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# Trophies and awards sponsored by the national organization of The American Legion

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All trophies and awards offered in the name of the national organization of The American Legion must be approved by the National Executive Committee (NEC). Anyone desiring to offer a trophy or award to be presented by the national organization of The American Legion in recognition of excellence is requested to submit the offer in writing to the national adjutant. Such offers are then referred to the Internal Affairs (IA) Commission.

Recommendations are reviewed by the IA Commission for its consideration and recommendation to the NEC. If the subsequent recommendation of the IA Commission and action of the NEC are favorable, it becomes the duty of the IA Commission to outline the procedures governing the presentation of the award and the administrative procedures necessary for its supervision.

In accordance with the above procedure and subsequent action by the national convention and the NEC, the trophies and awards listed in this publication have been accepted and awarded as prescribed.

## CLOSING DATES FOR CONTESTS

The following resolution was adopted by the 8th National Convention in Philadelphia on Oct. 11-15, 1926:

**WHEREAS**, In present National contests held by National Headquarters, the practice requiring each Department to have its membership remittance reach headquarters on the closing date is not just or fair to those states geographically located a long distance from Indianapolis, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That in such contests and in awarding trophies by National Headquarters, the closing date of any such contests and awards be specified through the use of the registered postmarked date.

And it is further recommended that no contest end on Sunday or a national holiday.

## RESOLUTION NO. 19, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, APRIL 29-MAY 1, 1953

**WHEREAS**, For a period of many years The American Legion has authorized the awarding of trophies for various activities, the trophies in many cases being large and extremely valuable; and

**WHEREAS**, These trophies, through continued circulation over a period of years, have been exposed to hard usage and frequently have become damaged; and

**WHEREAS**, Many instances have occurred where the winners have had no satisfactory place to display them properly while in their custody, which has caused expense and inconvenience; and

**WHEREAS**, The continued circulation of these trophies has involved expense to the organization for insurance, repair, up-keep, shipping and storage; and

**WHEREAS**, It seems desirable for the reasons herein mentioned to provide for the permanent retention of these trophies in the museum at National Headquarters while providing for a suitable award to the winners of the same; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the National Executive Committee meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 29-May 1, 1953, in order that the life of The American Legion irregular trophies may be extended and in order that they may be on display at all times in the museum at National Headquarters with the names of the current winners appearing thereon, and in order to provide for a permanent record to the annual winners of the trophies, that suitable laminated plaques containing photographs of the original trophies will be awarded to and retained by the winners since such plaques can be provided with an engraved plate at a cost which should not be in excess of the cost of the present system of awarding trophies.

(Because many of the trophies referred to in Resolution No. 19 above have deteriorated through such handling beyond the feasibility point of refurbishing and restoration, they are being perpetuated through a replacement program utilizing special plaques containing photographs of the original trophies with imprinted identification of the annual winners.)



## RESOLUTION NO. 29, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MAY 5-6, 1965

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 5 titled “American Legion Trophies, Awards or Citations Policy” adopted by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion, October 21-22, 1964, and appearing on page 95 of the printed proceedings of that meeting, provides that, pending a comprehensive review of the practice of awarding unofficial awards and citations, no award or citation shall be made in the name of The American Legion without the knowledge of the National Commander by and with the approval of the National Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, The review of the awarding of such citations contemplated in the adoption of this resolution has found there are occasions when the timely awarding of suitable forms of recognition are in the best interest of The American Legion and its programs and the National Commander should be afforded some latitude in this area; and

**WHEREAS**, It has also been found there are many standard citations and awards that have been issued from year to year by National Commissions and Committees and which, by precedent, have become a well-established part of the various national programs without having been formally adopted or approved by the National Executive Committee; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 5-6, 1965, that the National Commander, upon the recommendation of National Commissions and Committees concerned, is authorized to present suitable awards to members of The American Legion or to organized groups of The American Legion in recognition of outstanding activities or contributions within the area of interest of the recommending National Commission or Committee; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the National Commander, with the advice, or upon recommendation of the Commander’s Advisory Committee, is authorized to present suitable awards to individuals and to groups outside The American Legion in recognition of outstanding activities contributing to the fulfillment of American Legion policies, principles, and objectives; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That all awards made under the authorization of the preceding two paragraphs shall be reported by and through the Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee to the National Executive Committee at its first meeting following the presentation of such awards and the report shall be made a part of the proceedings of that meeting; and, be it finally

**RESOLVED**, That continuing awards or annual awards that have been created by National Commissions and Committees and that have been issued for a period of at least two years prior to the adoption of this resolution are approved.

## RESOLUTION NO. 21, NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MAY 1-2, 1974

**WHEREAS**, It has been the practice of the National Organization of the American Legion to award to the winners of the various national competitions in addition to other elements of recognition, engraved gold plates suitable for attachment to the staffs of the winners’ colors; and

**WHEREAS**, A survey of the Departments which have received these gold flag pole bands indicates that such bands are neither displayed as intended nor desired as a means of recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, The increases in the price of gold and the costs of engraving threaten to make the awarding of these gold flag pole bands a disproportionate budget item; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 1-2, 1974, That the practice of awarding such gold flag pole bands in conjunction with the awarding of the various national trophies and awards by The American Legion is hereby discontinued.

### **Awards removed from the 2010 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- Emblem Sales Trophy, last awarded in 1983
- Four Chaplains Trophy, last awarded in 1983
- National Adjutants Trophy, last awarded in 1983

**Awards added to the 2011 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- The American Legion National Education Award (Americanism)
- National Employer of Older Worker Award (Employment & Education)
- The American Legion National Firefighter of the Year Award (National Security)
- The American Legion Spirit of Service Award (National Security)

**Awards added to the 2018 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- Department of Veterans Affairs Health-Care Provider of the Year Award (NEC Resolution No. 7, May 10-11, 2017)
- Department of Veterans Affairs Physician of the Year Award (NEC Resolution No. 8, May 10-11, 2017)

**Award removed from the 2019 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- The American Legion National Commander's Media and Communications Award, last awarded in 2017

**Award added to the 2021 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year (NEC Resolution No. 31, Oct. 14-15, 2020)

**Award added to the 2022 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award (NEC Resolution No. 69, Aug. 27-29, 2013)

**Award added to the 2023 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- 1919 Society (NEC Resolution No. 6, May 4-5, 2022)

**Award added to the 2025 edition of the *Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Manual*:**

- National Emergency Post Excellence Award (NEC Resolution No. 17, May 9-10, 2012)
- Department Retention Award (NEC Resolution 17, May 8-9, 2024)



# The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

## Description

This award is presented to recognize individuals and organizations that have performed outstanding service to the nation and to the programs of The American Legion, and is considered the organization's highest honor. It consists of a gold-plated sterling silver medallion with the American Legion emblem at its center and with "Distinguished" inscribed above the emblem and "Service" inscribed below on a rose-colored background. The medal is suspended on an American Legion ribbon with the recipient's name on the reverse and presented in a shadow box. Additionally, the recipient is provided the "Guardians of Freedom" plaque, which has a gold-plated eagle at the center, "Guardians of Freedom" inscribed at the top and "The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal" inscribed at the bottom. The recipient and the year awarded are also inscribed on a brass plate and mounted to the main plaque, which is maintained and displayed at National Headquarters.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 659 (National Convention 1946), NEC Resolution No. 79 (May 1947), NEC Resolution No. 23 (May 1952) and NEC Resolution No. 21 (May 2019) are superseded and rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 7 (May 2023).

**Note 1:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award in 1946. Awards were made by the National Executive Committee and national conventions prior to adoption of definitive regulations in 1947 and thereafter.*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander at national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. Qualifications to be considered are outstanding service to the nation and to the programs of The American legion.
2. All nominations must be presented by department action or by the national commander. No more than three (3) nominations shall be made in any one year.
3. All nominations must be submitted to the national adjutant at least fifteen (15) days prior to the spring meeting of the Internal Affairs Commission, and these nominations will be presented to the committee during its regular session for approval. It shall not be mandatory for the Internal Affairs Commission to submit any nominations for this award.
4. Nominations approved by the Internal Affairs Commission will be put to a vote by the National Executive Committee during an executive session.
5. Only one winner shall be selected by the National Executive Committee for the award to be presented each year at a session at the national convention.

# The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

## Recipients

1921	Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium Charles Bertrand of France		Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, U.S. Army Hon. Cordell Hull
1922	General of the Armies John J. Pershing	1947	Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, U.S. Army Sen. Edward Martin Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson
1923	Adm. Robert E. Coontz, Gen. Josef Haller of Poland	1948	President Harry S. Truman
1924	None awarded	1949	*George Herman (Babe) Ruth *Maj. Gen. Frank Parker
1925	None awarded	1950	Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord Charles F. Johnson Jr. Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers
1926	Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland	1951	Gen. Charles P. Summerall, U.S. Army
1927	Comte Francois M.R. DeJean of France	1952	None awarded
1928	Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain	1953	*Rep. Royal C. Johnson
1929	Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis	1954	*Maj. Gen. George A. White, Army National Guard
(Prior to 1929 there were no established regulations.)		1955	Dr. Jonas E. Salk Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh, Army National Guard
1930	Adm. William S. Sims	1956	Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone, U.S. Navy Charles Stewart Mott
1931	None awarded	1957	Gen. Mark W. Clark, U.S. Army The Rev. Fulton J. Sheen
1932	None awarded	1958	Bernard M. Baruch Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II and Korea interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery
1933	None awarded	1959	Sen. Robert S. Kerr
1934	None awarded	1960	None awarded
1935	None awarded	1961	President John F. Kennedy
1936	None awarded	1962	Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U.S. Army *Dr. Thomas A. Dooley
1937	None awarded	1963	Francis Cardinal Spellman, New York Archbishop
1938	None awarded	1964	Dr. Charles W. Mayo
1939	None awarded	1965	James F. Byrnes, *Herbert Clark Hoover
1940	None awarded	1966	Capt. Roger Hugh C. Donlon, U.S. Army
1941	None awarded	1967	Hon. Tom C. Clark
1942	Gen. Douglas MacArthur, U.S. Army	1968	President Lyndon B. Johnson Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. Army
1943	Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Army Adm. Ernest J. King, U.S. Navy	1969	President Richard M. Nixon
1944	*Hon. Frank Knox Henry Ford Gen. Henry H. Arnold, U.S. Army	1970	Hon. Olin E. Teague
1945	*President Franklin D. Roosevelt *Ernest "Ernie" Pyle *Theodore Roosevelt Jr. Hon. Henry L. Stimson Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, U.S. Army Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy	1971	*Hon. L. Mendel Rivers
1946	J. Edgar Hoover Bob Hope William Randolph Hearst	1972	DeWitt Wallace Hon. John C. Stennis

1973	None awarded	2010	Boy Scouts of America
1974	Hon. Henry A. Kissinger, Hon. F. Edward Hebert	2011	Hon. Thomas C. “Chet” Edwards
1975	Harry W. Colmery, Past National Commander	2012	Sen. Richard G. Lugar
1976	Pat O’Brien	2013	Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders
1977	Dr. Howard A. Rusk	2014	Dr. Donald H. Jenkins, Chief of Trauma, Mayo Clinic
1978	Bowie K. Kuhn	2015	Hon. Charles T. “Chuck” Hagel
1979	Thomas A. Murphy	2016	3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)
1980	President Gerald R. Ford Dead and Missing of the Vietnam War	2017	Dr. Apostolos P. Georgopoulos
1981	Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen, Space Shuttle <i>Columbia</i>	2018	Hon. Elizabeth A. Dole
1982	President Ronald W. Reagan	2019	*Hon. John S. McCain
1983	Adm. Hyman George Rickover, U.S. Navy	2020	None awarded
1984	Hon. J. Strom Thurmond	2021	Diane Carlson Evans
1985	Hon. Caspar W. Weinberger *Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., U.S. Navy	2022	Hon. David P. Roe, M.D.
1986	None awarded	2023	First Liberty Institute
1987	Hon. William H. Webster	2024	Jack Miller
1988	Douglas Edwards		
1989	Hon. Howard H. Baker Jr.		
1990	Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.		
1991	President George H.W. Bush		
1992	Dick Thornburgh		
1993	Gen. Colin L. Powell, U.S. Army		
1994	Walter H. Annenberg		
1995	The Crew of <i>Enola Gay</i>		
1996	Hon. G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery		
1997	Hon. Robert J. Dole		
1998	None awarded		
1999	Zachary Fisher		
2000	Hon. Orrin G. Hatch		
2001	Gen. Henry H. Shelton, U.S. Army		
2002	Hon. Robert Stump		
2003	Dr. Jeanne M. Stellman Dr. Steven D. Stellman		
2004	None awarded		
2005	Gen. Richard B. Myers, U.S. Air Force		
2006	Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, U.S. Army		
2007	Dr. Kenneth W. Kizer		
2008	President George W. Bush		
2009	Gen. David H. Petraeus, U.S. Army		

\*Awarded posthumously

# American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Award

## Description

This award is presented to the Major League Baseball player who participated in American Legion Baseball as a teenager and best exemplifies the program's principles. The award consists of a walnut-based trophy with four metal columns and a baseball player figure mounted on a platform base above the columns. The engraved inscription reads: "American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Award presented to (name of recipient) by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion. Year \_\_\_\_."

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 10 (November 1957) and further defined by National Convention Resolution No. 127 (September 1988)

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated national official of The American Legion at a time and place convenient to all parties concerned

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to a Major League Baseball player who played American Legion Baseball and best exemplifies citizenship, sportsmanship, general good conduct, integrity and playing ability.
2. The National Americanism Division is responsible for obtaining and coordinating the presentation of the award.
3. The trophy becomes the property of the recipient.

# American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Award

## Recipients

1958	John Sherman Lollar, Chicago White Sox	1991	Sidney Bream, Atlanta Braves
1959	None awarded	1992	Terry Steinbach, Oakland Athletics
1960	Theodore Samuel Williams, Boston Red Sox	1993	Billy Swift, San Francisco Giants
1961	Stanley Frank Musial, St. Louis Cardinals	1994	Greg Maddux, Atlanta Braves
1962	Robert Clinton Richardson, New York Yankees	1995	Bob Tewksbury, Texas Rangers
1963	Warren Edward Spahn, Milwaukee Brewers	1996	Paul Molitor, Minnesota Twins
1964	Brooks Calbert Robinson, Baltimore Orioles	1997	Mo Vaughn, Boston Red Sox
1965	Eddie Gene Fisher, Chicago White Sox	1998	Tony Gwynn, San Diego Padres
1966	Frank Robinson, Baltimore Orioles	1999	Steve Finley, Arizona Diamondbacks
1967	Carl Michael Yastrzemski, Boston Red Sox	2000	Chipper Jones, Atlanta Braves
1968	Michael Steven (Mickey) Lolich, Detroit Tigers (See note under Authority)	2001	Todd Stottlemyre, Arizona Diamondbacks
1969	Harmon Clayton Killebrew Jr., Minnesota Twins	2002	Luis Gonzales, Arizona Diamondbacks
1970	David Arthur McNally, Baltimore Orioles	2003	Jeff Bagwell, Houston Astros
1971	Steven Norman Carlton, St. Louis Cardinals	2004	Darin Erstad, Anaheim Angels
1972	Albert William Kaline, Detroit Tigers	2005	Scott Rolen, St. Louis Cardinals
1973	Johnny Lee Bench, Cincinnati Reds	2006	Jose Albert Pujols, St. Louis Cardinals
1974	Wilbur Forrester Wood Jr., Chicago White Sox	2007	Chris Carpenter, St. Louis Cardinals
1975	Carlton Ernest Fisk, Boston Red Sox	2008	Justin Verlander, Detroit Tigers
1976	Robert James (Rick) Monday Jr., Chicago Cubs	2009	Lyle Overbay, Toronto Blue Jays
1977	David Mark Winfield, San Diego Padres	2010	Brandon Inge, Detroit Tigers
1978	Ronald Ames Guidry, New York Yankees	2011	Corey Hart, Milwaukee Brewers
1979	Michael Kendall Flanagan, Baltimore Orioles	2012	Mark Ellis, Los Angeles Dodgers
1980	George Howard Brett, Kansas City Royals	2013	Chad Billingsley, Los Angeles Dodgers
1981	Gary Edmund Carter, Montreal Expos	2014	Michael Cuddyer, Colorado Rockies
1982	James Howard Sundberg, Texas Rangers	2015	Alex Gordon, Kansas City Royals
1983	Andre Thornton, Cleveland Indians	2016	Cliff Lee, Philadelphia Phillies
1984	Ryne Sandberg, Chicago Cubs	2017	Brian Dozier, Minnesota Twins
1985	Jeff Reardon, Montreal Expos	2018	Brian Duensing, Chicago Cubs
1986	Dale Murphy, Atlanta Braves	2019	Neil Walker, Miami Marlins
1987	Don Mattingly, New York Yankees	2020	None awarded
1988	Roger Clemens, Boston Red Sox	2021	Jacob DeGrom, New York Mets
1989	Alan Trammell, Detroit Tigers	2022	Brandon Woodruff, Milwaukee Brewers
1990	Harold Reynolds, Seattle Mariners	2023	Corey Seager, Texas Rangers
		2024	Paul Sewald, Arizona Diamondbacks

# Bob Feller American Legion Pitching Award

## Description

This award is presented to the American Legion Baseball player participating in the regional tournaments and American Legion World Series who records the greatest number of strikeouts in such competition. It is a walnut plaque with a gold plate, a baseball motif decoration, and the inscription “Bob Feller Pitching Award, Presented by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion” with the year awarded.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 37 (May 1978)

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated representative of The American Legion at the close of the annual American Legion World Series

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the American Legion Baseball player participating in the regional tournaments and American Legion World Series who records the greatest number of strikeouts in such competition.
2. This award is to become the property of the recipient.

