donna Dillard (threedtexas.@gmail.com) and to National Chairman, Norma Tramm (ntramm@juno.com) by **May 15, 2021**. Also remember that this year includes the last 2 years (2019-2020 and 2020-2021)

Narrative Report: Please include the answers to the following questions:

- a. How did you educate members in the legislative issues promoted by The American Legion and how did your members employ those methods?
- b. What legislative activities did members attend in their communities and departments? What suggestions did members have to improve those activities? Please describe.
- c. How did members develop relationships with their elected officials? Please describe.
- d. Please describe how members were able to connect with their local and state officials and what were their successes.

Legislative Awards:

- a. Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet that is found in the awards section of the Program Action Plan.
- b. Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the award's materials and guidelines section.
- c. Submit as indicated in the Annual Supplement to the Program Action Plan.

All can be found on the Legislative Committee contact page on the National website, www.ALAforVeterans.org

Unit Award: Most Outstanding Unit Legislative Program

- Award: Citation Plaque
- Presented to 1 Unit in each Division (5)
- Materials and Guidelines:
 - a. Entries must be typewritten in narrative form.
 - b. Include pictures and newspaper articles.
- Deadline: **June 1, 2021**
- Send to national division chairman postmarked or emailed by 5 p.m. EST of the deadline listed above.

Department Award: Best Department Legislative Program

- Award: Citation
- Presented to 1 Department in each Division (5)
- Materials and Guidelines:
 - a. Entries must be typewritten in narrative form

b. Include pictures and newspaper articles.

- Deadline: **June 1, 2021**
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As always, remember to take advantage of the free resources available at www.legion.org/legislative and join us on our ALA Legislative Facebook page for daily posts, videos, and our monthly Legislative Moments with special guest speakers.

*For God and Country,
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