

6. BRANCH SERVICE AWARDS

The “Branch Certificate of Appreciation” or Five-Year Certificate-of-Service

Award Criteria

Branch BC05 volunteers shall be awarded a Service Certificate after five years of continuous service to the Branch. The member must be in good standing with Mid-Island and Pacific Rim Branch (BC05) as defined in the Association’s By-laws. A member of the Executive shall present a list of certified-as-eligible candidates each year at a January or February meeting of the Branch Executive for approval. Approved members on this list will be presented a “Five-Year Certificate-of-Service” Award at an appropriate time during the year for which the Award is granted. The Award recipient will be invited to attend a Branch General Meeting where he/she will receive lunch and the 5-year Certificate-of-Service paid for by Branch BC05.

Qualifications for a “Five-Year Certificate-of-Service” shall be interpreted to mean one or more of the following examples of service:

1. Served as a Branch or National Officer or Director for a minimum period of five years.
2. Served as a Committee or Phoner volunteer of the Branch for five years.
3. Served as an Area Coordinator, Hospital Visitor, or Card Writer for
a minimum period of five years ; or
4. Continuously volunteered in a combination of the above Services for five years.

The “President’s Long Service Award” or 15-Year Certificate-of-Service

Award Criteria

Volunteers may be granted official recognition (15-Year Service Award) for Long Service to the Branch or any other part of the Association. Members* must be in good standing with the Branch. Nominations for a President's Long Service Award must be sponsored by the Branch President and approved unanimously at a Branch Executive meeting (Officers and Directors). The "President's Long Service Award" replaces the former "Branch President's Commendation" (Branch Long Service Award).

The "President's Long Service Award" or 15-Year Certificate-of-Service continued

The qualifications for the "President's Long Service Award" shall be interpreted to mean one or more of the following examples of service:

1. Served as a Branch, Regional, or National Officer or Director for a minimum period of fifteen years.
2. Served as a volunteer for Branch BC05 or Branches of the Association over a 15-year period (not necessarily for one Branch or during consecutive years).
3. Served as an Area Coordinator, Phone Captain, Committee member, Hospital Visitor, phoner or Card Writer for a period of 15 years ; or
4. Volunteered in a combination of the above Services for a minimum total period of 15 years.

While the Award is made to recognize a specific individual of the Association, we should also acknowledge the spouse. A special invitation to attend a Branch meeting should be issued to the member and the member's spouse, where the Branch President (or Appointee) will present the member with a "15-Year Certificate-of-Service". After the meeting, the Award recipient and

the recipient's spouse's Luncheon costs will then be paid for by Branch BC05.

* Member as defined in National By-Laws.

The "Branch President's Exemplary Volunteer" or Exemplary Service Award

Award Criteria

Exemplary Volunteers may be granted official recognition for meritorious service to the Branch and the National Association of Federal Retirees. Nominations as an Exemplary Service Volunteer must be approved unanimously by the Branch Executive and approved at a Branch General Meeting. The Branch can recognize only one "President's Exemplary Volunteer" per year.

The qualifications for the "Exemplary Service Award" shall be interpreted to mean most of the following examples of service:

1. Manifested the attributes of a Builder or Founder of the Organization and rendered exceptional service to Branch BC05 and the Association.
2. Received the "President's Long Service Award" or the "Branch President's Commendation" during a previous year.
3. Displayed unusual fortitude in servicing a Branch or Branches of the Association over an extended period.
4. Served continuously as a Branch Officer, Branch Director, Regional Officer or National Officer, while exhibiting an extraordinarily high standard of performance.

Awards to sick or deceased members may be presented to a family member in the absence or unavailability of the member.

A special invitation to attend a Branch General Meeting should be issued to the member and the member's spouse. The Award

should be presented during this meeting. The Award recipient and recipient's spouse shall receive lunch, and the award recipient shall receive a commemorative award and or gift certificate paid for by Branch BC05. The form of the award and gift certificate shall be determined by the Branch Executive.