# Bob Feller American Legion Pitching Award

## Recipients

1978	Glenn Roe, Post 185, Caldwell, N.J.	2001	Chad Billingsley, Post 300, Napoleon, Ohio
1979	Brian Keith Reams, Post 359, Norwalk, Calif.	2002	Matt Skundrick, Post 15, Medford, Ore.
1980	Sid Fernandez, Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu		Josh Johnson, Post 212, West Point, Miss.
1981	Scott Richard Anderson, R.C. Winter Construction Co., Bellevue, Wash.	2003	Chris Mason, Post 100, Cherryville, N.C.
1982	Robert Wassenaar, Post 471, Edina, Minn.	2004	Ryan Reid, Outside Sponsor, Portland, Maine
1983	John Ludy, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2005	Tyler Cheney, Post 34, Pasco, Wash.
1984	Lino Rivera, Post 134, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	2006	Robby Broach, Post 175, Metairie, La.
1985	Gregg Olson, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.	2007	Aaron Davidson, Post 298, Bryant, Ark.
1986	Joe Grahe, Post 126, Jensen Beach, Fla.	2008	Cade Lynch, Post 21, Jonesboro, Ark.
1987	Stan Spencer, Post 176, Vancouver, Wash.	2009	Matt Stites, Post 253, Festus, Mo.
1988	Scott Klingenberg, Post 507, Cincinnati	2010	Kevin Hill, Post 170, Midwest City, Okla.
1989	Jeff Thelen, Post 205, Janesville, Wis.	2011	Colton Loomis, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1990	Clifton Foster, Post 58, Texarkana, Ark.	2012	Emerson Gibbs, Post 125, New Orleans
1991	Bob Pailthorpe, Post 837, Union City, Calif.	2013	Mike Shawaryn, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1992	Tighe Curran, Newbury Park Oaks, Newbury Park, Calif.	2014	Jake Meyers, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1993	Ben Thomas, Post 22, Rapid City, S.D.	2015	Jordan Ragan, Post 15, Medford, Ore.
1994	Lance Franks, Post 20, Russellville, Ark.	2016	Gerald Hein, Post 4, Kennewick, Wash.
1995	Woody Heath, Outside Sponsor, Bellevue, Wash.	2017	Jordan Patty, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1996	Ben Sheets, Post 81, Gonzales, La.	2018	Jimmy Gambino, Post 40, Las Vegas
1997	Steve Bechler, Post 15, Medford, Ore.	2019	Randon Hostert, Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
1998	Ralph Roberts, Post 100, Cherryville, N.C.	2020	None awarded
1999	Steve Grasley, Post 513, New Brighton, Minn.	2021	Aaron Savary, Dubuque County Post 137, Iowa
2000	Ben Thurmond, Post 6, Columbia, S.C.	2022	Merit Jones, Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
		2023	Colter McAnelly, Post 6, Cheyenne, Wyo.
		2024	Tyler Ryden, Post 554, League City, Texas



# Commissioner of Baseball Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the team that becomes national champion of the American Legion World Series. It consists of an 11" x 17" walnut plaque with an aluminum plate engraved in the shape of a baseball home plate and bearing the Major League Baseball logo. The engraved inscription reads: "Baseball, The Commissioner's Award, (year) National Champions, American Legion Baseball."

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 19 (October 1971)

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated representative of The American Legion at the conclusion of the Major League Baseball World Series each October

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the American Legion Baseball team that wins the national championship.
2. The plaque becomes the property of the recipient.

# Commissioner of Baseball Trophy

## Recipients

1971	West Covina Post 790, West Covina, Calif.	1998	Edwardsville Post 199, Edwardsville, Fla.
1972	Ballwin Memorial Post 611, Ballwin, Mo.	1999	Tri-City post 513, New Brighton, Minn.
1973	Monte Carlo Post 147, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	2000	Mt. Diablo Post 246, Danville, Calif.
1974	Monte Carlo Post 147, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	2001	Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1975	Logan Wheeler Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	2002	Landen-Shelton-Neeley Post 212, West Point, Miss.
1976	Santa Monica Bay Cities Post 123, Santa Monica, Calif.	2003	William T. McCoy Post 92, Rochester, Minn.
1977	South Bend Post 50, South Bend, Ind.	2004	Portland, Maine (outside sponsor)
1978	Sullivan-Babcock Post 32, Hialeah, Fla.	2005	Argonne Post 4, Enid, Okla.
1979	Logan Wheeler Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	2006	Metairie Post 175, Metairie, La.
1980	Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu	2007	Herbert Griffin Post 19, Columbia, Tenn.
1981	West Tampa Memorial Post 248, West Tampa, Fla.	2008	Spirit of Freedom Post 76, Las Vegas
1982	Charles B. Yerger Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2009	Midland Berryhill Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1983	Edina Post 471, Edina, Minn.	2010	Clarence L. Tinker Post 170, Midwest, Okla.
1984	Jesus Bruno Post 134, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	2011	Eden Prairie, Minn. (outside sponsor)
1985	Midlothian Post 186, Midlothian, Va.	2012	American Legion Post 125, New Orleans
1986	Jensen Beach Post 126, Jensen Beach, Fla.	2013	Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1987	Charles B. Yerger Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2014	Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1988	George W. Budde Post 507, Cincinnati	2015	Chapin Post 193, Chapin, S.C.
1989	Woodland Hills Post 826, Woodland Hills, Calif.	2016	Texarkana Post 58, Texarkana, Ark.
1990	Cummings-Behlke Post 226, Mayo, Md.	2017	Henderson Post 40, Henderson, Nev.
1991	Brooklawn Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.	2018	Wilmington Post 1, Wilmington, Del.
1992	Newbury Park Oaks, Newbury Park, Calif.	2019	Idaho Falls Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
1993	Rapid City Post 22, Rapid City, S.D.	2020	None awarded
1994	Felix Sosa-Camejo Post 346, Miami	2021	Idaho Falls Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
1995	Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, Hawaii	2022	Troy Post 70, Troy, Ala.
1996	Knowles-Doyle Post 317, Yardley, Pa.	2023	League City Post 554, League City, Texas
1997	Campbell-Lossing Post 53, Sanford, Fla.	2024	Troy Post 70, Troy, Ala.

# Dr. Irvin L. “Click” Cowger Memorial RBI Award

## Description

This award is presented to the player who accumulates the most runs batted in (RBIs) during the American Legion World Series. It consists of a walnut plaque with a gold plate and baseball-themed decoration. The engraved inscription reads: “Dr. Irvin L. ‘Click’ Cowger Memorial RBI Award.” This award is named in honor of Dr. Irvin L. “Click” Cowger.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 30 (May 1971)

## How awarded

Presented by a duly authorized representative of The American Legion at the close of the annual American Legion World Series

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the American Legion Baseball player who is credited with the most runs batted in by the official scores at the respective regional tournaments and American Legion World Series.
2. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# Dr. Irvin L. “Click” Cowger Memorial RBI Award

## Recipients

1970*	Greg Dalton, Post 10, Wilmington, N.C.	1998	Chris Wright, State College, Pa.
1971	Rod Walton, Post 1, Phoenix	1999	Brian Paone, Post 513, New Brighton, Minn.
1972	Mike Murray, Post 611, Ballwin, Mo.	2000	Al Smith, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1973	Guillermo Bonilla, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	2001	Josh Burton, Post 13, Lewiston, Idaho
1974	Charles Johnson, Post 108, Cheverly, Md.		Josh O'Dell, Midwest, Okla.
1975	David Edler, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.		Steve Larson, Omaha, Neb.
1976	Gus Malespin, Post 175, Metairie, La.	2002	Spencer Ingaldson, Rapid City, S.D.
1977	Clifton Wenzel, Post 123, Santa Monica, Calif.	2003	Andy Console, Haddon Heights, N.J.
1978	Pete Kumiega, Post 420, Springfield, Mass.		Joey Briggs, Corvallis, Ore.
1979	Juan Cruz, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	2004	Troy Peterson, Post 580, Eden Prairie, Minn.
1980	Howard Kapuniai, Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu	2005	Zac Berg, Post 4, Enid, Okla.
1981	Victor Garcia, Post 248, West Tampa, Fla.	2006	Brady Shoemaker, Post 346, Terre Haute, Ind.
1982	Ronald DeLucchi, Post 517, Lafayette, Calif.	2007	Aaron Tapia, Post 7, Tucson, Ariz.
1983	Renaldo “Chito” Martinez, Post 367, New Orleans	2008	Max Garrett, Post 34, Pasco, Wash.
1984	Will Vespe, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.	2009	Kyle O’Boyle, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1985	Mike MusoLino, Carmichel Elks, Sacramento, Calif.	2010	Vince Amp, Roseburg, Ore.
1986	Don Opperman, Las Vegas	2011	Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie, Minn.
	Mike Tonucci, New London, Conn.	2012	Taylor Elman, Post 1 Omaha, Neb.
1987	Greg Blevens, Post 170, Midwest City, Okla.		Evan Ryan, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1988	Scott Hughs, Post 507, Cincinnati		Matthieu Robert, Post 125, New Orleans
1989	Carl McFadden, Post 826, Woodland Hills, Calif.	2013	Robert Busse, Post 28, Petaluma, Calif.
1990	Luis Rosaro, Post 48, Bayamon, Puerto Rico	2014	Mica Brown, Post 15, Medford, Ore.
1991	Bob Pailthorpe, Post 837, Union City, Calif.	2015	Justin Hawkins, Post 193, Chapin, S.C.
	Ryan Beeney, Post 85, Newark, Ohio	2016	Angelo Bortolin, Post 82, San Mateo, Calif.
1992	Trent Martin, Newbury Park Oaks, Newbury Park, Calif.	2017	Zack Luckey, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1993	Allen Layman, Post 88, Norman, Okla.	2018	Bryce Marsh, Post 45, Randolph County, N.C.
	Ben Thomas, Post 22, Rapid City, S.D.	2019	Ron Franklin, Post 366, Drestrehan, La.
1994	Frank Hinojosa, Post 299, Chino, Calif.	2020	None awarded
1995	Bobby Morgan, Post 19, Columbia, Tenn.	2021	Stone Collier and Easton Hood, Post 49, Tupelo, Miss.
	Dom Crispo, Outside Sponsor, Bellevue, Wash.	2022	Albert Garza and Kyeler Thompson, Post 554, League City, Texas
1996	Christian Bourgeois, Post 81, Gonzales, La.		Nick Valentine, Post 280, Chesapeake, Va.
1997	Brian Fachet, Post 15, Medford, Ore.	2023	Damon Suriani, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
		2024	Nathan Ball, Post 165, Midland, Mich.

# The Ford C. Frick Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the department represented by the runner-up team in the American Legion Baseball National Finals. It is a three-foot-tall pedestal-style trophy finished in gold, featuring a baseball player figure mounted on top and six eagles mounted around the base. The engraved inscription reads: “The Ford C. Frick Baseball Trophy. Presented to the Runner-up Team of the National Finals.” This award is named in honor of Ford C. Frick, Commissioner of Baseball (1951–1965).

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

May 1952 report of National Trophies, Awards & Ceremonials Committee as approved by the National Executive Committee

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the Americanism Commission chairman or a duly designated representative at the annual National Combined Americanism Conference.

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to that department having within its jurisdiction the runner-up team in the national finals of the American Legion Baseball program.
2. The award becomes property of the department.

# The Ford C. Frick Trophy

## Recipients

1952	California, Post 364, San Diego	1988	Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.
1953	Illinois, Post 10, Winnetka, Ill.	1989	Puerto Rico, Post 134, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
1954	North Carolina, Post 23, Gaston, N.C.	1990	Puerto Rico, Post 48, Bayamon, Puerto Rico
1955	District of Columbia, Post 31, Washington, D.C.	1991	Ohio, Post 85, Newark, Ohio
1956	Louisiana, Post 341, New Orleans	1992	Illinois, Post 208, Arlington Heights, Ill.
1957	Oregon, Post 102, Portland, Ore.	1993	Nevada, Post 8, Las Vegas
1958	Massachusetts, Post 176, Everett, Mass.	1994	California, Post 299, Chino, Calif.
1959	Virginia, Post 48, Phoebus, Va.	1995	Washington (outside sponsor), Bellevue, Wash.
1960	Montana, Post 4, Billings, Montana	1996	Louisiana, Post 81, Gonzales, La.
1961	Ohio, Post 554, Cincinnati	1997	Oregon, Post 15, Medford, Ore.
1962	Hawaii, Post 11, Honolulu	1998	North Carolina, Post 100, Cherryville, N.C.
1963	Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	1999	Washington, Post 34, Kennewick, Wash.
1964	North Carolina, Post 9, Charlotte, N.C.	2000	Kentucky, Post 31, Paducah, Ky.
1965	Nebraska, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.	2001	Idaho, Post 13, Lewiston, Idaho
1966	Alabama, Post 34, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	2002	Minnesota, Post 259, Excelsior, Minn.
1967	Illinois, Post 791, Northbrook, Ill.	2003	North Carolina, Post 100, Cherryville, N.C.
1968	Oregon, Post 8, Klamath Falls, Ore.	2004	Washington, Post 34, Kennewick, Wash.
1969	Maryland, Post 22, Towson, Md.	2005	Washington, Post 34, Kennewick, Wash.
1970	Pennsylvania (outside sponsor), Bethlehem, Pa.	2006	Indiana, Post 346, Terre Haute, Ind.
1971	Iowa, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	2007	Minnesota (outside sponsor), Eden Prairie, Minn.
1972	Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	2008	Washington, Post 34, Pasco, Wash.
1973	Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	2009	Oregon, Post 15, Medford, Ore.
1974	Oregon, Post 92, Lake Oswego, Ore.	2010	Minnesota (outside sponsor), Eden Prairie, Minn.
1975	Iowa, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	2011	Mississippi, Post 49, Tupelo, Miss.
1976	Illinois, Post 36, Des Plaines, Ill.	2012	New Jersey, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1977	Mississippi, Post 78, Hattiesburg, Miss.	2013	Petaluma Post 28, Petaluma, Calif.
1978	Massachusetts, Post 420, Springfield, Mass.	2014	Berryhill Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1979	Rhode Island, Post 8, Barrington, R.I.	2015	Crescent City Post 125, New Orleans
1980	Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2016	Rowan County Post 342, Salisbury, N.C.
1981	Virginia, Post 361, Richmond, Va.	2017	Omaha Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1982	California, Post 517, Lafayette, Calif.	2018	Las Vegas Post 40, Las Vegas
1983	Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2019	Fargo Post 2, Fargo, N.D.
1984	New Jersey, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.	2020	None awarded
1985	California, Carmichael Elks (outside sponsor), Sacramento, Calif.	2021	Honolulu (outside sponsor)i
1986	Nevada, Post 8, Las Vegas	2022	Idaho Falls Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
1987	Washington, Post 176, Vancouver, Wash.	2023	Lincoln Post 3, Lincoln, Neb.
		2024	Post 165, Midland, Mich.

# Frank N. Belgrano Jr. Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the department that renders the most outstanding support to the Scouting America program under American Legion sponsorship. It consists of a gold-plated, pedestal-style trophy featuring a figure of a Boy Scout mounted on the central pedestal. The main pedestal is surrounded by four smaller pedestals, each topped with a spread-wing eagle, and is set on a square Bakelite base. The engraved inscription reads: "Frank N. Belgrano Jr. Boy Scout Trophy." This award is named in honor of Past National Commander Frank N. Belgrano Jr.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 6 (November 1936 )

## How awarded

Announcement of the award is made at each national convention. A customized plaque is shipped to the winning department.

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the department which has rendered the most outstanding support during the period of Aug. 1 to July 31 to the Scouting America program.
2. The award is based on the number of troops organized, strength of existing troops and general welfare of the Scouting movement under American Legion sponsorship within the department, based on written reports with substantiating evidence submitted to National Headquarters 15 days prior to the national convention.
3. The trophy remains at National Headquarters and the plaque becomes property of the department.



# Frank N. Belgrano Jr. Trophy

## Recipients

1936	California	1966	North Carolina	1996	Florida
1937	California	1967	Minnesota	1997	Maryland
1938	California	1968	Iowa	1998	Florida
1939	California	1969	Michigan	1999	Illinois
1940	California	1970	North Dakota	2000	Illinois
1941	California	1971	Iowa	2001	New Jersey
1942	California	1972	South Dakota	2002	California
1943	California	1973	Iowa	2003	Maryland
1944	California	1974	Nebraska	2004	Florida
1945	California	1975	Minnesota	2005	Illinois
1946	California	1976	Wisconsin	2006	Illinois
1947	California	1977	New Jersey	2007	Maryland
1948	California	1978	Iowa	2008	California
1949	Iowa	1979	Missouri	2009	North Carolina
1950	Delaware	1980	Nebraska	2010	Iowa
1951	Oregon	1981	Iowa	2011	California
1952	Oregon	1982	Illinois	2012	North Carolina
1953	Washington	1983	California	2013	North Carolina
1954	Oregon	1984	Minnesota	2014	North Carolina
1955	Iowa	1985	South Carolina	2015	California
1956	Utah	1986	Illinois	2016	New York
1957	Washington	1987	Minnesota	2017	Missouri
1958	Panama, Canal Zone	1988	Colorado	2018	Missouri
1959	District of Columbia	1989	Missouri	2019	North Carolina
1960	Panama, Canal Zone	1990	Maryland	2020	Utah
1961	Wisconsin	1991	Minnesota	2021	Missouri
1962	Washington	1992	Iowa	2022	Missouri
1963	Wisconsin	1993	Washington	2023	Missouri
1964	Wisconsin	1994	Maryland	2024	Missouri
1965	New Jersey	1995	Maryland		

# George W. Rulon Baseball Player of the Year

## Description

This award is presented to the American Legion Baseball player participating in the American Legion World Series who best displays playing ability, integrity, mental attitude, cooperation, citizenship, sportsmanship, and general good conduct. It consists of a walnut plaque with a metal plate for engraving and an accompanying laminated citation. The engraved inscription reads: "George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year presented to (name of recipient) by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion. Year \_\_\_\_." This award is named in honor of George W. Rulon, a longtime American Legion Baseball program administrator. Award previously known as "The American Legion Baseball Player of the Year Award."

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

*The American Legion Trophies Manual* dated May 15, 1986; renamed by NEC Resolution No. 4, 1986 (pre-convention), which changed the name from "American Legion Baseball Player of the Year"

## How awarded

The plaque is presented by a duly designated representative at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series. The citation is presented the following summer at a special Hall of Fame ceremony in Cooperstown, N.Y.

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the player in the American Legion World Series who best demonstrates playing ability, integrity, mental attitude, cooperation, citizenship, sportsmanship and general good conduct.
2. A designated selection committee evaluates the players and selects the recipient.
3. Both the plaque and the citation become the property of the recipient.

