

Leadership/Arizona Mission Training

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Greetings to members of this great organization! Time is moving fast for the end of year reports and awards. Has your Unit selected a Member of the Year yet? Or perhaps a Vickey Zwall Mentor of the Year? I am sure that those of you who attended an Arizona Mission Training this year learned the importance of reporting all that you do. And if you want to make your Unit or District look really GOOD write a narrative for an award. Selected items from your narratives are sent on to the Western Division and National Chairmen and are often included in their convention reports. It is a great feeling for your members to be recognized for their achievements!

The criteria for Leadership awards “Lavan Erickson Leadership Plaque” and “Unit Member of the Year” plaque have been included in past bulletins. Please check the Department web site (aladepaz.org) for past bulletins, report forms and awards in each program. This month I include **the “Vickey J. Zwall Mentor of the Year Plaque.”**

The plaque will be awarded at the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona Department Convention and will be retained by the recipient. A new plaque will be furnished each year, financed by Vickey J. Zwall.

Any member can be placed into nomination for the Mentor of the Year Plaque, and can be nominated by any Auxiliary member. A not-to-exceed 1,000 word resume of the nominees’ activities for the current year must be submitted. The resume will be sent to the Department Leadership Chairman no later than the date set annually at the Officers and Chairmen meeting at the beginning of the program year. The Department Leadership Chairman will choose a committee of three individuals to assist in judging.

I hope to receive many report forms and award narratives by May 1st. If you have further questions please text and I will return your call and do my best to help you.

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Leadership is not about a title or designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration. Amy Luft