

While the world we are living in right now seems to be chaotic and out of control, we as members of this 100-year-old organization continue to work our 'mission' to support veterans and their families, our communities, and individual units.

It is our duty to look for the good in the world and let the world know about the phenomenal work our members are doing in their communities. Share your work with the world by posting your activities on social media.

Some of these activities might include the following:

- Collecting food and donations for local food banks
- Performing "welfare checks" on shut-ins in your community
- Escorting veterans to their appointments
- Sewing face masks for neighbors, first responders, and nursing home residents
- Making quilts and tie-blankets for veterans or the needy
- Distributing stuffed toys to children in need

There is no better opportunity to see true 'unit members of the year' emerge. Consider those in your unit who go above and beyond in carrying out the 'mission' of the American Legion Auxiliary. Nominate one of these fine members for the 'Unit Member of the Year' award.

Our Past Presidents Parley organization is also seeking past Unit Member of the Year honorees for their stories and how the award may have impacted their lives. Are you still active? Did the award inspire you to reach for new heights in the Auxiliary? How did the award make a difference in your life?

You can email your story to me at parliamentarian@ndala.org or mail it to me at the address listed here. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

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