# George W. Rulon Baseball Player of the Year

## Recipients

1949	Ray Herrera, Post 337, Oakland, Calif.	1987	Wilbur Stout, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.
1950	J.W. Porter, Post 337, Oakland, Calif.	1988	Mike Kesster, Post 507, Cincinnati
1951	Grover Jones Jr., Post 135, White Plains, N.Y.	1989	Del Marine, Post 826, Woodland Hills, Calif.
1952	Russell Nixon, Post 50, Cincinnati	1990	Mark Foster, Post 226, Mayo, Md.
1953	Charles Lindstrom, Post 10, Winnetka, Ill.	1991	Ryan Beeney, Post 85, Newark, Ohio
1954	Billy Capps, Post 492, San Diego	1992	David Lamb, Newbury Park Oaks, Newbury Park, Calif.
1955	Frank Birri, Post 216, Cincinnati	1993	Ben Thomas, Post 22, Rapid City, S.D.
1956	Jim Harwell, Post 345, New Orleans	1994	Fernando Rodriguez, Post 346, Miami
1957	Fred Fox, Post 50, Cincinnati	1995	Jason Adaro, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, Hawaii
1958	James Kiebler, Post 20, Greenwood, S.C.	1996	Christian Bourgeois, Post 81, Gonzales, La.
1959	Fred Bowen Jr., Post 187, Detroit	1997	Nate Philo, Post 15, Medford, Ore.
1960	Richard R. Roniger, Post 125, New Orleans	1998	Chad Opel, Post 199, Edwardsville, Ill.
1961	James J. Gruber, Post 554, Cincinnati	1999	Jeremy S. Roberts, Post 83, Rison, Ark.
1962	William D. Matan Jr., Post 299, St. Louis	2000	Joshua Zender, Post 86, Deming, Wash.
1963	Richard Allen Dash, Post 27, Long Beach, Calif.	2001	Jewell Threet III, Post 275, Adrian, Mich.
1964	Roland G. Fingers, Post 73, Upland, Calif.	2002	Ty Henkaline, Post 217, Sidney, Ohio
1965	Kenneth J. Fila, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.	2003	Jared Willis, Post 19, Logan, W.Va.
1966	William C. Parker Jr., Post 34, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	2004	Nolan Gallagher, Post 4, Red Lodge, Mont.
1967	Ray Lynn Larsen, Post 791, Northbrook, Ill.	2005	Fernando Irizarry, Montero, Puerto Rico
1968	Donald Hardy Castle, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	2006	Joseph Walsh, Post 79, Weymouth, Mass.
1969	John David Adeimy, Post 12, West Palm Beach, Fla.	2007	Blaine T. Drozd, Post 263, Genoa, Neb.
1970	Carroll Wayne Watts, Post 1, Tulsa, Okla.	2008	Patrick Singletary, Post 77, Hendersonville, N.C.
1971	Randolph Gregory Haas, Post 790, West Covina, Calif.	2009	Tyler Jacobson, Post 337, Pulaski, Wis.
1972	Michael Charles Murphy, Post 611, Ballwin, Mo.	2010	Brandon Drozd, Post 263, Genoa, Neb.
1973	Thomas Steven Ashford, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	2011	Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie, Minn.
1974	Edwin C. Lopez, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	2012	Emerson Gibbs, Post 125, New Orleans
1975	David Delmar Edler, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	2013	Anthony Harrold, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1976	Gustavo Martin Malespin, Post 175, Metairie, La.	2014	Sean Breen, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1977	William Floyd Schell, Post 50, South Bend, Ind.	2015	Justin Hawkins, Post 193, Chapin, S.C.
1978	Ross Jones, Post 32, Hialeah, Fla.	2016	Will Smith, Post 58, Texarkana, Ark.
1979	Patrick Scott Allen, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	2017	Shane Spencer, Post 40, Henderson, Nev.
1980	Tomas Gil, Post 32, Hialeah, Fla.	2018	Chris Ludman, Post 1, Wilmington, Del.
1981	David Joseph Magadan, Post 248, West Tampa, Fla.	2019	Trevor Marsh, Post 45, Asheboro, N.C.
1982	Ivan S. Snyder, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2020	None awarded
1983	Michael Halloran, Post 471, Edina, Minn.	2021	Nate Rose, Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
1984	Jorge Robles, Post 134, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	2022	Brooks Bryan, Post 70, Troy, Ala.
1985	Tris Lipscomb, Post 186, Midlothian, Va. (See note under Authority)	2023	Jacob Cyr, Post 554, League City, Texas
1986	Joe Grahe, Post 126, Jensen Beach, Fla.	2024	Cayden Smith, Post 165, Midland, Mich.

# The Howard P. Savage Jr. Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the department represented by the American Legion Baseball national championship team. It is a silver-plated, pedestal-style trophy featuring an individual figure mounted on top, with the base etched to depict a baseball team. The engraved inscription reads: "The Howard P. Savage Jr. Baseball Trophy." This award is named in honor of Past National Commander Howard P. Savage Jr.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

October 1928 report of Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards

## How awarded

Presented by the Americanism Commission chairman and/or a duly designated representative at the annual National Combined Americanism Conference

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the department whose team becomes the national champion in the American Legion Baseball World Series.
2. The trophy becomes the property of the recipient.

# The Howard P. Savage Jr. Trophy

## Recipients

1928	California, Post 5, Oakland, Calif.	1970	California, Post 790, West Covina, Calif.
1929	New York, Post 72, Saugerties, N.Y.	1971	California, Post 790, West Covina, Calif.
1930	Maryland, Post 81, Baltimore	1972	Missouri, Post 611, Ballwin, Mo.
1931	Illinois, Post 493, Chicago	1973	Puerto Rico, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
1932	Louisiana, Post 134, New Orleans	1974	Puerto Rico, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico
1933	Illinois, Post 467, Chicago	1975	Washington, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.
1934	Maryland, Post 13, Cumberland, Md.	1976	California, Post 123, Santa Monica, Calif.
1935	North Carolina, Post 23, Gastonia, N.C.	1977	Indiana, Post 50, South Bend, Ind.
1936	South Carolina, Post 28, Spartanburg, S.C.	1978	Florida, Post 32, Hialeah, Fla.
1937	Massachusetts, Post 291, East Lynn, Mass.	1979	Washington, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.
1938	California, Post 6, San Diego	1980	Hawaii, Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu (outside sponsor)
1939	Nebraska, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.	1981	Florida, Post 248, West Tampa, Fla.
1940	North Carolina, Post 76, Albermarle, N.C.	1982	Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.
1941	California, Post 6, San Diego	1983	Minnesota, Post 471, Edina, Minn.
1942	California, Post 357, Los Angeles	1984	Puerto Rico, Post 134, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
1943	Minnesota, Post 435, Minneapolis	1985	Virginia, Post 86, Midlothian, Va.
1944	Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati	1986	Florida, Post 126, Jensen Beach, Fla.
1945	North Carolina, Post 82, Shelby, N.C.	1987	Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.
1946	Louisiana, Post 125, New Orleans	1988	Ohio, Post 507, Cincinnati
1947	Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati	1989	California, Post 826, Woodlands, Calif.
1948	New Jersey, Post 93, Trenton, N.J.	1990	Maryland, Post 226, Mayo, Md.
1949	California, Post 337, Oakland, Calif.	1991	New Jersey, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1950	California, Post 337, Oakland, Calif.	1992	California, Newbury Park Oaks, Newbury Park, Calif. (outside sponsor)
1951	California, Post 715, Los Angeles	1993	South Dakota, Post 22, Rapid City, S.D.
1952	Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati	1994	Florida, Post 346, Miami
1953	Washington, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	1995	Hawaii, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, Hawaii (outside sponsor)
1954	California, Post 492, San Diego	1996	Pennsylvania, Post 317, Yardley, Pa.
1955	Ohio, Post 216, Cincinnati	1997	Florida, Post 53, Sanford, Fla.
1956	Missouri, Post 245, St. Louis	1998	Illinois, Post 199, Edwardsville, Ill.
1957	Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati	1999	Minnesota, Post 513, New Brighton, Minn.
1958	Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati	2000	California, Post 246, Danville, Calif.
1959	Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati	2001	New Jersey, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1960	Louisiana, Post 125, New Orleans	2002	Mississippi, Post 212, West Point, Miss.
1961	Arizona, Post 1, Phoenix	2003	Minnesota, Post 92, Rochester, Minn.
1962	Missouri, Post 299, St. Louis	2004	Maine, Portland, Maine (outside sponsor)
1963	California, Post 27, Long Beach, Calif.	2005	Oklahoma, Post 4, Enid, Okla.
1964	California, Post 73, Upland, Calif.	2006	Louisiana, Post 175, Metairie, La.
1965	North Carolina, Post 9, Charlotte, N.C.	2007	Tennessee, Post 19, Columbia, Tenn.
1966	California, Post 337, Oakland, Calif.	2008	Nevada, Post 76, Las Vegas
1967	Alabama, Post 34, Tuscaloosa, Ala.		
1968	Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.		
1969	Oregon, Post 109, Portland, Ore.		

# The Howard P. Savage Jr. Trophy

## Recipients, continued

2009	Michigan, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
2010	Oklahoma, Post 170, Midwest City, Okla.
2011	Minnesota, Eden Prairie, Minn. (outside sponsor)
2012	Louisiana Post 125, New Orleans
2013	Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
2014	Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
2015	Chapin Post 193, Chapin, S.C.
2016	Texarkana Post 58, Texarkana, Ark.
2017	Henderson Post 40, Henderson, Nev.
2018	Wilmington Post 1, Wilmington, Del.
2019	Idaho Falls Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
2020	None awarded
2021	Idaho Falls Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
2022	Troy Post 70, Troy, Ala.
2023	League City Post 554, League City, Texas
2024	Troy Post 70, Troy, Ala.

# Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award

## Description

This award is presented to an American Legion Baseball player who demonstrates outstanding leadership both on and off the field. It consists of a walnut plaque with a metal scroll-style plate. The engraved inscription reads: "Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award presented by the American Legion Department of North Dakota." This award is named in honor of Jack Williams and is sponsored by his home department.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

Established by NEC Resolution No. 45 at the 1967 National Convention, which was rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 34 (May 1973). Continued to be awarded annually and formally reinstated by NEC Resolution No. 42 (May 2012).

## How awarded

Presented by the Americanism Commission chairman, the Department of North Dakota and/or a duly designated representative at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series.

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to a player in the American Legion World Series who exhibits exceptional leadership qualities.
2. Selection is made by a designated committee or representative based on leadership performance observed during the American Legion World Series.
3. The plaque becomes the property of the recipient.



# Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award

## Recipients

1968	Manager: Tony Gagliaon, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn. Coach: John Camp	1985	Manager: Maurice O. Beck, Post 186, Midlothian, Va. Coach: David M. George
1969	Manager: Leo Wyans, Post 105, Portland, Ore. Coach: Dick L. McClain	1986	Manager: Robert J. Shaw, Post 126, Jensen Beach, Fla. Coach: Floyd J. Wilkes
1970	Manager: Don L. Sealy, Post 790, West Covina, Calif. Coach: Joe Opatkiewicz	1987	Manager: David Specht, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa. Coach: Randy Koch
1971	Manager: Don L. Sealy, Post 790, West Covina, Calif. Coach: William Kagy	1988	Manager: Charles McMichen, Post 507, Cincinnati Coach: Tom Kilgore
1972	Manager: Bill Bullock, Post 611, Ballwin, Mo. Coaches: Donald J. Loehr and Bob Umfleet	1989	Manager: Gary Gibson, Post 826, Woodland Hills, Calif. Coach: Don Hornback
1973	Manager: Rolando Bernacet, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico Coach: Alfredo Carlo Toro	1990	Manager: Bernard P. Walter Jr., Post 226, Mayo, Md. Coach: Wilfredo Trinidad
1974	Manager: Rolando Bernacet, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico Coach: Alfredo Carlo Toro	1991	Manager: Joe Barth Sr., Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J. Coach: Joe Barth Jr.
1975	Manager: Dale L. Ehler, Post 36, Yakima, Wash. Coach: Robert A. Garretson	1992	Manager: Chuck Fick, Newbury Parks Oaks, Newbury Park, Calif. Coach: Wayne Smith
1976	Manager: Al Montanari, Post 123, Santa Monica, Calif. Coach: Tom McCaffrey	1993	Manager: Dave Ploof, Post 22, Rapid City, S.D. Coaches: Steve Wolff and Carl Stonecipher
1977	Manager: Mel Machuca, Post 50, South Bend, Ind. Coach: Bill Barcome	1994	Manager: Carlos Hernandez Sr., Post 346, Miami Coach: Carlos Hernandez Jr.
1978	Manager: Louis Reilly, Post 32, Hialeah, Fla. Coach: James Trout	1995	Manager: Alan Higuchi, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, Hawaii Coaches: Garrett Mago and Garret Yukumoto
1979	Manager: Robert W. Garretson, Post 36, Yakima, Wash. Coach: Robert A. Garretson	1996	Manager: Meade Tenaglia, Post 317, Yardley, Pa. Coaches: Joe Ferraro and Paul Zavorski
1980	Manager: Clyde Hayashida, Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu Coach: Ronald Jacobs	1997	Manager: Rod Ferguson, Post 53, Sanford, Fla. Coaches: Jack Diemer and Ken Birch
1981	Manager: Frank Permuy Sr., Post 248, Tampa, Fla. Coach: Frank Permuy Jr.	1998	Manager: Ken Schaake, Post 199, Edwardsville, Ill. Coaches: Steve Haug, Keith Opel, Mike Schaake
1982	Manager: Richard L. Ludy, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa. Coach: David L. Specht	1999	Manager: Jeff Larsen, Post 513, New Brighton, Minn. Coaches: Mark Paone and Mike Maslowski
1983	Manager: Clifton Olsen, Post 471, Edina, Minn. Coach: Bruce Barron	2000	Manager: Don Johns, Post 246, Danville, Calif. Coaches: John McGough, John Rodrigues, Pat Evans and Andy Faria
1984	Manager: Jose Centeno, Post 134, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Coach: Javier Centeno	2001	Manager: Joe Barth, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J. Coaches: Dennis Barth and Tim Gunn
		2002	Manager: Frank Portera, Post 212, West Point, Miss. Coach: Tyler Bratton

2003	Manager: None awarded Coaches: Tony Beck and Keith Kangas, Post 92, Rochester, Minn.	2015	Manager: Ken Minasian, Post 193, Chapin, S.C. Coaches: Daniel Gregory, David Coats, Marion Baker and Michael Robertson
2004	Manager: None awarded Coaches: Mike D'Andrea, Daniel MacDuffie, Chris Grant, Nova Seafood, Portland, Maine (outside sponsor)	2016	Manager: Dane Peavy, Texarkana, Ark. Coaches: Reid Peavy, Jonathan Boucher, Steve Goodheart and Jonathan Orr
2005	Manager: Billy Mayberry, Post 4, Enid, Okla. Coaches: Chris Jensen and Butch Lingenfelter	2017	Manager: Scott Baker, Post 40, Henderson, Nev. Coaches: Tyler Baker, Essex Burton, Shawn
2006	Manager: David Baudry, Post 175, Metairie, La. Coaches: Brady Benoit and Anthony Longo	2018	Manager: Brent Treml, Post 1, Wilmington, Del. Coaches: Stephen Lex, Mark Wihelm, Matthew Schubert and Dane Walter
2007	Manager: Mickey McKeel, Post 19, Columbia, Tenn. Coaches: Eddy Alred and Jack Kercado	2019	Manager: Ryan Alexander, Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho Coaches: Nathan Byram, Easton Dahlberg and Michael Webster
2008	Manager: Chris Sheff, Post 76, Las Vegas Coach: Bruce Barron	2020	Manager: None awarded Coaches: None awarded
2009	Manager: Dan Cronkright, Post 165, Midland, Mich. Coaches: Steven Cronkright and Patrick Dawson	2021	Manager: Ryan Alexander, Idaho Falls Post 56, Idaho Coaches: Mike Webster, Thomas Alexander and Bruer Webster
2010	Manager: Doug Weese, Post 170, Midwest City, Okla. Coaches: Shane Hawk, Jerry Long and Derek Snell	2022	Manager: Ross Hixson, Troy Post 70, Troy, Ala. Coach: D.J. Law
2011	Manager: Scott Hackett, Eden Prairie, Minn. Coaches: Mike Halloran and John Buteyn (outside sponsor)	2023	Manager: Ronnie Oliver, Post 554, League City, Texas Coaches: William Kemp, Steven Whittington, Jack Kaiser and Kameron Hardebeck
2012	Manager: Joey Latino, Post 125, New Orleans Coaches: Kenneth Goodlett and Jeffery Chappuis	2024	Manager: Ross Hixson, Troy Post 70, Troy, Ala. Coaches: Hunter Mann, Tanner Wells and Matt Whitton
2013	Manager: Joe Barth, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J. Coaches: Dennis Barth, Michael Brown, Josh Copskey, William Gore, Steve Mondile and Michael Rucci		
2014	Manager: Dennis Barth, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J. Coaches: Josh Copskey, William Gore, Steve Mondile and Michael Rucci		

# James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award

## Description

This award is presented to the player in the American Legion World Series who best embodies the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play. It consists of a walnut plaque with a gold-tone plate and a baseball motif. The engraved inscription reads: “James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award, presented by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion.” This award is named in honor of James F. Daniel Jr., a longtime advocate for youth and character development within The American Legion.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated by the Americanism Commission in 1956

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated representative of The American Legion at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the player who demonstrates exemplary sportsmanship and fair play throughout the American Legion World Series.
2. Selection is made by tournament staff, coaches or designated officials based on behavior and character displayed during the event.
3. The plaque becomes the property of the recipient.

# James F. Daniel Jr. Memorial Sportsmanship Award

## Recipients

1956	Bill Oerding, Post 16, Roseburg, Ore.	1990	Richardo Otero, Post 48, Bayamon, Puerto Rico
1957	Karl Haag, Post 102, Portland, Ore.	1991	Jason Williams, All Star Team (outside sponsor), Gonzales, La.
1958	Scott Seger, Post 50, Cincinnati	1992	John Klopp, Post 208, Arlington Heights, Ill.
1959	Hartwell Routten, Post 48, Hampton, Va.	1993	Chad Stevenson, Post 8, Las Vegas
1960	Robert M. Fry, Post 4, Billings, Mont.	1994	Erick Gomez, Post 299, Chino, Calif.
1961	Larry Staley, Post 1, Phoenix	1995	Woody Heath, Bellevue, Wash. (outside sponsor)
1962	John Matias, Post 11, Honolulu	1996	Andy Hoffman, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1963	Oscar Brown, Post 27, Long Beach, Calif.	1997	Andy Neufeld, Post 53, Sanford, Fla.
1964	Joseph F. Moody III, Post 9, Charlotte, N.C. (See note under Authority)	1998	Ralph Roberts, Post 100, Cherryville, N.C.
1965	William K. Oakley, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	1999	Timothy Brusseau Jr., Post 39, Wood River, Vt.
1966	Buddy LeRoy Plummer, Post 4, Enid, Okla.	2000	Matt Brown, Post 246, Danville, Calif.
1967	Randall Ryan, Post 34, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	2001	Julius Smith, Post 13, Lewiston, Idaho
1968	Lonnie Michael Young, Post 47, Timmonsville, S.C.	2002	Ronny Woods, Post 12, Dothan, Ala.
1969	William McKinley McCord III, Post 105, Portland, Ore.	2003	Michael Badger, Post 92, Rochester, Minn.
1970	Gil W. Stafford, Post 1, Phoenix	2004	Ryan Reid, Portland, Maine (outside sponsor)
1971	Michael Leroy Curran, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	2005	Tyson Seng, Post 4, Enid, Okla.
1972	Robert Michael Umfleet, Post 611, Ballwin, Mo.	2006	Brady Shoemaker, Post 346, Terre Haute, Ind.
1973	Jose Ramon Lugo, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	2007	Holden Killen, Post 19, Columbia, Tenn.
1974	Glenn Heard, Post 92, Lake Oswego, Ore.	2008	Paul Sewald, Post 76, Las Vegas
1975	Curtiss Dean Becker, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	2009	Garret Yatch, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1976	Michael James Boddicker, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, Iowa	2010	Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie, Minn.
1977	Scott Benedict, Post 12, West Palm Beach, Fla.	2011	Brandon Woodruff, Post 49, Tupelo, Miss.
1978	John Small Maner, Post 420, Springfield, Mass.	2012	Brent Tenuto, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1979	Stephen Michael Petersen, Post 158, Barrington, Ill.	2013	Robbie Podorsky, Post 81, Gonzales, La.
1980	Bob Melvin, Post 375, Palo Alto, Calif.	2014	Tanner Gross, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1981	Keith Eric Peterson, R.C. Winter Construction Co., Bellevue, Wash.	2015	Ben Hess, Post 125, New Orleans
1982	Michael David Hufhand, Post 6, Kokomo, Ind.	2016	Logan Vidrine, Texarkana, Ark.
1983	John Ludy, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2017	Will Hanafan, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1984	John McGettigan, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.	2018	Sam Goodman, Post 137, Dubuque County, Iowa
1985	Bobby Jones, Carmichel Elks, Sacramento, Calif.	2019	Alex Cortez, Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
1986	Tom Griffen, Post 8, Las Vegas	2020	None awarded
1987	Brett Blechschmidt, Post 176, Vancouver, Wash.	2021	Stone Collier, Tupelo Post 49, Miss.
1988	Pete Rose II, Post 507, Cincinnati	2022	Deezil Luce, Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho
1989	Larry Sheets, Post 81, Gonzales, La.	2023	A.J. Evasco, Post 3, Lincoln, Neb.
		2024	Gunner Justice, Post 70, Troy, Ala.

