

# VFW DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

## CLAUDE OWENS

### HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

**Each year the Department of Washington works hard to properly recognize our Veterans in the State for all the terrific work they do. It is important that each year we recognize one of the many outstanding comrades that go the extra mile for our hospitalized veterans.**

This annual award is for those in our organization that are boots on the ground in our Hospitals and Veterans Homes. The ones carrying the torch and following in the footsteps of Claude Owens, who set the standard of caring for our hospitalized Veterans. Claude showed us daily, what it means to serve in the Veterans of Foreign Wars with a vigor and zest for life that infects everyone you encounter. With this award, we can recognize those in the VFW that make a difference in people's lives. The volunteers that deliver the cards in our hospitals and Veterans homes. The ones that make the phone calls and talk to the hospitalized Veterans when they can't stop in for a visit. The ones that put smiles on the faces of hospitalized Veterans just by walking in the room or hearing their voice. The volunteers out there with a heart like Claude- just doing what needed to be done, serving with a smile, and asking Claude's famous phrase, "What Can I do for You?"

#### **2021-2022 CLAUDE OWENS AWARD CRITERIA**

- Posts will submit only one nomination.
- Nominees must be a VFW/Auxiliary member in good standing.
- Entries must be to Department by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The written recommendation will not be more than 300 words. You may include supporting documents which reflect accomplishments and/or recognition separate from the written recommendation such as newspaper articles or citations. Do not submit pictures as supporting documents.
- Department Judging Panel will select the winner and the award will be presented at the Awards banquet of the State Convention.
- The Claude Owens Award recipient will be authorized two days travel, one night hotel, and two days per diem reimbursement for State Convention.
- The Individual will be notified prior to the State Convention.

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HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

1. Post submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Nomination Officer phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Nominee's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please Submit this form along with the Nomination paperwork to:

VFW Department of Washington

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