

**THE VICKEY J. ZWALL**  
**MENTOR OF THE YEAR PLAQUE (REVISED 2026)**

**Sponsoring ALA Program:** Leadership/Mission Training

**Eligibility:** Any member can be placed into nomination for the Mentor of the Year Plaque, and can be nominated by any Auxiliary member.

**Submission Type:** A not-to-exceed 1000 word resume of the nominee's activities for the current year must be submitted. For cover sheet, signature, and other requirements see Rules 16 and 17 of Standing Rules Addendum #4 at the front of the Department Awards Manual. No copy of the Department Leadership Report Form needs to be attached.

**Submission Due Date/ Period covered:** Due date decided by Officers and Chairmen annually (usually May 1 of the current calendar year) for period covering May 1 of the previous calendar year through April 30 of the current calendar year.

**Award Presentation:**

An annual plaque will be awarded to the Mentor of the Year. This plaque will be awarded at the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arizona, Department Convention by the Leadership Chairman and will be retained by the recipient. A new plaque will be furnished each year, financed by Vickey J. Zwall.

**Award Criteria:**

The judging of the Unit narratives for the awarding of this honor shall be done prior to the Department Convention by a committee of at least three (3) appointed by the Department Leadership Chairman. The Chairman may be a judge. No judge shall have a conflict of interest, e.g., a member of their Unit has been submitted for the award.

1. Current Membership of the nominee must be paid.
2. Revisions to this plaque can only be done by Vickey J. Zwall or a relative.

**PLEASE NOTE:** National awards, if applicable, follow a separate submission and judging process and must be submitted directly to the National organization.  
As of 2026 there is no National Equivalent for this award.