# The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Air Rifle National Championship Award

## Description

These awards are presented to the national tournament champions of the individual and team categories in Sporter and Precision disciplines of the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program. All four awards consist of walnut trophies with raised American Legion emblem and enlarged wooden depiction of a .177 caliber air rifle pellet placed on center panel. Each trophy comes with the corresponding inscription:

“Precision – Individual USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Air Rifle Championship”

“Precision – Team USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Air Rifle Championship”

“Sporter – Individual USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Air Rifle Championship”

“Sporter – Team USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Air Rifle Championship”

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 9 (May 2001) instituted the “American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Trophy”; NEC Resolution No. 4 (October 2019) renamed to “American Legion Junior Shooting Sport Air Rifle National Championship Award”

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated national official of The American Legion at the conclusion of the annual American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Championship

## Criteria/conditions

1. Presented annually to the national tournament champions of the individual and team categories in Sporter and Precision disciplines of the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program. Originally named the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Trophy.
2. Winners are determined based on their scores in the national championship event.
3. The awards become the property of the recipients.

# The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Air Rifle National Championship Award

## Recipients

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| <p>2001     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Langhorne Rod &amp; Gun Club, Post 440, Levittown, Pa. – Jason Lere, Brian Kern, Lucy Jacobson and Erin Skeuse<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Ryan Tanoue, Puuloa Rifle &amp; Pistol Club, Post 35, Honolulu<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, La. – Logan Brouillette, Brandon Green, Brian Phillips and Brandon Applewhite<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Logan Brouillette, Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, La.</p> | <p>2005     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> DuBois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, DuBois, Pa. – Christina Dutra, Michael Kulbacki, Justin Pentz and Kyle Smith<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Amanda Jeffries, McAlester Jr. Air Rifle Club, Post 79, McAlester, Okla.<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb. – Jace Bures, Micaela Jochum, Sheena Mahloch and Clint Sejkora<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Jace Bures, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb.</p>  |
| <p>2002     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Palmyra Sportsman, Post 160, Hershey, Pa. – Jamie Beyerle, Vicki Goss, James Miller and Justin Sparks<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> James Hall, Wolf Creek Young Shooters, Post 160, Carrollton, Ga.<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, La. – Brandon Applewhite, Cody Cleland, Brandon Green and Brian Phillips<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Brandon Green, Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, La.</p>                 | <p>2006     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Du Bois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, DuBois, Pa. – Michael Kulbacki, Justin Pentz, Kyle Smith and Kyle Yebermetsky<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Michael Kulbacki, DuBois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, DuBois, Pa.<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb. – Cole Bures, Micaela Jochum, Alex Niefeldt and Alyssa Wolken<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Micaela Jochum, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb.</p>   |
| <p>2003     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Palmyra Wrecking Crew II, Post 72, Palmyra, Pa. – Leslie Angeli, Cody Rutter, Justin Sparks, and Brad Stepp<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Daniel Belluzzo, Itasca County 4-H Shooting Sports, Post 60, Grand Rapids, Minn.<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb. – Jace Bures, Micaela Jochum, Nathan Jochum and Clint Sejkora<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Andrew Hahn, Humboldt Sharpshooters, Post 62, Humboldt, S.D.</p>       | <p>2007     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> DuBois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, DuBois, Pa. – Aaron Holsopple, Michael Kulbacki, Justin Pentz and Kyle Smith<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Ethan Settlemires, Cross Roads Sport Shooting, Post 6, Cross Roads Sport Shooting, Post 6, Corinth, Miss.<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> R.L. Paschal High School JROTC, Post 569, Fort Worth, Texas – Amanda Aguilera, Xentri Garza, Dean Harmon and Daniel Hilario Jr.<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Micaela Jochum, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb.</p> |
| <p>2004     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Wolf Creek Young Shooters, Post 160, Smyrna, Ga. – Jeremy Drennan, Jonathan Hall, Joseph Hall and Phillip Huckaby<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Joseph Hall, Wolf Creek Young Shooters, Post 160, Smyrna, Ga.<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb. – Sarah Broeker, Jace Bures, Micaela Jochum and Clint Sejkors<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Jace Bures, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb.</p>                | <p>2008     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Capitol City Junior Rifle Club, Post 2, Tacoma, Wash. – Brandon Hergert, Daniel Lowe, Josh Pagel and Kyle Rebellion<br/> <u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Abigail Stanec, Ashland Eagles, Post 473, Copley, Ohio<br/> <u><i>Spoter Team:</i></u> Ozark High School JROTC, Post 639, Springfield, Mo. – Jacob Edwards, Kelsea Hunt, Shawn Spradling and Rob Thompson<br/> <u><i>Spoter Individual:</i></u> Kelsea Hunt, Ozark High School JROTC, Post 639, Springfield, Mo.</p>   |



# The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Air Rifle National Championship Award

## Recipients, continued

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| <p>2009     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Lincoln Rifle Club, Post 264, Lincoln, Calif. – Jacob Carrillo, Dustin McQueary, Brett Morrison and Kaitlin Pennell</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Kaitlin Pennell, Lincoln Rifle Club, Post 264, Lincoln, Calif.</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Lafayette Gun Club of Virginia “White”, Post 273, Poquoson, Va. – Hannah Black, Joshua Black, Matthew Brewer and Thomas Wheelless</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Individual:</i></u> William Eades III, C.E. Byrd High School JROTC, Post 6, Shreveport, La.</p>                     | <p>2013     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Walla Walla High School JROTC, Post 32, Walla Walla, Wash. – Sarah Jameson, Caitlyn Lasseigne, Allison Jurgensen, Andrew Jenkins</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Rachael Schoenrock, Homestead 4-H, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb.</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Franklin County High School AFJROTC, Post 6, Rocky Mount, Va. – Cody Ashby, Jonathan Gove, Brantley Santrock, Michael Barton</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Individual:</i></u> Rachael Schoenrock, Homestead 5-H, Post 27, Beatrice, Neb.</p>               |
| <p>2010     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Arlington Optimist Acorns, Post 177, Fairfax, Va. – Ryan Anderson, Evelyn Holman, Cammille Lathbury and Morgan Lluy</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Matthew Martin, Borealis Bullseyes, Post 28, Anchorage, Alaska</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Lafayette Gun Club of Virginia “White”, Post 273, Poquoson, Va. – Hannah Black, Joshua Black, Matthew Brewer and Thomas Wheelless</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Hannah Weatherford, North Little Rock High School JROTC, Post 40, North Little Rock, Ark.</p> | <p>2014     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Zion Benton NJROTC, Post 865, Zion, Ill. – Zachary Dumyahn, Justine Hamilton, Kevin Hamilton, Kayla Savage</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Isela Velazques, R.L. Paschal JROTC, Post 569, Fort Worth, Texas</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Hardcore 4, Post 64, Monroe, Ga. – Dana Bowen, Maggie Mason, Mary Pratt, Brandon Thomas</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Individual:</i></u> Sarah Osborn, Patriot Shooting Club of Virginia, Post 233, Richmond, Va.</p>  |
| <p>2011     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Palmyra Junior Rifle Team, Post 72, Palmyra, Pa. – Nathan Brandeburg, Briann Derr, Elizabeth Embeck and Alyssa Gestl</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Daniel Lowe, Capital City Junior Rifle Team, Post 2, Olympia, Wash.</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Patriot Shooting Club, Post 233, Varina, Va. – Joshua Black, Sarah Osborn, Timothy Teller and Thomas Wheelless</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Individual:</i></u> Maneva Gill, Pacifica 4-H, Post 238, Pacifica, Calif.</p>  | <p>2015     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Hardcore 4, Post 233, Loganville, Ga. – Dana Bowen, Rachel Kimbell, Mary Pratt and Dakota Spivey</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Sarah Sutton, Black Swamp Junior Rifle Club, Post 114, Oak Harbor, Ohio</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Zion Benton NJROTC, Post 865, Zion, Ill. – Justin Hamilton, Jaycie Hoenig, William Newman and Howard Norrish</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Individual:</i></u> Gabriel Palermo, Freeport High School NJROTC, Post 139, Freeport, Ill.</p>                                      |
| <p>2012     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Sutter Union High School AJROTC, Post 122, Rayville, La. – Jaycee Carter, Justin Nissen, Greta Ochsner, Lauren Zerkovich</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Colt Gross, North Augusta High School, Post 705, Yuba City, Calif.</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Rayville High School AJROTC, Post 122, Rayville, La.</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Individual:</i></u> Cody Sanchez, Valencia County 4-H, Post 85, Los Lunas, N.M.</p>   | <p>2016     <u><i>Precision Team:</i></u> Minnesota Centershots, Post 102, Anoka, Minn. – Abigail Buesseler, Elizabeth Ewert, Kamilla Kisch, Samantha Peterson</p> <p><u><i>Precision Individual:</i></u> Sarah Osborn, Patriot Shooting Club of Virginia, Post 233, Varina, Va.</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Team:</i></u> Freeport High School NJROTC, Post 139, Freeport, Ill. – Alyssa Hornung, Lindsay Strohacker, Emma Thompson, Elizabeth Woitynek</p> <p><u><i>Sporter Individual:</i></u> Levi Carlson, Nation Ford High School MCJROTC, Post 31, Lancaster, S.C.</p> |



- 2017 *Precision Team:* Arlington Optimist Acorns CJRC, Post 177, Fairfax, Va. – Rebecca Lamb, Amity Ermarth, Elena Kim, Niya Burney  
*Precision Individual:* Sarah Osborn, Patriot Shooting Club of Virginia, Post 233, Varina, Va.  
*Spoter Team:* Nation Ford High School MCJROTC, Post 31, Lancaster, S.C. – Marcus Stallings, Levi Carlson, Preston Jaeger, Donte Hayes  
*Spoter Individual:* Hailey Smith, Zion Benton Team Gold, Post 865, Zion, Ill.
- 2018 *Precision Team:* Ontelaunee Junior Rifle Team, Post 173, New Tripoli, Pa. – Calista Smoyer, Emma Rhode, Sarah Frantz, Jeanne Haverhill  
*Precision Individual:* Jared Eddy, Ole Mill Rangers, Post 15, Midland, Ga.  
*Spoter Team:* Des Moines North MCJROTC, Post 42, Des Moines, Iowa – Adrianna Campos, Kevin Nguyen, Sydney Krejci, Nicole Masteller  
*Spoter Individual:* Bailey Hoenig, Zion Benton High School NJROTC, Post 865, Zion, Ill.
- 2019 *Precision Team:* Granbury High School, Post 491, Granbury, Texas – Makenzie Sheffield, Philip Becker, Clarissa Layland and M’Leah Lambdin  
*Precision Individual:* Makenzie Sheffield, Granbury High School, Post 491, Granbury, Texas  
*Spoter Team:* Nation Ford High School MCJROTC, Post 31, Lancaster, S.C. – Marcus Stallings, Levi Carlson, Preston Jaeger and Donte Hayes  
*Spoter Individual:* Jaden-Ann Fraser, Volunteer NJROTC Rifle Team, Post 3, Kingsport, Tenn.
- 2020 *Precision Team:* Lincoln Rifle Club Junior Division, Post 264, The American Legion of Texas – Vittoria Watts, Lilly Polakovic, Locan Michael, Morgan Vander Linden  
*Precision Individual:* Kaylene Castillo, Eldorado MCJROTC New Mexico, Post 49  
*Spoter Team:* Nation Ford MCJROTC, Post 34, Fort Mill, S.C. – Maya Cameron, Kayla Kalenza, Alana Ruggiero, Joshua Campbell
- 2021 *Precision Team:* Granbury High School MCJROTC, Granbury, Texas – Ashton Arlington, Sarah Folsom, Parker Haydin, Kaylynn Slaughter  
*Precision Individual:* Natalie Perrin, Grand Rapids Rifle & Pistol, Grand Rapid, Mich.  
*Spoter Team:* Nation Ford MCJROTC, Fort Mill, S.C. – Maya Cameron, Isabelle Fettig, Kayla Kalenza, Alana Ruggiero  
*Spoter Individual:* Maya Cameron, Nation Ford MCJROTC, Fort Mill, S.C.
- 2022 *Precision Team:* Granbury Marine Corps JROTC, Granbury, Texas – Sarah Folsom, Parker Haydin, Caroline Martin, Sunnee Schumann  
*Precision Individual:* Mikole Hogan, Houston Hotshots  
*Spoter Team:* Nation Ford Rifle Team JROTC, Fort Mill, S.C. – Maya Cameron, Isabelle Fetting, Kyle Orr, Samantha Zermeno  
*Spoter Individual:* Samantha Zermeno, Nation Ford Rifle Team JROTC, Fort Mill, S.C.
- 2023 *Precision Team:* Lafayette Gun Club, Yorktown, Va. – Matthew Stout, Brandon Evans, Maria Koenig, Victoria Koenig  
*Precision Individual:* Jacob Wisman, Mason Dixon Junior Rifle Club, Dellslow, W.Va.  
*Spoter Team:* Nation Ford Rifle Team JROTC, Fort Mill, S.C. – Abril DeCastro, Samantha Zermeno, Lachlan Harris, Kees Vandergriff  
*Spoter Individual:* Charles Bratton, Clover High School, Clover, S.C.
- 2024 *Precision Team:* Texas Hill Country Shooters  
*Precision Individual:* Emme Walrath, Post 295, Kenosha, Wis.  
*Spoter Team:* Mariner High School JROTC, Cape Coral, Fla.  
*Spoter Individual:* Alexandra Orr, Lafayette Gun Club, Poquoson, Va.

# The American Legion Baseball Slugger Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the player in the American Legion World Series who achieves the highest batting average. It consists of a walnut plaque with a silver plate engraved with baseball-themed motifs. The engraved inscription reads: “The American Legion Baseball Slugger Trophy, presented to (name of recipient), (year).” This award was previously known as the Louisville Slugger Trophy.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated by the Americanism Commission in 1945. NEC Resolution No. 6 (May 2013) renamed the award.

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated representative of The American Legion at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the player who achieves the highest batting average in the American Legion World Series.
2. Determined based on official statistics from the series, as compiled and verified by tournament staff.
3. The trophy becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion Baseball Slugger Trophy

## Recipients

1945	Lee Carrey, Post 7, Tucson, Ariz.	1985	Greg Olson, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1946	Victor Kauffman, Post 50, Cincinnati		Steve Nelson, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1947	George Moeller, Post 50, Cincinnati		Bobby Jones, Carmichael Elks, Sacramento, Calif.
1948	Don Hunter, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.	1986	Mitch Hannahs, Post 66, Maynard, Ohio
1949	J.W. Porter, Post 337, Oakland, Calif.	1987	Brad Dolejsi, Post 170, Midwest City, Okla.
1950	W. Porter, Post 337, Oakland, Calif.	1988	Scott Hughes, Post 507, Cincinnati
1951	Grover Jones Jr., Post 135, White Plains, N.Y.	1989	Del Marine, Post 826, Woodland Hills, Calif.
1952	Horace Tucker Jr., Post 364, San Diego	1990	Brett O'Dez, Post 226, Mayo, Md.
1953	Charles Selinger, Post 10, Winnetka, Ill.	1991	Bob Pailthorp, Post 837, Union City, Calif.
1954	Jim Galasso, Post 492, San Diego	1992	Brannon Weisel, Post 2, Fargo, N.D.
	Jack Hopper, Post 23, Gastonia, N.C.	1993	Ryan Merritt, Post 22, Rapid City, S.D.
1955	Richard Hergenrader, Post 3, Lincoln, Neb.	1994	Bob Barth, Jr., Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1956	Lawrence Goudy, Post 245, St. Louis	1995	Jason Adaro, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, Hawaii
1957	Fred Fox, Post 50, Cincinnati	1996	Bryce Gehlen, Post 176, Vancouver, Wash.
1958	Kenneth Peters, Post 50, Cincinnati	1997	Nate Philo, Post 15, Medford, Ore.
1959	Louis Webb, Post 1, Phoenix	1998	Chad Opel, Post 199, Edwardsville, Ill.
1960	Robert M. Fry, Post 4, Billings, Mont.	1999	Kenny Judd, Post 111, Edmond, Okla.
1961	Kenneth McEwen, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.	2000	Matt Ryan, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1962	Fred C. Balmer, Post 1, Hampton, Va.	2001	Richard Chinn, Post 246, Canville, Calif.
1963	Jerry Mattingly, Post 8, Evansville, Ind.	2002	Josh Sowell, Post 12, Dothan, Ala.
1964	Roland G. Fingers, Post 73, Upland, Calif. (See note under Authority)	2003	Andy Console, Post 149, Haddon Heights, N.J.
1965	Roland A. Goulet Jr., Post 36, Berlin, N.H.	2004	Tommy Cauley, Post 6, DeLand, Fla.
1966	Ronald N. Harris, Post 38, Washington, D.C.	2005	Mike Tamsin, Post 83, Branford, Conn.
1967	Joseph Cherico, Post 30, New Castle, Del.	2006	Brady Shoemaker, Post 346, Terre Haute, Ind.
1968	Martin A. Domiguez, Post 235, San Antonio	2007	Kevin Hussey, Post 7, Tucson, Ariz.
1969	John David Adeimy, Post 12, West Palm Beach, Fla.	2008	Brandon Bass, Post 374, Omaha, Neb.
1970	Ronald Lee Brown, Post 1, Phoenix	2009	T. J. White, Post 76, Las Vegas
1971	Rodney Davis Walton, Post 1, Phoenix	2010	Jack Hager, Post 40, Las Vegas
1972	Keith A. Kauerz, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	2011	Dylan Huskey, Post 109, Gaffney, S.C.
1973	Carlos S. Rodriguez, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	2012	Evan Ryan, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1974	Edwin C. Lopez, Post 146, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico	2013	Anthony Harrold, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1975	Arnulfo Camacho, Post 113, San Juan, Puerto Rico	2014	Sean Breen, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1976	David Carl Stokes, Post 175, Metairie, La.	2015	Ben Hess, Post 125, New Orleans
1977	William F. Schell, Post 50, South Bend, Ind.	2016	Tyler Villaroman, San Mateo, Calif.
1978	Douglas J. Palmer, Post 132, New Ulm, Minn.	2017	Jordan Patty, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1979	Steven P. Wolff, Post 22, Rapid City, S.D.	2018	Sam Link, Post 137, Dubuque County, Iowa
1980	Cedric Gray, Post 375, Palo Alto, Calif.	2019	Ron Franklin, Post 366, Drestrehan, La.
1981	Roger Hulse, Post 1, Tulsa, Okla.	2020	None awarded
1982	Ivan S. Snyder, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2021	Kobe Senn, Post 400, Fargo, N.D.
1983	Reynaldo "Chito" Martinez, Post 367, New Orleans	2022	Travis Bragg, Post 554, League City, Texas
1984	Jon D. Bradley, Post 1, Millington, Tenn.	2023	Zack Hunt and Brady Cook, Post 1, Florence, S.C.
		2024	Sam Ovsak, Post 2, Fargo, N.D.

# Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the department with the greatest percentage of accredited schools participating in the American Legion School Award Medal program. It consists of a large silver loving cup-style trophy with engraved detailing and a wooden base. The engraved inscription reads: "Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy, awarded to the department with the highest percentage of accredited school participation in the School Award Medal program." A laminated image of the trophy mounted to a suitable plaque is provided for the department. This award is named in honor of Past National Commander Ralph T. O'Neil.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

May 4, 1932, Report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee. NEC Resolution No. 35 (May 1992) created official criteria.

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated national representative of The American Legion at the annual national convention. A customized plaque is shipped to the winning department.

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the department that achieves the highest percentage of participation in the School Award Medal program among accredited schools within its jurisdiction.
2. Determination is based on official reports submitted to the National Americanism Division.
3. The name of the winning department is engraved on the main trophy at National Headquarters.
4. A laminated image of the trophy mounted to a suitable plaque is provided for the department.
5. The plaque becomes the property of the department.

# Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy

## Recipients

1932	Pennsylvania	1964	Arizona	1996	Florida
1933	Pennsylvania	1965	Arizona	1997	District of Columbia
1934	Pennsylvania	1966	Mississippi	1998	Wisconsin
1935	Pennsylvania	1967	Arizona	1999	Wyoming
1936	Pennsylvania	1968	Arizona	2000	Arizona
1937	Pennsylvania	1969	Mississippi	2001	Florida
1938	Pennsylvania	1970	None awarded	2002	Wyoming
1939	Pennsylvania	1971	Arizona	2003	West Virginia
1940	Pennsylvania	1972	Arizona	2004	Florida
1941	Pennsylvania	1973	Arizona	2005	Arizona
1942	Pennsylvania	1974	Florida	2006	Florida
1943	Illinois	1975	Louisiana	2007	Maryland
1944	Pennsylvania	1976	Arizona	2008	Florida
1945	Pennsylvania	1977	Florida	2009	Vermont
1946	Pennsylvania	1978	District of Columbia	2010	Alaska
1947	Illinois	1979	Florida	2011	Maryland
1948	Mississippi	1980	District of Columbia	2012	Hawaii
1949	Illinois	1981	Mississippi	2013	New Mexico
1950	Mississippi	1982	District of Columbia	2014	Pennsylvania
1951	Mississippi	1983	District of Columbia	2015	Maryland
1952	Mississippi	1984	Florida	2016	Colorado
1953	Mississippi	1985	District of Columbia	2017	Delaware
1954	Mississippi	1986	District of Columbia	2018	New Mexico
1955	Mississippi	1987	District of Columbia	2019	Vermont
1956	Mississippi	1988	District of Columbia	2020	Connecticut
1957	Pennsylvania	1989	District of Columbia	2021	Montana
1958	Arizona	1990	Florida	2022	South Carolina
1959	Mississippi	1991	Florida	2023	Tennessee
1960	Pennsylvania	1992	Florida	2024	Nevada
1961	Mississippi	1993	West Virginia		
1962	Arizona	1994	Florida		
1963	California	1995	Florida		

# American Legion Baseball “Big Stick” Award

## Description

This award is presented to the player in the American Legion World Series who compiles the most total bases. It consists of a walnut plaque with a silver plate featuring baseball-themed engravings. The engraved inscription reads: “The American Legion Baseball ‘Big Stick’ Award, presented to (name of recipient), (year).” This award was previously known as the Rawlings “Big Stick” Award.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 18 (May 1972) rescinded and superseded by NEC Resolution No. 7 (May 2013)

**Note:** *This award was originally known as the Adirondack “Big Stick” Award. The name was changed in 1974 after Adirondack Industries was absorbed by Rawlings Sporting Goods.*

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated representative of The American Legion at the conclusion of the American Legion World Series

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the player who records the most total bases during the American Legion World Series.
2. Determined using official statistics compiled and verified by tournament staff.
3. The plaque becomes the property of the recipient.

# American Legion Baseball “Big Stick” Award

## Recipients

1972	Keith Andrew Kauerz, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	2001	Nate Martin, Post 13, Lewiston, Idaho
1973	Thomas Steven Ashford, Post 1, Memphis, Tenn.	2002*	Josh Sowell, Post 12, Dothan, Ala.
1974	Gregory Tooley, Post 254, Rockport, Ind.	2002*	Corey Carter, Post 212, West Point, Miss.
1975*	David Edler, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	2003	Joey Briggs, Post 11, Corvallis, Ore.
1975*	Dennis Duncanson, Post 142, Fullerton, Calif.	2004	Steve Marquardt, Post 34, Kennewick, Wash.
1976	Gus Malespin, Post 175, Metairie, La.	2005	Zac Berg, Post 4, Enid, Okla.
1977	Doug Roberson, Post 12, West Palm Beach, Fla.	2006	Brady Shoemaker, Post 346, Terre Haute, Ind.
1978	Ivan Mesa, Post 32, Hialeah, Fla.	2007	Marc Damon, Post 7, Tucson, Ariz.
1979	Juan Cruz, Post 36, Yakima, Wash.	2008	Max Garrett, Post 34, Pasco, Wash.
1980	Thomas Gill, Post 32, Hialeah, Fla.	2009	Kyle O’Boyle, Post 165, Midland, Mich.
1981	Kevin Sickinger, Post 361, Richmond, Va.	2010	Matt Halloran, Eden Prairie, Minn. (department sponsor)
1982	Ronald DeLucchi, Post 517, Lafayette, Calif.	2011	Tony Skjefte, Eden Prairie, Minn. (department sponsor)
1983	Reynaldo “Chito” Martinez, Post 367, New Orleans	2012	Evan Ryan, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.
1984	Jose Marzan, Post 134, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico	2013	Anthony Bender, Post 28, Petaluma, Calif.
1985	Mike MusoLino, Carmichel Elks, Sacramento, Colo.	2014	Sean Breen, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.
1986	Dan Opperman, Post 8, Las Vegas	2015	Justin Hawkins, Post 193, Chapin, S.C.
1987*	Jeff Seymour, Post 471, Boyertown, Pa.	2016*	Zach Luckey, Omaha, Neb.
1987*	Tad Thompson, Post 176, Vancouver, Wash.	2016*	Angelo Bortolin, San Mateo, Calif.
1988	Scott Hughes, Post 507, Cincinnati	2017	Jack Thomas Wold, Post 40, Henderson, Nev.
1989	Del Marine, Post 826, Woodland Hills, Calif.	2018	Austin Colmery, Post 1, Wilmington, Del.
1990	Ricardo Otero, Post 48, Bayamon, Puerto Rico	2019	Trevor Marsh, Randolph County Post 45, Asheboro, N.C.
1991	Bob Pailthorpe, Post 837, Union City, Calif.	2020	None awarded
1992	Mike Harris, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.	2021	Jackson McCoy, Post 49, Tupelo, Miss.
1993	Allen Layman, Post 88, Norman, Okla.	2022	Elliot Jones, Post 56, Idaho Falls, Idaho Travis Bragg, Post 554, League City, Texas
1994	Esteban Barrios, Post 346, Miami	2023	A.J. Evasco, Post 3, Lincoln, Neb. Zack Hunt, Post 1, Florence, S.C.
1995	Jason Adaro, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, Hawaii	2024	Sam Ovsak, Post 2, Fargo, N.D.
1996	James Jarreau, Post 81, Gonzales, La.		
1997	Nate Philo, Post 15, Medford, Ore.		
1998	Ralph Roberts, Post 100, Cherryville, N.C.		
1999	Brian Paone, Post 513, New Brighton, Minn.		
2000*	Al Smith, Post 1, Omaha, Neb.		
2000*	Mark Michael, Post 72, Brooklawn, N.J.		
2000*	Ryan Lymangrover, Post 246, Danville, Calif.		

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# Spafford National Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the American Legion department having within its jurisdiction the winner of the National High School Oratorical Contest. It consists of a metal plaque mounted on a walnut panel with a spread eagle on top, a figure in the center holding a scroll of the Constitution of the United States, and a phalanx of young persons on each side. The inscription reads: "For God and Country. The Spafford Oratorical Award. Awarded annually to that department sponsoring the winner of the National High School Oratorical Contest." This award is in honor of Past National Commander Edward E. Spafford.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

May 1941 report of National Trophies and Awards Committee as approved by the National Executive Committee

*Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented during the Americanism Commission at the national convention, or by the national commander or a duly designated representative at the national convention or another appropriate national event

## Criteria/conditions

1. To that department of The American Legion having within its jurisdiction the winner of the National High School Oratorical Contest. A customized plaque is shipped to the winning department.
2. The award becomes the property of the department.



# Spafford National Trophy

## Recipients

1941	Idaho – Frank Church, Boise, Idaho	1981	Michigan – Marlene Van Dyke, Grand Rapids, Mich.
1942	Tennessee – Albert P. Smith Jr., Hendersonville, Tenn.		Colorado – Dean Clancy, Denver
1943	Illinois – Burton Bernard, Granite City, Ill.	1982	Illinois – William Kephart Jr., Chillicothe, Ill.
1944	Nebraska – Brent Bozell, Omaha, Neb.	1983	Virginia – Keith Zinch, Blacksburg, Va.
1945	New Jersey – Robert Kelly, Jersey City, N.J.	1984	Pennsylvania – Arthur Jordan, Pittsburgh
1946	California – William O. Wollin, Los Gatos, Calif.	1985	Wisconsin – Gwen Connolly, Cedarburg, Wis.
1947	California – Roy F. Greenaway, Fresno, Calif.	1986	Iowa – Jennifer J. Demmon, Marshalltown, Iowa
1948	Florida – James Grant, Orlando, Fla.	1987	Massachusetts – Mary Agness Barbier, West Quincy, Mass.
1949	Missouri – Paul T. Hoyne, Concordia, Mo.	1988	Maryland – Philip Paliath, Baltimore
1950	Oklahoma – Jim Robinson, Blackwell, Okla.	1989	Maryland – Martin Kelly Jr., Hydes, Md.
1951	Virginia – Jeanne-Mann Dickinson, Roanoke, Va.	1990	Kentucky – Joshua E. Boyd, Fort Thomas, Ky.
1952	Kansas – Cliff Thompson, Kansas City, Kan.	1991	California – Jack L. White, Walnut, Calif.
1953	New York – Joel M. Bernstein, Buffalo, N.Y.	1992	Maryland – Kerri Ruttenberg, Columbia, Md.
1954	Kansas – Jack McNees, Kansas City, Kan.	1993	Georgia – Cedric L. Ollison, Quitman, Ga.
1955	California – Michael Miller, Los Angeles	1994	Texas – Lisa Tsai, Houston
1956	Tennessee – Daniel A. Duckworth, Cleveland, Tenn.	1995	New York – Aron Egner, Ballston Lake, N.Y.
1957	California – Dan Elliott McCall, Modesto, Calif.	1996	Arizona – Kaleen Love, Mesa, Ariz.
1958	Indiana – Reed Stewart, Brazil, Ind.	1997	New Hampshire – Alexander Henlin, Dracut, Mass.
1959	Illinois – Roger R. Majak, Lansing, Ill.	1998	Maryland – Erin Plettenberg, Parkton, Md.
1960	Kansas – Lanny Unruh, Newton, Kan.	1999	Texas – Kevin Sladek, San Marcos, Texas
1961	New York – Robert J. O’Connell, New York, N.Y.	2000	Iowa – Max Miller, Ankeny, Iowa
1962	Oklahoma – Patricia Turner, Muskogee, Okla.	2001	Texas – Caleb Williams, Lewisville, Texas
1963	New Jersey – Stephen Alan Oxman, Short Hills, N.J.	2002	Alabama – Candace Neal, Eva, Ala.
1964	Wisconsin – David B. Marth, Wausau, Wis.	2003	Minnesota – Henry Shea IV, Wayzata, Minn.
1965	California – James Franklin Kay, Fullerton, Calif.	2004	Georgia – Philip Bishop, Albany, Ga.
1966	Arizona – Ronald Timothy McCoy, Nogales, Ariz.	2005	California – Daniel Berring, Orinda, Calif.
1967	Texas – Alan Lee Keyes, San Antonio	2006	Tennessee – Nicholas Elledge, Knoxville, Tenn.
1968	New York – John Joseph Cangilos, Albany, N.Y.	2007	Florida – Co’Relous Bryant, Jacksonville, Fla.
1969	California – Benjamin Gene Davidian Jr., Tracy, Calif.	2008	Maryland – Spencer Harjung, Elkton, Md.
1970	Massachusetts – Michael P. Gallagher, Somerville, Mass.	2009	Indiana – Andrew Dykstal, Lafayette, Ind.
1971	Texas – William H. White, San Antonio	2010	South Carolina – Victoria Black, Iva, S.C.
1972	South Carolina – Thomas W. Joiner, Rock Hill, S.C.	2011	Missouri – Anisha Gururaj, Chesterfield, Mo.
1973	Illinois – John W. Frost, Peoria, Ill.	2012	Indiana – Rebecca Frazer, Morgantown, Ind.
1974	Indiana – Steven L. Zeller, Columbus, Ind.	2013	Missouri – Agnes Rieger, Kansas City, Mo.
1975	Maryland – Michael B. Begley, Baltimore	2014	Missouri – Ashwath Kumar, Columbia, Mo.
1976	Hawaii – Robert Halvorson Maus, Honolulu	2015	Florida – Geeta Minocha, Ocala, Fla.
1977	Illinois – Mark R. Thompson, Glen Ellyn, Ill.	2016	Washington – Benjamin Crosby, Burlington, Wash.
1978	Oklahoma – Debra Annette Morris, Lawton, Okla.	2017	Massachusetts – Andrew Steinberg, Newton, Mass.
1979	Pennsylvania – Fernando Bach Jr., Lafayette Hill, Pa.	2018	Kentucky – Carlissa Frederich, Paducah, Ky.
1980	Oklahoma – Laura M. Vance, Lawton, Okla.	2019	Iowa – Patrick Junker, Waukee, Iowa

# Spafford National Trophy

## Recipients, continued

2020	None awarded
2021	None awarded
2022	Alabama – Emma Noble, Birmingham, Ala.
2023	Indiana – Haley Bock, Indianapolis

# Francis M. Redington Sportsmanship Award

## Description

This award is presented to the athlete competing in the American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Championship who best exemplifies good sportsmanship and fair play. The award consists of a walnut beveled-edge plaque featuring a photo-etched brass portrait plate and a brass description plate inscribed “Francis M. Redington Sportsmanship Award.” A larger version of this award, bearing the names of past recipients, is displayed at American Legion National Headquarters. This award is named in honor of Francis M. Redington, a dedicated Legionnaire who served for 12 years as a deputy range officer on the Junior Air Rifle National Championship staff until his death in 2003.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 33 (May 2005)

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated national official of The American Legion at the annual American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Championship

## Criteria/conditions

1. To the athlete competing in the American Legion Junior Air Championship who best exemplifies good sportsmanship and fair play as selected by contest staff.
2. The winner is added to the main trophy on display at National Headquarters.
3. The individual plaque becomes the property of the recipient.

# Francis M. Redington Sportsmanship Award

## Recipients

2005	Matthew Pueppke, Amenia, N.D. – Buffalo Sharpshooters, Post 223, Erie, N.D.
2006	Christina Dutra, Grampian, Pa. – DuBois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, DuBois, Pa.
2007	Kaitlyn Martin, Peralta, N.M. – Valencia County 4-H Shooting Sports, Post 85, Los Lunas, N.M.
2008	James Keith, Albuquerque, N.M. – La Cueva High School Marine Corps JROTC, Post 49, Albuquerque, N.M.
2009	Courtney Bates, Geneva, Fla., and Shayna Thompson, Sims, Fla. – Oviedo High School Navy JROTC, Post 112, Goldenrod, Fla.
2010	Shane Russell, Mendon, Mich. – St. Joseph County 4-H Straight Shooters, Post 170, Three Rivers, Mich.
2011	Dahkota Hayes, Superior, Mont. – Mineral County 4-H Shooting Club, Post 13, Superior, Mont.
2012	Samantha Migliori, Post 151, Middletown, N.Y.
2013	Casey Lutz, Post 113, Meridian, Idaho
2014	Ryan Lowe, Post 134, Clearfield High School, Clearfield, Utah
2015	Howard Norrish, Post 865, Zion Benton High School NJROTC, Winthrop Harbor, Ill.
2016	Jimmy Ellefson, Post 374, Des Moines North MCJROTC, Des Moines, Iowa
2017	Grace Taschuk, Post 334, Junior Rifle Club, Andover, Md.
2018	Kaylene Castillo, Post 49, Eldorado High School MCJROTC, Albuquerque, N.M.
2019	Samantha Lewis, Post 12, Selma High School MCJROTC, Selma, Calif.
2020	None awarded
2021	Shelby Carr, Post 7, Nebraska Guns R Us, Alliance, Neb.
2022	Braden Peiser, Post 583, Texas Hill Country Shooting Team, Comfort, Texas
2023	Rylie Stoeser, Post 8, Pierre Junior Shooters, Pierre, S.D.
2024	Samantha Erick, Post 72, Trigger Time, Manassas, Va.

# Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the department that has excelled in promoting Americanism through post-level activities as measured by the Consolidated Post Report and supporting narrative. The award consists of a large gold champion cup-style trophy topped with a U.S. flag and eagle, mounted on a two-tiered wood base. The upper tier bears a gold metal plate engraved "Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Award (year)." The lower tier bears an additional engraved plate that reads: "Awarded to the American Legion Department of (state), American Legion (number) National Convention, (city and state)." This award is named in honor of Daniel J. O'Connor and was previously known as the "William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy."

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated by the Americanism Commission in 1939. NEC Resolution No. 1 (August 2011) renamed the trophy.

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or a duly designated representative during the national criteria/convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to the department with the highest percentage score in Americanism activities, as reflected in the Consolidated Post Report and a supporting 200- to 500-word narrative.
2. The top three departments by report score are reviewed, and the quality of the narrative is the deciding factor among them.
3. The main trophy becomes the property of the department.

