

2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION AWARDS



SERVICE AWARDS

VA NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE
Reynaldo Rodriguez, California

VA VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE
Sharon Smith, Texas

VA VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE
Lori Chase, New Hampshire

VOLUNTARY SERVICES AWARDS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Warren and Rosemary Heinsohn, Illinois

AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Jennie Riemer, Wisconsin

LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Division 1: **Department of Florida**, 499,346 hours
Division 2: **Department of South Carolina**, 615,284 hours
Division 3: **Department of Wisconsin**, 99,127 hours
Division 4: **Department of Iowa**, 59,157 hours
Division 5: **Department of South Dakota**, 52,078 hours

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AWARDS

JUDGE ROBERT S. MARX AWARD
Department of North Dakota

GENERAL JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT AWARD
Department of Wyoming

TOP MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER AWARDS

Division 1: **Department of Massachusetts**
Division 2: **Department of Missouri**
Division 3: **Department of Indiana**
Division 4: **Department of Connecticut**
Division 5: **Department of New Hampshire**

TOP MEMBER RECRUITER OF THE YEAR
Drew Wheatley, Missouri, recruited 521 new members

TOP NSO RECRUITER OF THE YEAR
John Rodriguez, Illinois, recruited 273 new members

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS HALL OF FAME
Scott Burdick, Arizona

EMPLOYMENT AWARDS

PATRIOT EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR (LARGE)
Sonepar, South Carolina

PATRIOT EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR (MIDSIZE)
ENSCO Inc., Virginia

PATRIOT EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR (SMALL)
Cambridge International Systems, Virginia

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