



Units that exemplify Service not Self, promote harmony in the Unit, are inclusive and welcoming to all members, accept/adapt to change, and engage new/current members will be awarded the National President's **Service Not Self** citation, receive a special gift from the National President and be recognized at National Convention. An article and photo, if provided, of winning Units will be published in the national magazine and on the national website. Please help us honor and congratulate all Units that demonstrate our motto of *Service Not Self*.

Guidelines:

- Complete this nomination form
- Attach a narrative on how the Unit's *Service Not Self* attitude - how they welcome new members, engage current and new members, manage disagreements/conflicts, accept/adapt to change - has helped them maintain and/or grow membership.
- Form must be signed by the Department Secretary to validate that Unit has maintained 2009 membership.
- Form and narrative must be received in National Headquarters no later than April 15, 2011.

NOMINATION FORM

Please type or print legibly

Unit Name: _____ Unit#: _____ Dept: _____

Unit Address: _____

In your narrative, answer the following questions:

1. How does Unit use mission outreach programs (VA&R, Poppy, Children & Youth, Girls State, etc.) to attract new members?
2. In what ways does Unit welcome new members?
3. In what specific ways does the Unit engage current and new members?
 - a. How does Unit make sure all interested members are included in Unit activities?
 - b. How does Unit ensure members are offered opportunities to participate that are suited to their time and talents?
 - c. How does unit express positive expectations, empower and encourage members' success?
4. The 2009 member survey identified unit disharmony, gossip, cliques, criticism and discrimination as major problems that discourage many members from renewing and others from joining.
 - a. How does Unit: 1) minimize these problems, 2) manage disagreements and conflicts, 3) show gratitude and 4) promote harmony among its members?
5. Does Unit solicit and encourage new ideas from members?
 - a. How readily are new ideas accepted and how quickly are they considered for implementation?
6. In what other ways does Unit demonstrate a *Service Not Self* attitude?
 - a. Within the Unit and Department
 - b. Within the Community and State
7. Did Unit use any other methods, techniques or activities to maintain 2009 membership level?

Unit's 2009 membership at 12/31/09 _____
 Unit's 2010 membership at 12/31/10 _____

Certified by:
 Dept. Secretary printed name: _____
 Signature: _____

Depts: forward completed form, with narrative attached, **no later than April 15, 2011** to:

Service Not Self Award
 American Legion Auxiliary NHQ
 Attn: Membership Division
 8945 N. Meridian
 Indianapolis, IN 46260
 Fax: 317.569.4502

Form may be duplicated.