# Daniel J. O'Connor Americanism Trophy

## Recipients

1939	Pennsylvania	1969	Delaware	1999	Ohio
1940	Illinois	1970	Delaware	2000	Alaska
1941	Pennsylvania	1971	Delaware	2001	Ohio
1942	California	1972	Delaware	2002	Ohio
1943	Illinois	1973	Vermont	2003	Nebraska
1944	Michigan	1974	Vermont	2004	Virginia
1945	Missouri	1975	Vermont	2005	Virginia
1946	Oklahoma	1976	Maine	2006	Virginia
1947	Pennsylvania	1977	Maine	2007	Alaska
1948	Pennsylvania	1978	Maine	2008	Ohio
1949	Pennsylvania	1979	Maine	2009	Virginia
1950	Pennsylvania	1980	Maine	2010	Wisconsin
1951	Pennsylvania	1981	Vermont	2011	Virginia
1952	Pennsylvania	1982	Vermont	2012	Virginia
1953	Pennsylvania	1983	Maryland	2013	New York
1954	Pennsylvania	1984	North Dakota	2014	Virginia
1955	Pennsylvania	1985	Maryland	2015	Ohio
1956	Illinois	1986	Maryland	2016	Virginia
1957	Pennsylvania	1987	Maryland	2017	Virginia
1958	Pennsylvania	1988	Maryland	2018	Virginia
1959	Pennsylvania	1989	New York	2019	Virginia
1960	Pennsylvania	1990	Ohio	2020	Virginia
1961	Pennsylvania	1991	New York	2021	Florida
1962	Pennsylvania	1992	Maryland	2022	Virginia
1963	Pennsylvania	1993	Ohio	2023	Virginia
1964	Pennsylvania	1994	Vermont	2024	Ohio
1965	New York	1995	Vermont		
1966	Tennessee	1996	Virginia		
1967	Delaware	1997	New York		
1968	Delaware	1998	Virginia		

# The American Legion and Scouting “Square Knot” Award

## Description

This award is presented to American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members to recognize dedication and work in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion. It is a gold and purple square knot patch to be worn on the Scout uniform. Additionally, a certificate and congratulatory letter from the national commander of The American Legion are also included as recognition for the award.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 34 (May 2003)

## How awarded

Presented by departments at an appropriate place and time

## Criteria/conditions

1. To be considered for the American Legion Square Knot, it is expected that American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members will work to provide the maximum impact of The American Legion's support of the Scouting program and to achieve maximum visibility. Qualifying requirements for this award may be found at **legion.org/scouting**.
2. Submit the appropriate documentation and written endorsements online at **legion.org/scouting**. Application packets that lack the appropriate documentation or written endorsements will be returned.
3. The Americanism Commission will determine awardees from among the applications submitted.
4. Awards will be presented by the awardees' respective departments.
5. The awards become the property of the recipients.

# The American Legion and Scouting “Square Knot” Award

## Recipients

2003	None awarded		Robert K. Gilchriest, Raymond H. Bartlett, Francis J. Ziek, James H. Kratt, Herbert T. Armstrong, Frederick M. Jagoda, Byron Johns, Joe J. Sale Jr., Jerrell W. McCool, Troy Farmer, John W. Baldwin, Stephen D. Scott, Mark R. Rittenhouse, Maria D. Rittenhouse, Albert H. Friel, Leon Lovett, Alfred W. Riker Jr., Carl L. Griffith, Robert L. Rittenhouse, Thomas P. Sanders, Kurt L. Stuvengen, Jorge L. Montes, Andrew A. Buglione, Robert J. Woodrow, Glenn M. Pena, Allan C. Brown, John Musser, Julio Bambini, Stephen E. Foote, Larry C. Balsley, Arnold St. John, Gary Kenkel, Jo Ann Kenkel, Richard A. Ellwein, Michael Garry, Theodore H. Butler, Herbert H. Adams, Allan Coady, Barry N. Schuster, Harry F. Van Scoy Jr., George Fix, William T. Meister Sr., Anthony J. Bezouska, Thomas A. Bezouska, Edward Krsek, Paul J. Peraino, Clyde O. Minish, Robert M. Noonan, Carolyn Klemp, Peter MacGregor, Sally Nay, Elmer Palmer, Donald Cheney, Daniel C. Bartelt, Patricia C. Marso, Clyde E. McCord, John D. Hawkins, Barbara “Bobbi” Nunweiler, Ray “Skip” Nunweiler, John Urbach II, Edmund W. Hillenburg Sr., Frederick M. Jagoda, Lawrence J. Feller, John G. Ragsdale, R. James Hamblin, John G. Price, Kenneth Smiley, Susan K. Spratt, Thomas J. Spratt, Daniel J. Millenacker, Merle Johnson, William C. Smith, John Radke Sr., Harold Lake, John Pavik, Richard Bernardini, Charles Pakula, William Perkins, Robert Litten, Daniel Travers, John Sullivan, Michael Mangino, Dennis Gaynor, Gertrude Gaynor, William Luongo, Richard Fiesel, Sandra Luongo, Terry Bernier, Riley Hughes
2004	Steven H. Davis, Marvin R. Gibson Jr., Raymond A. Rolley, Lowell K. Flickinger, Charles W. Henson Sr., Robert K. Matthews Jr., Robert Anderson, Henri G. Brousseau, Kenneth D. McCain, Roy J. Wullich, Troy J. Herron, Charles G. Mills, Robert H. Hawkes, Richard E. Palmer, Jon Pederson, William Fredrick, Robert A. Weise, E.W. Rabon Jr., Raymond D. Burzinski, Robert V. Bowen, William A. Gename, Frank R. Berger, Hugo R. Lopez, Joseph F. Zimmerman, Herbert E. Pierpan, Ariel Rodriguez, Phillip W. Crowder, William Gerber, Robert A. Porter, Donald Wolf, Frank L. Bolak Jr., Robert R. Ewing, John C. Reed, Richard E. Hamelinck, Randy L. Potts, Benjamin Perry Jr., Joseph A. Daloia Sr., Floyd Okada, James P. Heath, Harry P. Stumpf, Clarence “Doc” Holiday, Sally Lawson, Hugh H. Ten Hagen, Donald Dibble, Gail L. Cherry, Harold W. Carter, Ben N. Rinehart, John D. Urbach, Charles L. Rummel, John R. McLaughlin, Catherin N. Cullen, Paul V. Trifiletti, Donald L. Frymyer, George A. Raes, Jack H. Hood, Dewey Jones, Carl LaVigne, Kim A. Neumann, Charles Wilson, Jon H. Waltz, Donald M. Smits, Richard W. Shadduck, Wilfred Verville, Terry A. Verville, Harold W. King, Phyllis E. King, Howard Beaudette, Walter Josti, Charles W. Kuh, Donald C. Grudt, Milda V. Mullins, Charles E. Mullins, Dennis E. Pederson, Richard A. Koechlein, Leo J. Baker, Ronald S. Gagne, Duane L. Daake, William T. Fortune, Monet S. Fronk, Robert E. Emond, James G. Yapple, Raymond E. Gillespie, Luverne L. Moldenhauer, Richard N. Oslund, Conrad W. Flickenschield, Dave Hart, Douglas R. Carignan, Gilbert Lucka, Joseph E. Jarosz, Vance H. Champion, Rozena McVey, Robert T. Mudge, Karl Lawson, James Putnam, Thomas L. Gutherie, Edward A. Phillips, Fred D. Elliott, Ronald G. Strickland, John E. Roberts, Lawrence H. Cooke, G.I. Ochs, Albert M. Olmstead, David E. Carmel, Raymond E. Lemieux, Walter S. Bull, Paul Bleier, Bray Barnes, Lester Wilensky, Norman Dorsch, Eugene H. Shaffer, Robert E. Jones, Martin E. Rasch Jr., Robert M. Buonvino, Howard Dunn, William Paul, John P. Walsh, Charles H. Wetter, H. Joseph Bernard Jr.	2006	Joe Sinceworth, Robert Lohne, Edward Kemper, Charles Hall, Paul Corriere Jr., Maynard Unger, Alan Brenner, Rodger Brown, David Dohm, Jorge Montes, George Lude, Marlene Zimmerman, Jimmie Davis, Gary Pressley, Phillip Keller, Eugene Mozal, Michael Montemorano, Kemper Dadisman, Paul Loeffke, Stanley Weinstein, Bernard Flatow, Joseph Quaderer, Ted Holz III, Charles Hulse, Wesley Elder, John Garvey, Anders Martenson III, Verdery Roberson, John Komar, Mark LeClair, Warren Higginbotham, Robert Conlon, William Rich, Thomas Clingerman, James Colson, Kenneth Shelby, Carla Scott, Jeff Wilkes, Ronald Christensen, Milan Dubois Jr., John A. Burrell, Peter N. Mastopoulos, Dale Striechert, Robert W.
2005	Robert J. Colucci, Gerald E. Douglass, Joseph P. Slattery Jr., Donald G. Kasak, Joseph J. Duvo, Lee D. Pitcox Sr., Stephen J. Robillard, Donald W. Helton, Andy Foster, Kenneth F. Bailey, Stephen A. Mataraza,		



- Paiva, Gregory Johl, Richard L. Willhite, Barry F. Struse, Michael C. Tangen, John R. Pease
- 2007 Daniel C. Briscoe, Anthony W. Renner, Donald T. Currier, Thomas W. Hallett, Dr. Todd K. Fetsch, Stephen J. Dean, Chris Glass Sr., Michael J. Feist, Albert Blumer, Donald L. Farris, Shaun Guhl, Kathy M. Bisek, Tracy L. Murray, LuWanda M. Ford, Leonard C. Ford, James M. Gates, Michael Demsko, Charles J. Weber Jr., Don Jackson, Ray D. Airy, John J. Schillo, David R. Manore, Nancy Ann Peto, Allan D. Hale, Richard Miller, Russell L. Hauser Jr., David R. Murphy, Craig Murray, Richard "Dick" McCoy, Stephen Suga, David Seras, Herbert C. Vinson, Troy S. Jenkins, Eric K. Doerr, John M. Pickard, William A. Falconer, Raymond F. Burdick, John Roll Jr., Ronald F. Cady, Joseph W. Gero, Carl W. Aho, Scott A. Schuhmacher, Philip A. Johnson, Daniel C. Briscoe, Anthony W. Renner, Donald T. Currier, Thomas W. Hallett, Dr. Todd K. Fetsch, Stephen J. Dean, Chris Glass Sr., Michael J. Feist, Albert Blumer, Donald L. Farris, Shaun Guhl, Kathy M. Bisek, Tracy L. Murray, LuWanda M. Ford, Leonard C. Ford, James M. Gates, Michael Demsko, Charles J. Weber Jr., Don Jackson, Ray D. Airy, John J. Schillo, David R. Manore, Nancy Ann Peto, Allan D. Hale, Richard Miller, Russell L. Hauser Jr., David R. Murphy, Craig Murray, Richard "Dick" McCoy, Stephen Suga, David Sears, Herbert C. Vinson, Troy S. Jenkins, Eric K. Doer, John M. Pickard, William A. Falconer, Raymond F. Burdick, John Roll Jr., Ronald F. Cady, Joseph W. Gero, Carl W. Aho, Scott A. Schumacher, Philip A. Johnson
- 2008 Norman A. Hoffman, Thomas A. Johnson, John Teske, David Wraussmann, William Brady, Nicholas Clark, John Wilcox, David R. Booth Sr., John M. Simmons, George B. Thompson, Clifford M. Karppe, Robert Laburada, Thomas M. Homuth, Robert Chisholm, Jim Stewart, Douglas L. Radford, Dennis M. Matthews, John C. Spears, Anna M. Foster, John H. Case, Charles Ced, James Vornberg, Philip J. Colella, Scott C. Fuqua, Edward D. Barton, Oscar O. Outen, Joseph V. Vicek, Gordon k. Place, Lynn Sears, Lawrence Foley, Paul A. Petty, Richard H. Siddall, David Baillie, Mark A. Delaney, Kurt W. Lindemann, Steven Monaghan, Joseph W. Shaw, Patrick Beer, William Mills, Denny Sweat, Michael Katona, Barbara Belmont, John Zantek Jr., Larry Boyer, Eugene Standfield
- 2009 Alan Munch, Ronald Smith, Charles Martin, Mark Milliron, Gary Nordahl, Steven Varner, Sandra Ritter, Lowell Badgley, James Ferris, Don Steele, Steve Baker, Terry Cosgriff, Ronald LeBlanc, Donald McIntosh, Howard Yeomans, Ivan Anderson, Christopher Cancilla, Charles Eubank, Charles Yunker, David Lambeth, Warren Tobin, John Manz, Robert Dusso, David Campbell, Sheldon Gotesky, Theodore Spangenberg, John Alan Munch, Ronald Smith, Charles Martin, Mark Milliron, Gary Nordahl, Steven Varner, Sandra Ritter, Lowell Badgley, James Ferris, Don Steele, Steve Baker, Terry Cosgriff, Ronald LeBlanc, Donald McIntosh, Howard Yeomans, Ivan Anderson, Christopher Cancilla, Charles Eubank, Charles Yunker, David Lambeth, Warren Tobin, John Manz, Robert Dusso, David Campbell, Sheldon Gotesky, Theodore Spangenberg, John Murphy, Terry Grogan, David Lunning, Robert Gorshe, Robert Ryan, Wayne Chatfield, Gary Tanner, Daniel Napoliello, Gerald Newland Sr.
- 2010 Benjamin Elkins, Clayton Niles, Charles Lewis Jr., Dennis Smith, Richard Urich, Joseph Isacks, Donald Brown, George Hall, Frank Hanchak, James Sundergrill, William Servizi, Oren Peters, Harold Yocum, Quimby Enterline, Bentley Mabee, David Whitney, Alex Wiatt, Tracy Wilson, Richard Cummings, Danny Wilcoxon, Gary Petersen, Michael Staton, Jim Clements, John Beebe Sr., Dale Emmerton, William Pollack, David Loughlin, Michael Lhotka, Carl Pabst, Royce Niles, Charles J. Kopcho, John Susek, George Alexander, Donald Wiater, William Smith, Michael Billig, Vaughn Keaton, Roger Borden, Gail Butler, Christie Butler, Robert J. Owens, Dwight Jekel
- 2011 Bobby Martin, John M. Welborn, Robert I. Warren, Harold J. Schoeffler, Ashley W. White, Michael S. Welsh, Francis H. Guess, Lee R. Wise, Ernest S. Kelley, Joseph E. Baker, Arnold E. Boyle, Robert I. Tweer, Curtis Kamichoff, Ron Hooker, George Lambert, Hilory H. Hammond, Jr., Gregory J. Lisinski, Brian Lamberg, Stephen E. White, James F. Watts, Ray C. Geeseman Jr., Russell B. Chorpennning, Jay L. Wieland, Joseph Bach, Shawn Youngberg, Emil L. Mesko, Andrea Mesko, Joe C. Bishop, David Perkins, Rees D. Morgan, Alfred D. Gates, Michael W. Stalcup, David V. Koss, Peter S. Pate, Nicholas J. Gray, Cynthia A. Gray, Rob Kimball, Richard J. Sanne, Scott C.

# The American Legion and Scouting “Square Knot” Award

## Recipients, continued

	Hemgren, James A. Larsen, Helena Johnson, Brian Foster, Curtis E. Ware, Donald H. Wolf III, Connie B. LaRose, Leonard M. Peterson, Mark A. Poyzer, Frank Kebelman, John W. Fotsch, John H. Brown		James Cairo, Louis R. Baldessari II, Richard E. Murray Jr., Jack A. Tyer, Kent Dykes, Gregory B. Carr, Tonie Jones, Kenneth L. Wyatt
2012	Ruben R. Rothschild, Claude E. Davenport, Joseph M. Badger, Gordon E. Lovsletten, Robert Snyder, John H. Green, Darrell R. Gregg, Gail Goodson, Keith A. Smith, Stoney Oesterreich, Gregg L. Scott, Robert T. Holihan, J. Frank Sturges, Brad L. Epstein, Burl R. Kennedy, Gary Roach, LeRoy H. Graw, Claudia Glass, Kenneth W. Dick, William J. Kropa, Michael J. Kulick, Richard R. Barden, Gerald A. Ephault, Thomas E. Merino, Christopher J. Dufford, Peter L. Reeder	2017	Raymond D. Vining, William R. Turner Jr., Jeffrey D. Geyer, Marlyn Mott, Edward P. Coons, Henry E. Shoenfelt II, Larry W. Sheppard, John O. Higgins, Dennis C. Northrop, Stephen G. Miller, Scott E. Turner, Stephen E. Williams, Randolph C. D'Apice, Dean A. Phillippi Sr., Dennis L. Thornton, Elmo Brandon, Charles Libby, Daniel W. Seeman Jr., Mickey J. Avalos, Donna G. Bielauskas, Gerald L. Brannon, Edward F. Uciniski III, Diana L. Saxon, Alexander C. Dowell
2013	Gary D. Bell, Steve Ramin, Bobby J. Gokey, Robin E. Ruch, Donald C. Stout, Harold N. Fuschs, William H. Bechtel, Edward C. Crowe, John Sanchez, James E. Spiess, Robert C. Johnson, Miles W. Donahue, Donald Southworth, Donald L. Ellison, Roy W. Douglass, Rod Reifsteck, Barbara Stewart, William A. Funtenatto, Michael J. Kushnierek, Dr. Troy L. Bishop, Larry Stacy, Roger D. Marshall, Dennis W. Mulvaney, Mark Wassum, John J. Young, George M. Harrison, David F. Jennemann Jr., Larry E. Wittmayer, William H. Greenleaf, John DeYoung	2018	Robert C. Monto, James M. Hughes, Richard L. Hewett, William Hogg, John P. Wiltenmuth III, Richard T. Markley, Benjamin M. Strong, Michael C. Macku, William Lindberg, Ricky N. Riggins, Bruce Olson, Don Hall, Stacy L. Hall, Jaime J. Gonzalez, James Colvin, Frederick Drzewiecki II, Ronald Comtois, Jason Sansburn, Richard C. Barnard, Dana Edwards, Ralph E. Belter, Robin Hoyle
2014	Thomas J. Pendergast, Charles A. Spitz, Gilbert C. Harper, Tim L. Liffbrig, Peter K. Walsh, Ronald L. Layman, Richard L. Hawkins, Bobby H. Barnes, Robert Wojcikowski, Ronald E. Foster, Russell W. Loquist, Randy B. Strickland, Peter R. De Kramer, Ralph Rivera, Bruce A. Winslow, Michael E. Jones, Richard L. Mills, Michael B. Quintin, Melvin Parsons, Kenneth C. Nichols, Thomas M. Mechler, Frederic M. Sieg, James A. Ashe, Leroy Williams, Lyle E. Miller, Jeffrey S. Burt, Horace H. Robbins Jr., Joseph W. Campbell, Carl M. Trinko, Robert S. Cline, Robert L. Janes, Frederick H. Miller II	2019	Geoffrey Forbes, Charles Pettibone, William Sloan, Keith Burkenmeyer, David Hartin, James Hughes, Christopher Ragusa, Jerry Peeler, John Merrell, Eric Mueller, Lisa Fountain, Walter Sporisky
2015	Raymon O. Untiet Jr., Erwin F. Brinkmann, Terry L. Springer, K. William Hayes, Elden H. Morris, Eric W. Ritzen, Bruce B. Biggs, Laurence H. Roberts, Douglas W. Hales, David L. Carr, Richrd M. Misanko, Joseph L. Thomas, Judy S. Sanders, Evan Reif	2020	Richard Palka, Daniel Scurlock, William Kaczmarek, Robert Lindsey III, Robert Lindsey Jr., Daniel Wentling
2016	Karl Springbob, George R. Nadow, Claude E. Brown, Matthew E. Jaeger, James A. Roslevich, David Bone, Joseph A. Cochran, Robert C. Koza, Dennis J. Clarke, Beth C. Rowley, David F. Wallace, Andy O. Smith,	2021	Anthony Mitchell, Michael R. Moore, Robert M. Haglund, Leonardo Campos-Moya, William S. Crewe, Mickey Avalos, Joshua Lively
		2022	Randolph S. Young, Bradford P. Adams, Jerrell R. Messenger
		2023	Phillip Rosini, Keith J. Koster, C.F. Trey Jaeger III, Ruth Carvajal-Dawson, Kevin R. Eidell, William H. Neal, Robert D. Carvajal-Dawson, Peter N. Holtz, Douglas G. Kirby, Barton L. Heldke
		2024	David R. Bennett, Eric E. Searcy, Jonathan T. Dooley, Carl C. Frentz, Richard Cayemberg, Cheryl A. Cayemberg, Jeremy B. Blevins, Rafael Jovet-Ramos, Ralgh Wainright, Randy Eron, Michael K. Henderson, Michael K. Lanning, Lawrence E. Kirven, Gail F. Porter, Donald W. Shedd

# American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year

## Description

This award is presented to the Eagle Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year nomination application as determined by the National Americanism Commission. The recipient will travel to join the youth champion delegation of The American Legion for participation in the annual national convention of The American Legion. Also, the Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a trophy of a gold eagle positioned upon a wood base and an engraved gold metal plate on the base with the inscription “(recipient name) (year), American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.” Additionally, the winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship at the national convention. Three (3) runners-up will also be selected to receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated by the Americanism Commission in 1973. NEC Resolution No. 165 (September 1994) renamed the award. NEC Resolution No. 31 (October 2020) reestablished eligibility criteria rescinding NEC Resolution No. 30 (October 2004).

