



Hello Amazing racers of the department of California.

April 2021

Wow here we are in April 2021, what a year has it been. I know things are getting back to somewhat normal, but it just still feels so isolated. We have been lucky at our post, we have been able to open on Friday night dinners, lunch time 2 days a week and Sunday afternoons for hot dogs and hamburgers. We were able to also participate in a beer walk that the city put on which we were able to get four new members.

I know this year has seem to have been full of loss and separation but I think the most important thing that I learned was that we can come together in so many other ways and our American Legion sister and brothers are only a phone call away or sample card to just say I was thinking about you.

End of the year reports, the units are due to district by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and to department by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The end of the reports is online.

**Upcoming Award: Unit Award: Caring & Sharing Award**

- Award: \$25.00 gift card to Emblem Sales
- Presented to: Units obtain at least one rejoined member (has not paid dues since 2018) and submits completed form
- Deadline: April 30, 2021
- Materials and guidelines:

See Caring & Sharing Award form for specific rules and regulations. Form is available at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) or by emailing [membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org)

**Member Award: R/R5 – Recruit/Rejoin 5**

- Award: Special gift from the National Membership chairman (gift will be different for each deadline)
- Presented to: Members who recruit or rejoin five or more Auxiliary junior or senior members into the 2021 membership year.

Note: Rejoins must not have paid dues after the 2018 membership year

- First Deadline: December 14, 2020
- Second Deadline: Flag Day, June 14, 2021

Note: 10x10 Award winners will automatically receive the December R/R5 award. No additional action or form required.

To be eligible for the second deadline, members will need to recruit/rejoin 5 additional members by June 14<sup>th</sup> (cannot be the same members used to receive the 10x10 or December R/R5 awards).

- Materials and guidelines:

form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website ([www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)). You must be logged into the "members only" area to access the page One entry per recruiter.

For award forms or more information email your dept or [membership@alaforveterans.org](mailto:membership@alaforveterans.org)

I would like to send out a huge shout to all of the units that have made 100%, we still have time to make 100% the deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

For God and Country.

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