NARRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Unit Historians shall write a Unit history to be entered into Department Contest. Start compiling information early, and bulletins for additions or further information.

What is a narrative?

A narrative is retelling, in words, of something that happened (a story). The narrative is not the story itself but the telling of the story. While a story just is a sequence of events, a narrative recounts those events. In a series of events, a car crash takes a split second. A narrative account, however, might be entirely about the crash itself and the few seconds leading up to it.

Why should I write a narrative?

Narratives shape history (the series of events, the story of what happened). Each year the American Legion Auxiliary uses narratives to report the work that we do and the impact of that work. The ALA uses the narratives to communicate to not members but to people outside our organization including potential donors.
Additionally, some of the ALA awards require a narrative.

How do I write a narrative?

When a Unit or a member of a unit does something to support one of the Auxiliary programs the best practice is to write down what was done as soon after as possible. On the next pages there is a template that can function as a good place to start for writing your
narrative. This template has been used by several Units and they have found it to be an easy way to get started.

Now that you have started keep going, add any additional information that you think is important, and add pictures.

Good Luck & Happy Writing!