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated representative of The American Legion at the national convention or other suitable event

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to one Eagle Scout who is a registered active member of a Scouting America troop chartered to an American Legion post, or a member of a troop sponsored by a post, Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron.
2. Award criteria, submission requirements and submission form can be found at [legion.org/scouting](https://legion.org/scouting).
3. A national selection committee reviews all qualifying applications and selects the recipient.
4. Scholarships and framed certificates become the property of the recipients.

# American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year

## Recipients

1973	Carl C. Wilkinson III, Florida	1995	Zachary L. Thomas, Georgia
1974	Anthony P. Ziemba, New York		Brett N. Kellner, Florida
1975	Bruce A. Geske, Minnesota		Stacey D. Stafford, Tennessee
1976	Mark A. Wright, Oklahoma		Earnest E. Lagimoniere, Maryland
1977	Joseph E. Tofalo, New York	1996	Grant E. Garigues, California
1978	Michael F. Suarez, New York		Sandar J. Laan, Georgia
1979	David E. Gregory, Mexico		Michael E. Paulhus, Louisiana
1980	William E. Bigot, Minnesota		Timothy S. MacLaughlin, Virginia
1981	Bernard M. Gouaux, Louisiana	1997	David Joosten, Minnesota
1982	Timothy P. LaQuerre, New Hampshire		William Osmulski, Indiana
1983	Christopher H. Davies, Maryland		Jeffrey Aubuchon, Massachusetts
1984	Shawn Farris, Wyoming		Philip Zimmerman, Tennessee
1985	Peter J. Kaboli, Iowa	1998	Mark D. Sukraw, Nebraska
1986	Randy Votava, Minnesota		Jason E. Donald, Florida
1987	Clifford W. Bishop, Arkansas		Curtis R. Mullins Jr., Virginia
1988	Troy Eckhardt, Florida	1999	David Ellison, Maryland
	Matt Takara, Colorado		Steven M. Corsello, New York
	Robert Nickel, California		David C. Eastman Jr., California
	Jonathan Offt, Iowa		John T. Krempecki, Pennsylvania
1989	Rodney J. Votava, Minnesota		Chisum A. Pierce, Texas
	Robert M. Boyer, Florida	2011	Robert Rasmussen, Minnesota
	William Guerard, Alabama		John Caldwell, California
	Scott L. Cornie, Oregon		Bradley Garr, Arizona
1990	Karl E. Hertz, Iowa		Baylor Dickerson, Virginia
	Christopher Ude, Tennessee	2012	Jason Dreyzehner, Virginia
	Paul E. Harris, Utah		Jonathan Chapman III, Tennessee
	Joseph Finnerty, Maryland		Robert Kaweck, North Carolina
1991	Benjamin B. Thomas, Alabama		Sean Chmielewski, Connecticut
	Andrew S. McCampbell, Tennessee	2013	Mark Edward Chmielewski, Connecticut
	Homer L. Howard, Mississippi		Chandler Burke, Texas
	Ted D. Glasco, Kansas		Jonathan Chapman, Tennessee
1992	Mark W. Gibson, Florida		Travis Thornburgh, Iowa
	Dennis W. Griffith, Alabama	2014	Joseph William Blaisse, Pennsylvania
	Michael P. Kerr, Kansas		Luke Littman, Texas
	Christopher D. Wacker, Iowa		James Heuser, Maryland
1993	Kevin M. Ude, Tennessee		Corey Castillo, Louisiana
	Patrick J. Fischer, South Dakota	2015	Ethan Copple, Nebraska
	Gregory E. Ruhl, Maryland		Michael James Parker, New York
	Harold R. Davis, South Carolina		Jacob S. Kelley, Wisconsin
1994	Matthew A. Heffelfinger, Pennsylvania		Braeden Benedict, California
	Corey K. Proctor, Iowa	2016	Jacob Kelley, Wisconsin
	Michael J. Freeman, Maryland		Jeremiah Lovestrand, Florida
	James W. Lamar Jr., Tennessee		Liam O'Conner, Delaware
			Jacob Quigley, Illinois

2017	Scott Moore Jr., Tennessee		James Simpson, Nebraska
	Mitchell Woods, Virginia		Ryan Cannon, New Jersey
	Jonathan Huntley, Massachusetts	2021	John McPhie, California
	Koen Weaver, New York		Cale Abbott, Oklahoma
2018	Michael Ankner, Colorado		Thomas Kopasko, Pennsylvania
	Benjamin Kelley, Wisconsin	2022	Spenscer Burke, Texas
	Koen Weaver, New York		Christopher Adam, Pennsylvania
	Jacob Sykora, Nebraska		Jackson Mills, Illinois
2019	Jaden Anderson, Utah		Charlotte Beatson, Colorado
	N'Jhari Jackson, Florida	2023	Matthew Korf, Minnesota
	Trevor Burke, Texas		Jack D. Adams, Washington
	Rhylan Peterson, Minnesota	2024	Lauren Tyree, Pennsylvania
2020	Michael McPhie, California		
	Noah Ventura, Virginia		

# The American Legion National Education Award

## Description

This award is presented to individuals or organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the education of America's youth, particularly in support of programs that reflect the values of The American Legion. The award consists of a shadow box plaque with a metal-etched plate inscribed "The American Legion (year) National Education Award presented to (name of winner) in recognition and appreciation of (brief reason for recognition)."

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated in 1980 by the National Committee on Education. Criteria reestablished by the National Committee on Education during the 1994 Spring Meetings. NEC Resolution No. 6 (October 2011) resolved criteria and defined awards.

## How awarded

Presented by the Americanism Commission chairman and/or duly designated representative at the Americanism Commission meeting during each annual national convention of The American Legion

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awarded annually to an individual or organization that has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing education and citizenship among youth in alignment with American Legion values.
2. Nominations are submitted by departments or national staff to the Americanism Commission and must include documentation of the nominee's educational impact.
3. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage, in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for two days and lodging for one night in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the awardee.
4. This award becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion National Education Award

## Recipients

1980	Patricia McCormick, Education Writer, UPI Joyce Lain Kennedy, author and syndicated columnist	2000	Jack Mercier, 52-year member of The American Legion, Wisconsin
1981	Dr. Kenneth B. Hoyt, Director, Division of Career Education, U.S. Department of Education	2001	Tom Brokaw, NBC News, journalist and author
1982	None awarded	2002	Fred Rogers, children's TV personality
1983	Dr. Herm Davis, Education Director and President of National College Services, Ltd.	2003	William C. Plowden Jr.
1984	Dr. Robert Billings, White House Liaison, U.S. Office of Education	2004	Laura D. Slayton, Illinois
1985	Sen. Theodore F. "Ted" Stevens, Alaska	2005	Laura Bush, First Lady
1986	Sen. Claiborne de Borda Pell, Rhode Island	2006	Dr. Charles L. Vawter Jr., Chairman, American Legion National Committee on Education (1994-2005)
1987	Bruce L. Christensen, President, Public Broadcasting Service James Duffy, President of Communications, ABC	2007	Bob Keeshan, Captain Kangaroo
1988	William J. Bennett, Secretary of Education	2008	Frances A. Swensen, Improving the Lives of Our Nation's Children
1989	Barbara Pierce Bush, First Lady	2009	"When Daddy Comes Limping Home" Sesame Street Workshop DVD
1990	Lauro Fred Cavazos, Secretary of Education	2010	None awarded
1991	Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado	2011	Michael Peterson, Nashville, Tenn.
1992	Dr. William M. Suttles, President Emeritus, Executive Vice President, Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus, Georgia State University	2012	National Education Association
1993	None awarded	2013	Tom Clark, Educator, Lake Central High School, St. John, Ind.
1994	Dr. W. Firman Haynie, Chairman, American Legion National Committee on Education (1981-1983)	2014	Martha Cothren, Educator, Joe T. Robinson High School, Little Rock, Ark.
1995	The Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program, sponsored by the National Rifle Association	2015	Nesse Godin, Holocaust survivor, Silver Spring, Md.
1996	None awarded	2016	Sidney T. Ellington, Ph.D.
1997	Dr. Frances Kelly, Director of Voluntary Programs, Department of the Navy, Office of the Chief of Naval Personnel	2017	David Azerrad, Heritage Foundation
1998	Educational Communications, Inc.	2018	None awarded
1999	None awarded	2019	None awarded
		2020	None awarded
		2021	Dr. Adam Seagrave, Professor, Arizona State University
		2022	National Guard Youth Challenge Program
		2023	Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program
		2024	Chad Johnson, Jobs for American's Graduates, South Dakota



# The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award

## Description

This award is presented to distinguished members or associates for rendering outstanding service for veterans organizations in support of fostering goodwill and strengthening relationships with veterans organizations and communities in Canada. The award consists of a citation and medal bearing the inscription “The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award, presented to (department name), (year), in recognition of outstanding cross-border relations and veteran support.”

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 7 (May 1969) rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 18 (October 2020)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander, or appointed representative, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee at such time and place as may be consistent and appropriate

## Criteria/conditions

1. It shall be awarded to specific individuals who are distinguished members or associates with an authentic veterans organization in Canada (e.g. Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada, or ANAVIC).
2. It shall be awarded to such individuals in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans affairs, and in the development and perpetuation of the spirit of international good will and comradeship between the United States and Canada and between ANAVIC and The American Legion.
3. Nominations for such awards may be made by any American Legion member in good standing filed with the Internal Affairs Commission under such procedures established by that committee as are necessary and consistent with the effective administration of such an award. Copies of the nomination form are in the *Department Adjutant's Administrative Manual*.
4. Between meetings of the Internal Affairs Commission, the National Executive Committee and the national commander –with the advice of the National Commander's Advisory Committee – are authorized to present the Canadian Friendship Award to individuals who qualify under the previously stated provisions. Such presentations shall be reported by and through the Internal Affairs Commission to the NEC at its first meeting following the presentation, and the report shall be made a part of the proceedings of that meeting.
5. The award becomes the property of the recipient.



# The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award

## Recipients

1970	Hugh Gillis, W. B. Morden, E.J. Potter, Mel Rogers, Frank S. Slater, Russel Ward, Frank Washbrook	1980	John Betournay, Charles A. Bockus, Harper B. Brisbin, Leo P. Brown, James Callon, George Carviel, A.D. Cox, Frank Culver, Kenneth B. Dean, Alex Paul Earl Fenwick, Jack Hainstock, Ella Lewis, Joseph T. McConnachie, Clive Morris, Marge Nelson, Less H. Sherlow, Eliot N. Spear, George A. Todd, Veronica Whiting, John L. Williams
1971	Mary C. Driscoll, Berrien Eaton, Alexander Donald Grant, William Albert Johns, Robert Kohaly	1981	R. J. "Dick" Chapelhow, Mary Ann Chisholm, E.C. "Ed" Coley, Wilfred Daigle, Peter W. Hardcastle, Elfreda Hesketh, Robert Jessop, Charles F. Pierce, George P. Valois
1972	Andrew Hutton Black, George Campbell, R. Dunne, P. Fedosen, W.J. Ford, Jessie Iron, J. Hamilton, T. Holland, George Kemp, J.C. McArthur, Richard Rigby, John Redmond Roche, J. Stewart, Stan Stiwell, W. Talbot, A.G. Winnmill	1982	Cliff Barnes, Harold Candle, John Clarke, R.J. "Jim" Foote, Henry G. Ford, Elsie Gray, Don Gray, Lou Gobel, Hartwell Illsey, Gordon Kerr, H. LaFortune, Archie MacKay, Hayden P. Marcelle, Don McCrady, Ken McKay, Neil McKinnon, Joseph A. Montsion, J.D. Moore, Cy Morton, Terry Murphy, Weston E. Nutbrown, Thomas G. Pascoe, Nick Ponych, Al Pratt, Issie I. Rynd, Harry M. Sample, Don Sarkissian, Alex Shaw, Arthur Lyle Steele, Demi Stewart, Jack Storie, E. W. Swinn, H. Robertson, Barthlowlmeu "Bart" Watkins, Len Whitechurch
1973	Francis W. Chaplin, The Rev. Dr. E.G.B. Foote, Harry Paul, Gordon F. Wright, Joseph J. Savage	1983	Charles James Brechin, Richard Kirby, R. Norman McLaren, Donald Pirie, Ivan Spate, Walter Williams, Roderick G. Winter
1974	R. G. Burns, Keith Corrigan, C. Cunningham, W. J. (Bill) Dobson, Fred Hake, A.J. Hoyes, K. (Chuck) Karasin, Jean E.A. Lamy, Irwin McNeeley, Ben Miller, W. Pike, Joseph J. Savage, W. G. Smith, J.M. Stewart, J.J. Maurice Theoret, Charles M. Thompson, Gordon Westman, Robert Murray Whipple	1984	Dorothy Blake, Norman Bowers, Cecil M. Brown, Richard James Burnham, James Richard, Edward Cannel, Harold E. Carruthers, Gene Clark, Donald Cooper, John Corbett, Roland Demers, Aurele Drysdale, Ronald A. Edison, Roy E. Elliott, Sally S. Foote, John "Jack" Forsythe, Brig. Gen. P.V.B. Grieve C.D. (retired), Don Hamilton, Charles Harvey, Joseph M. Henderson, Keith Huckle, James Ingrey, Frank Irvine, Conrad F. Kornberger, Yvon L'Italien, John Lofdahl, Gordon R. Lowry, Alfred B. Nadeau, James Ma, Warren Matheson, Leopold Michaud, Sidney W. "Sid" Pink, Bert Pritchard, William G. Rattray, George Riglar, Ron Robinson, David C. Shaw, Kay Shearman, Gilbert S. "Gib" Stevens, Alex Thomson, Dave Tomlinson, Douglas Stanley Turner
1975	Alex Cairns, Edward Doyle Dinsdale, Howard Goldrup, Oliver Hrynchuk, Sgt. William A. Lorette, Robert McChesney		
1976	Alfred G. Bull, Rennie Crawford, Murray Edmunds, Lionel Gagne, Thomas Goddard, Walter Homes, Sam C. Isaacs, Joseph William Johnson, Ronald D. Jones, William E. Lamb, George Mabee, Harold V. McKenzie, Allan S. Morrison, Brian Patrick O'Callaghan, Stewart Robinson, George Rowntree, Ralph L. Smith, Reginald Swindlehurst, Wilmont G. Wallace, William S. White, William (Bill) Whitehouse		
1977	Gerald Kit Belanger, Armand Daigle, Donald Lester Jensen, Douglas McDonald, Archibald McKenzie, George Wakeford, Nelson Leonard Wormell		
1978	James G. Alcorn, William Allen, Donald C. Armstrong, M.J. Barnett, William Barteaux Jr., William Barteaux Sr., Clifford Boutilier, John P. Cole, William Cook, William M. Graham, Orville M. Grasley, Edward Hodgert, Frank Jull, William Kieswetter, George O. Martin, Ronald Murphy, J.S. Redfern, William Walden Rewcastle, Tom Reynolds, Frank E. Rice, Theodore E. Shaman, William A.R. Simmons, Cyril T. Smith, Leopold Sylvain, Mary J. Tait, Alexandria Wallner		
1979	Dennis Joseph Patrick Phillips, Tom Graham, Joseph Lacasse, Rupert V. McCabe		

