

LAVAN ERICKSON LEADERSHIP PLAQUE (REVISED 2026)

SPONSORING ALA PROGRAM: Leadership/Mission Training

ELIGIBILITY: Any Unit in good standing in the Department of Arizona is eligible for this award.

SUBMISSION TYPE: Typewritten narrative not to exceed 1000 words. Copy of Official Department Leadership (Mission Training) Report Form to be attached.

For cover sheet, signature, and other requirements see Rules 16, 17, 18 of Standing Rules Addendum #4 at the front of the Department Awards Manual.

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: Traveling plaque presented at Department Convention by the Department Leadership Chairman.

AWARD CRITERIA:

The judging of the Unit narratives for the awarding of this plaque 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., their Unit has submitted for the award.

BASIS OF AWARDS

1. Did your Unit host a Leadership/Mission Training class this year? How many members of your Legion Family attended a Leadership/Mission Training class which your Unit hosted?
2. How many members of your Legion Family attended a Leadership/Mission Training class held elsewhere in the Department?
3. Depending on how many from your Legion Family attended a class, ask up to 3 (three) of them what is the most memorable/surprising/useful thing they learned. (If one person attended, response from one person. If two people attended, response from two people. If three or more attended, response from three.) Be specific.
4. How did your Legion Family members who attended a class "pass the knowledge" to members at home? Be specific in describing WHAT and HOW they taught other members. Be specific about PROJECTS or ACTIVITIES they planned and conducted based on what was learned.

PLEASE NOTE: National Awards in this category follow a separate submission and judging process and must be submitted directly by the Unit or the Unit Leadership Chairman (NOT THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN OR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS) to the National organization.

Submission by a Unit for a Department award is not required for National submission.

Please contact the appropriate Department Chairman or see the National website (www.alaforveterans.org) for information about National Unit Awards and the process of submission.

As of 2026 one UNIT in each Division will receive the award for the Most Outstanding Leadership Program.

Entries for National Department Awards are submitted by the Department Chairman.

As of 2026 one DEPARTMENT in each Division will receive the award for the Best Department Leadership Program.