

**2025-2026 DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR INFORMATION**

The Unit Member of the Year Award recognizes those serving at the Unit level who exemplify the values and ideals of the American Legion Auxiliary and whose accomplishments significantly impact the program work in their Units.

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: For the Unit nominees, the Unit should focus on what the Member has done to assist not only in your Unit but also the Community for the **current fiscal year July through June**. As a reminder, the nominees cannot have held an office or appointment higher than the Unit level. \*\*\*\*

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Open to all Senior Members who are not currently, nor have ever been, in an elected office or appointed leadership/chairman role higher than the Unit President.
- Units please follow the directions and deadlines of your Department.
- Units must submit a narrative of 1000 words or less describing the Nominees accomplishments and activities along with the Nominees name and address.
- Units Deadline for submission to District Presidents is **February 16, 2026**.  
(District meetings begin March 2026 and end April 2026)
- District Presidents please select one winner from your District and submit the nomination winner by deadline due date **May 1, 2026**. Submit to Patsy Madsen, Past President Parley Chairman preferably via email [sdala.pres23@gmail.com](mailto:sdala.pres23@gmail.com) or mail to Patsy Madsen, 125 North Madison Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

(This is to allow time for Patsy Madsen, Past President Parley Chairman and Co-Chair Patrice Sorensen, Leadership Chairman to select the SD Dept. nominee winner and submit it to National Auxiliary deadline.)

We would like to have the District winners attend the SD Dept.Convention being held in Aberdeen SD June 18-21, 2026 to be recognized.

The SD Department Unit Member of the Year winner will attend the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention being held in Louisville, Kentucky August 28-September 3, 2026, for four days at the expense of the SD Dept. Auxiliary.