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Greetings Auxiliary Members,

Did you know that you can submit the American Legion Auxiliary's Salute to Servicemembers Award NOW?

This year it is much easier to submit for the Salute to Servicemember Award! An ALA member or unit simply makes the nomination rather than the service member, to effectively tell the story of why they feel this person is "head and shoulders" above their peers and worthy of this award. A simple narrative (no more than a 1000 words), a picture of the service member (preferably an official Department of Defense photograph) and the endorsement from their command group are the only requirements!

You can submit NOW! And right up until the June 1, 2025, deadline. The nomination form is live now. Simply click on the link:

<https://www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicemembers-Award-Form>

This award acknowledges the servicemember's contributions that go beyond their military career, displaying their impact on their community. Our US service members are exemplary examples of our nation, but when you find one that also goes above and beyond- both within the military and as an integral part of the community where they are stationed-they are more than admirable and should be acknowledged for this. It's this "can do" attitude that we should all strive for!

For example, all recipients of last year's Salute to Servicemembers Award are tremendous assets to their military community, thriving in their professional careers with awards and decorations to prove it, but all demonstrate the spirit of volunteerism.

The goal is to have at least one submission from every Department and ensure that every branch of the military is represented - Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force and the National Guard. With our military installations that we have in North Dakota and the recruiters that serve each branch, we have a huge number of service members to choose from. Let's be North Dakota proud this year and search out a service member to fill one or all of these branches of service. I know we can do this!

If you have any questions, please contact me. Always be kind.

*Gloria Covert*, Chairman, Department National Security Program