

Floor Remarks Department Convention 2025

Good Morning ALA members,

How is everyone this morning? I am honored to be your Service to Veterans chairman.

Service to Veterans started as Field Service and Home Service but was combined in 2014 to encompass both. We are now also including hours for those volunteering at the VA homes. Service to Veterans is any service you provide to a veteran inside or outside of the home.

Remember, we can now include spouses in these hours. If you live with your Veteran spouse, you can claim 10 hours a week, if you do not live with them, you can still claim 5 hours per week.

The Service to Veterans chair, tracks all members hours monthly. It is important to email, or snail mail your hours in.

This year, 31 units sent end-of-year reports. You reported to this chair, 106,180.7 hours with 37,373 veterans served, you drove 176,614.1 miles in service to veterans. Please give yourselves a hand! What a wonderful accomplishment.

Now on to the awards.

This year I only received six narratives.

For the..

Ethel M Jarvis Plaque for Junior Service to Veterans

No Runner up/ No Winner

Avonell Smith Plaque for Membership 150 and under.

For this plaque, I received two narratives, unfortunately, one of the units did not get Poppies and is not eligible to receive an award. So, there is

No Runner up

And the winner is: William Bloys Unit 2 Chairman
Dixie Becker

Next:

Esther Gaston Plaque for Membership of 151-
300

No runner up,

And the winner is: Ernest A. Love unit 6, chairman
Katherine Casey-ladarola

Next:

Sharon Alley Plaque Membership of 301-599

No runner up

And the winner is: Matthew B Juan Unit 35,
chairman Stacy Riebold

Next:

Adene V Steffen Plaque for membership of 600
and above

runner up is Robert A Eckert Unit 81 Chairman
Susan Culler

Winner: John J Morris Unit 62 Chairman Pamla Daft

Next up is the Service To Veterans Hour bars. I am excited to be giving out a whopping 54 bars!

If I call your name, please come up and get your bars from my lovely assistant, Barbara White.

Thank you, Madame President, it has been an honor serving as your Chairman. I have no recommendations or resolutions.

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Units reported- 31
narratives written- 6
total Hours- 106,180.7
total Vets served- 37,373
total expenses- \$140,789.15
total Mileage- 179,614.1