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Subject: Nomination for Bronze Good Citizenship Medal – Bobbi Lornson - Oak Harbor, WA

It is my honor and privilege to nominate this local hero to receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

As president of the Oak Harbor Lions Club, Bobbi Lornson does not just chair meetings, she is the face of the group. I first met Bobbi at the Lions Club information table when I attended the 2019 Oak Harbor Memorial Day Service at Maple Leaf Cemetery which she had helped spearhead.

In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, I met her again when she was the Master of Ceremonies for the "LIVE" - Oak Harbor's special COVID-coping-presentation of Memorial Day 2020: A Service of Remembrance", video production that was sponsored by the Lions Club. Our Chapter Color Guard, led by our State Color Guard Commander was proud to present the National Colors, and the video was viewed over 8,000 times around the world. Again, in the 2020 Veterans Day virtual production, Bobbi and her Lions was one of the major sponsors.

Bobbi does not just preach community service, she exemplifies it. When the Marine Corps League left North Whidbey five years ago, she took over the coordination of the annual Toys for Tots program for the Marine Corps League headquarters in Washington D.C.

In 2017, when the overnight shelter "The Haven" opened, Bobbi got involved. Here's what Krystal Hamlin, the Haven shelter manager says about her; *"Bobbi is truly an inspirational person, and much of that comes from her unwavering selflessness and generosity. She goes out of her way to look for ways to help anyone in need, whether through her efforts in aiding persons without housing getting to the shelter or having a meal, organizing blood drives, or collecting toys for children for Christmas. She and the Lions provided a Thanksgiving feast to shelter guests this Thanksgiving, something extra special for our clients."*

I cannot think of a more deserving person for our chapter to be able to present this award to.

Very respectfully,

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