# The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award

## Recipients, continued

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| 1985 | Eric Berntson, Wayne Ross Bradt, Andy Innes, Frank Jeffries, Laurent Maltaise, Jack K. Martin, Arthur McKinley, Harry Meekran, Hermon Mersereau, Donald Moore, Reverend Ronald A. Mosley, Edward Rafuse  | 1991 | Silverthorn, Frank Size, Jack Stott, Purvis Thurston, William Trufal, Robert Wynne, John Yeomans<br>Jack Bridges, Sandy Butler, Glenn Canning, Kenneth Clinton Fulford, Frank Helden, Peter Landy, Cecil Magrath, Ernie Noyse  |
| 1986 | A. P. Baker, Hugh Beaudoin, Clifford Belbin, Richard Burnham, Allan Burns, Charles Byron, Robert Cassels, Arthur William Currie, Clifford Davies, Llewelly Edwards, Earl Fuller, Kenneth Denny Harrison, Donald Halliday, Kenneth Gammie, Glen E. Gaskell, Ray George, Harold Gillies, Everett Jarvis, Ed Langen, Bernard MacPhee, John McDougall, James McGrath, Barry Morden, Donald Nelson, Nick Patrick, James Radcliffe, Maurice Robillard, George Rogers, Peter Semeniuk, Archie Stewart, Herbert Stickner, George Tremblay, L. H. Valade, William A. Watling, Herbert White           | 1992 | E. Reginal Baldwin, Frank Besignano, Jack Brash, Jack Brown, Robert Counsell, E. Arthur Cramer, Ernest Downes, Elaine Drysdale, Margaret Ellis, Robert I. Ellison, Tony Emerick, Bob Findlay, Lawrence I. Finnan, D. Marvin Frazer, Albert Frye, William H. Gaitens, Fidel Gillis, Norman Hall, John G.M. Harris, John T. MacKenzie, Wilbert R. McBurney, Gordon Marsh, George McGee, Mike Michael, Arthur Miles, Angelo Misericordia, Roger Morin, Pete Morrison, Martin T. O'Leary, James E. Paterson, Tom Reynolds, Dan Dumitry Segin, Arthur F. Shepherd, Roy Smith, Dorice Joseph St. Onge, Peter Alexander Thomson, Charles Vachon, Arthur Warne, Roy H. Wickstrom |
| 1987 | Frederick T. Appleby, Tom Reynolds, Harold George Bowles, James E. Buffam  | 1993 | William J. "Bud" Blackwell, Michael Carroll, Douglas C. Green, Hugh Greene, James Robert "Bob" Menzies, Henry Myers, James Allen Pringle, Harry Pugh   |
| 1988 | David E. Appleby, A. L. "Larry" Aubry, Kenneth Barnett, W. "Bill" Bayers, Leonard Beckthold, Ross Beatty, James Bollen, Albert Brisson, Thomas Campbell, Myrtle Campbell, R.M. Creelman, Harold E. Elliot, Edward Gillette, Albert Gould, James D. Graham, Reginal Harrod, Thomas K. Jung, Gordon A. Lardner, Robert McCullagh, Frederick W. McClelland, Delbert Mills, Kenneth G. Mossom, Donald Oram, Donald R. Phoenix Ronald Power, Larry Plume, Wally Reid, Fred Reade, Maurice W. Ross, John Rybak, Eric I. Sales, James Swan, John Thompson, Cecil "Red" Windsor, William A. Williams | 1994 | Reynell Akerley, Arthur J. Amero, Wilfred Barter, Raymond S. Dart, Allan G. Gunn, Benjamin H. Hachey, Gordon Kelly, Earl Russell Neary, Douglas John Ritchie, Albert Sercerchi   |
| 1989 | Joseph Cass, Donald Hughes, Robert Morrison Jr., Walter E. O'Hara, B.A. "Bert" Sharpe, Neil Trickett, Louis Violette   | 1995 | Norman H. Baildham, Tom Barton, Gerlad Belanger, Terry Buchanan, Brent G. Burns, Robert Carslaw, Norah Fyfe, Bernard Halstead, Albert Himes, Onesime Lanteigne, Douglas J. Loukes, John William Newman, Robert C. Simser   |
| 1990 | Charles Atkin, Paul Auger, A. T. Ballingall, Walter E. Bateman, James R. Brooks, Doug Bruce, Cecil M. Burke, William Norman Carrathers, William N. Carter, Keith Crampton, Lawrence Delorme, Gerald Dickens, Ronald A.H. Dube, Donald K. Eriksen, Nelson Fournier, Rene Gagnon, John D. Gallow, Donald Goer, Donald Gerrish, Gordon Harron, Herbert Henderson, Margaret Mae Khan, Akmal Walter Khan, Harry Koroll, Donald Mercer, M.E. "Peggy" Merrick, Len O'Neil, Thomas F. Rock, George Rigden, Marvin Schmidt, Margaret Semple, Jon E.   | 1996 | Charles Archer, Stanley Brown, Arthur J. Casterton, James Cohen, Leonard C. Cook, Sam Crowshaw, Andrew Dowling, Kenneth A. Eccles, Donald E. Faulkner, Donald J. Forbes, Peter Fothergill, Les Gerrow, Janice Grant, Al Irons, Malcolm L. Knowlton, Bev Kuhn, Floyd Lavalley, Gerald Leaman, William MacLellan, Lois M. Mathews, Charles MacDonald, David W. McKay, Keith Monette, William H. Nickel, Jean Nordin, Gilbert I. Paul, E. Alexander, Robert Spence, Pat Tracey, Robert A. Walker, Leslie J. Wheatley, William Wonnacott, Lester Wheeler   |
|      |  | 1997 | Jim Allan, Robert B. Bird, Emile Corbin, Edgar P. Cyr, Henry Watkins Groves, John R. "Reg" Lovett, Raymond J. Martin, George Stanley Riches, Pete Teichrob   |

1998	Robert Adamson, Glen Belsher, Wayne Bourget, Duncan Cameron, Leonard Carpenter Sr., Kenneth Guy Clark, Cedric Cormier, Arthur K. Erskine, Martin Forrest, Louis Gallant, John Goertzen, Sharon Goshko, Scott T. Hadley, William Hamlin, H. Warren Hennigar, Lyndon Hove, Fiona Jasper, Albert Johnon, Paul Lamourex, Charles Quon, James Mackey, Roger Mallette, Donald Mann, The Rev. Canon Tom McKnight, Dean Potter, William "Bill" Smith, Michael Terry, Kay Thibault, Irwin Toews, Douglas Van Wieren	2007	Harvey Shevalier, Don Wood, Omer "Turk" Brunet
1999	Allan Babcock, Donald L. Gallant, Roderick K. Johnston, Roger Ouellette, Ronald Rivard, Thomas Arthur Snell, Boyd Story	2008	John Henderson, John Angliss, Bill Green, Al Ouellette, Rick Tait, Alfred Christensen, Marjoire Campbell, Paul Tkachuk, Earle H. King, John Gaetan, Ronald G. Smith, Bill Sutherland, John D. Gillis, Lorry Landry, Hank Penner, Roy Breitzkreuz, Robert Horkoff, Louis Mazur, Jean Olafsen, Thomas Wallace, Peter Goodin, Jean Pierre Lefort, Sterling Grant
2000	Robert Arbeau, Lorne Aube, John "Mike" Boycott, Richard "Dick" Brad, Archie Cairns, Kevin Davidson, Pat Embleton, Shirley Gaitens, Theresa Lovell, Neil McKinnon, Alfred Charles Knight, John Mead, R.A. "Bob" Mooney, Thomas Munro, Pat Poirier, Glenn Robertson, Joseph Rodriguez, Gilbert R. Saucy, J.R. "Bud" Stevenson, Edward Paycheck, John Thibault, Byrne Turner, Rick Wallington, Norman Williams, Joe Woodchuck	2009	None awarded
2001	Victor Clifford, Cuthbert Jackson Diamond, Don McAlister	2010	George Izzard, Peter Young, Ron Newberry, Gilles Martin, Charlie Smith, Howard Copeman, Dave Low, Michael Donovan, Rick Quigley, Elsie Fraser, Bob Matheson, Gerry Bennett, Dwayne Smith, James Gauvreau, John Yates, Bruce Wright, Alex Zubko, George Ing, Don Bell, Andrew Letemplier, Real Hamelin, Gerald S. Wharton
2002	Gordon Ashton, Shirley Aucoin, Richard Baker, William Calvert, Charles Carroll, William H. Childress, Jim Eaton, Alan Egan, Bob Greenhall, Charles Gordon, Kenneth Henderson, Karl Krause, L.A. "Bert" Lafond, F.S. Sterling McMillan, Willie A. Michaud, Carol Nolan, Andrew Perrie, Edward Plyley, Cy Poole, Gordon Pope, Elinor Radcliffe, Syd Stamper, Thomas Whitfield, Robert Young	2011	Pat Varga, Dick Stasuik
2003	Walter Crummell, Bob Gray, Elfreda Hesketh	2012	Edwin A. Findlater, Patrick Zuk, Norm Lemay, Robert Balfour, Edward Plyley, Colin Clay, Frank Rieger, Ernie Yeadon, Robert "Joey" Barrett, Jerome Burke, Henry Hildebrand, Betty Roe, Gord Kent, Donna Currie, Bob Milk, Janice Graham, Jean V. Wight, Robert Rietveld, John Beugeling, Anna Marie Dolan, George Martel, Gilles Desjardins, Albert McBride
2004	Steve Ackerman, Charles Albers, Shirley Aldridge, Leo Barron, George Beaulieu, Ruth Bond, Norman Briscoe, Roger Chabot, Edward Emerick, Keith Flight, Rheal Francofur, John Henderson, Paul Hooper, George Jarvis, Robert Jones, John H. MacDonald Sr., Beverly Keith Maxwell, Eldon McCallum, Earl Olsen, Brian Phoenix, Colin Smith, William Thomas, Don White, Shirley Young, Syd Young	2013	Clarence Morrow
2005	Gary Littlewood, Joyce Couturier, Wayne Shaw, Frank Petras	2014	Kosta Sourtzis, Larry Young, Randy Petrie, Roger Hamberg, Arlene Eaton, Charlotte Smith, Colin Luther, Jeanie Carroll-Allen, Henry Ludyka, Al Dunham, Ben McMurachy, W. (Bill) Todd, Lew King, Lloyd Wright, Jack Martin, Kathy Barber, John White, Cathy McGinnity, Paul Lee, Ronald Chaplin, Ghislain Desautels, Real Belanger, M.C. (Dick) Wells
2006	Edward Huitema, Edith Bourgoin	2015	Omer J. Brunet
		2016	Duncan Anderson, John Bartlett, Almer Boyce, Shendon Clupp, John DeWitt, Johanna Emerick, Dennis Kelly, Rene LaQuerrie, Sheldon MacDonald, Kevin MacIver, Audrey McInnes, Heather McTavish, David Pich, Ian Sinclair Lillian Symonds, Beryl Torgasows, Danny Tremplay, Jack Weatherly, Brian Woodley
		2017	None awarded
		2018	ANAVICUS – Gordon MacEachern, Lucille Foubert, Bruce Wilson, Joy Fidler, Darlene Michel, Karen Kitchen, Fred Kanne, Lloyd Shaw, William "Bill"

# The American Legion Canadian Friendship Award

## Recipients, continued

	Sadler, Rae Roberts, Karen Wright, Michael Berridge, Donald Hinse, Kelly Kwong, Marilyn Marsh, Grant Taylor, Chester McComb, Eleanor Beaulieu, Wayne Miller Individual – Maj. John Mahon (retired)
2019	ANAVICUS – None awarded Individual – None awarded
2020	ANAVICUS – Luanne Bandiera, Jack Gillard, Steve Cooper, Marga Lafond, Marion Lee, John MacDonald, Carter Warrington, Angela Hourie, Connie Rapko, R.G. Hemlow, Martin Matthews, Lorne Scobie, Donald Fisher, Randy Williams, Steve Naicker, Bronwyn Kelleher, Linda Caron, Paul Hanson Individual – Jean-Marie St. Onge
2021	None awarded
2022	ANAVICUS – Terry Law, Roy Maynard, Buck Robinson, Brad Adams, Don Purington, Jamie Vigliarolo, Joseph (Wally) Wareham, Peter Reiss, Edward Buchan, Rosemary Towers, Patrick Durocher, Adele Matthews, Frank May, Michael MacDonald, Robert Kruk, Nicholas Newell, Gary Vance, Gerald Crawford Individual – None awarded
2023	ANAVICUS – None awarded Individual – None awarded
2024	ANAVICUS – Wayne Golden, Kevin Clement, Ken Rielly, Ron Roy, Lois Paterson, Patrick MacKinnon, Anthony Lunn, Donna Hartie, Debra Poncsak, George Carbert, Jan Holt, Len Brooks, Steve Ko, Jonathan Tremblay, Keith Langevin, Robert MacFarlane, Mark Horodecky Individual – None awarded

# International Amity Award

## Description

This award is presented to individuals of veterans organizations within nations associated as wartimes allies of the United States of America for outstanding service in the field of veterans affairs, contributions toward international goodwill, and comradeship with The American Legion. It consists of a suitable citation and medal bearing “International Amity Award” and the American Legion emblem.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 9, Oct. 12-13, 1966

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander, or appointed representative, with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee at such time and place as may be consistent and appropriate

## Criteria/conditions

1. It shall be awarded to specific individuals who shall be war veterans within the accepted meaning of the term and members of an authentic veteran organization established in the territory of any of the nations associated as wartime allies of the United States of America.
2. It shall be awarded to such individuals in recognition of outstanding service in the field of veterans affairs and for service and contributions made in the development of international good will and comradeship between their organization and The American Legion.
3. Nominations may be made by any member of The American Legion in good standing filed with the Internal Affairs Commission under such rules and regulations as shall be approved for such award. (Copies of the nomination form may be found in the *Department Adjutant's Administrative Manual*.) Between meetings of the Internal Affairs Commission, the National Executive Committee and the national commander – with the advice of the National Commander's Advisory Committee – are authorized to present the International Amity Award to individuals who qualify under the previously stated provisions. Such presentation shall be reported by and through the Internal Affairs Commission to the NEC at its first meeting following the presentation.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.



# International Amity Award

## Recipients

1962	Raymond Triboulet, France; Jean Louis Bonet-Maury, France; Robert A. Vivien, France; Maj. Gen. Sir Richard Howard Vyse, Great Britain; Gen. Sir Roy Bucher, Great Britain; P.N. Frstenberg, Belgium; L. Woodcock, Canada; Hugh J. McGivern, Canada; J.P. Nevins, Canada; A.J. Wickens, Canada; L.G. Howard, Canada; James Dickson, Canada; Don H. Thompson, Canada; I.C. Lundberg, Canada; G.R. Land, Canada; J.D. Baxter, Canada; W.J. Maddison, Canada; C.A. Young, Canada	1973	Leon DeCleyre, Belgium; Tsu-Yu Chao, Republic of China (Taiwan); Victor C.J. Chai, Republic of China (Taiwan)
1963	Antoine Ginee, Belgium; Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, Poland; Jean Sainteny, France; Donald S. McTavish, Canada; Maj. Gen. Lucien Truyers, Belgium	1974	None awarded
1964	Gen. Rueben Peralta y Alarcon, Mexico; Gen. Roberto Fierro, Mexico; A.J. Carfrae, Canada; Gordon Thomson, Canada; Alex Shirra, Canada; Brigadier James L. Melville, Canada; F.F. Bailey, Canada; John Ewasew, Canada; Lt. Gen. Augustin Olachea Avilez, Secretary of Defense, Mexico	1975	Adelina Guerin-Beau, France; William H. Craydon, England
1965	Maj. Gen. Julien Bouhon, Belgium; General of the Armies Martial Valin, France; Gen. Jaquest P.L. De Grancey, France; Henry I. Harvey, Canada; Fred T. O'Brecht, Canada; Ian Beresford, Canada	1976	Alfonzo Cuellar Ponce de Leon, Mexico; Claude-Lucien Ferrer, France
1966	Byron Wilson, Canada; W. Lorne Manchester, Canada; E.K. Carter, Canada; Gen. Pierre Koenig, France; Meir Bar-Rav-Hay, Israel (United Kingdom); A.I. Lee, Australia; The Rev. H. Berry, Canada; Harold Berry, Canada; John Hall, Canada; George Waters, Canada; T.L. Fraser, Canada	1977	Yen Hsaio-Chang, Republic of China (Taiwan); Alejo S. Santos, Philippines; Andre Rigoine de Fougierolles, France; Glen A. Grose, Canada
1967	Hamilton Mitchell, New Zealand; The Right Hon. Lord Carew, Ireland (United Kingdom); Thomas D. Bailey, Canada; Leonard Hall Turner, Canada; Montague Herbert Hurst, Canada	1978	Pierre Taillacoit, France, Maeng Kee Lee, Republic of Korea
1968	Gen. Henri Zeller, France; Dr. Pierre Weber, France; Simeon C. Medalla, Philippines; Pham Xuan Chieu, Republic of Vietnam; R.N. Johnson, Canada; J. Albert Walker, Canada; Frank H. Farley, Canada; Albert Bianchini, Canada; Michael Popwich, Canada; L.J. Murphy, Canada; George Smith, Canada	1979	Clementine Pletsier-Degroot, Belgium; Pierre Leopold Henry Portier, France; Aime S. Leocard, France; Ferdinand Edralin Marcos, Philippines
1969	Arthur Wallace, Canada; James Hall, Canada; Edouard Emond Leon Dejean, Belgium	1980	Brig. Gen. Agustin Marking, Philippines; Honorable Henry Brown, United Kingdom; Guy Cudell, Belgium
1970	None awarded	1981	Gen. Romero C. Espino, Philippines; Mathias Moeris, Belgium; Leon Zitrone, France
1971	Jae Sung Kim, Republic of South Korea; Stanislas Szewalski, Poland (France)	1982	Sir William Keys, Australia; Sir Colin Hines, Australia; Gen. Fabian C. Ver, Philippines; Prof. Paul Pin, France
1972	Jacques Medecin, France	1983	The Rev. Father Albert Basil, England, Hon. Ramon D. Bagatsing, Philippines; Lt. Col. Gaston Adrein Georges Barbeau, France
		1984	Sir Albert Abbott, C.B.E., Australia, Fernand Wauthier, Belgium; Lee Telesco, Philippines
		1985	Ernesto P. Golez, Philippines
		1986	Frederick Kirkland, New South Wales; Gen. Fidel V. Ramos, Philippines
		1987	Luis Ganzales Villa-Real, Philippines; James Hector De Lisle Nelson, Australia, Mary Jane Noreillie, Belgium
		1988	Hon. Dionisio Ojeda, Philippines
		1989	Anthony Frank Stokes, Australia
		1990	Joon-Yeol So, Korea, Francois Harter, France, Daniel A.J. Cole, Australia
		1991	William Brace, Australia, Ernesto S. Gidays, Philippines, Gen. Huis Li-Nung, Taiwan, Louis Van Thienen, Belgium
		1992	Enrique Abila, Philippines, Kyoo-Tek Ahn, Republic of Korea; Raymond E. Buchanan, Australia; Benno R. Niedzielski, France; Andre Ernest Verheugen, Belgium

1993	Pil-Joon Ahn, Republic of Korea; Mariano L. Ba Delles, Philippines; Shin-Pin Chou, Taiwan; Charles Kan, Taiwan; Maeng Kee Lee, Republic of Korea; Carey Howard McQuillan, Australia	2003	Jesus C. Malilay, Philippines; Gen. Teng Tsu-Lin, Republic of China (Taiwan)
1994	Paul Asussaresses, France; Renato S. De Villa, Philippines; The-Shuan Hung, Taiwan; Kenneth Steele, Australia; Un-Tae Kim, Republic of Korea	2004	Rafael Estrada, Philippines; Jon Bong Lee, South Korea
1995	Tae-Wan Chang, Republic of Korea; Emmanuel V. De Ocamp, Philippines; Yang Ting-Yun, Republic of China	2005	Mel A. Escuadra, Philippines; Yong-Sup Lee, Korea; Hua-Chu Kao, Taipei (Taiwan)
1996	Maurice Martineau, France; Antonio Ang Ty, Philippines	2006	Modesto P. Agyao, Philippines; Arcadio S. Lozado, Philippines
1997	Lt. Gen. Yu Chao, Taiwan; Soong Yeal Chung, Korea; Carlos N. Garduno, Mexico; Lt. Gen. Frank C.Y. Kao, Taiwan; Dr. Kainan Yusuf Ma, Taiwan; Gen. Umberto A. Rodriguez, Philippines; Col. Hans H. S. Song, Taiwan; Pierre-Christian Taittinger, France	2007	None awarded
1998	Kap-Jin Choi, Korea; Bonifacio H. Gillego, Philippines	2008	None awarded
1999	Kap-Chong Chi, Korea; Lee Cheng-Lin, Republic of China (Taiwan); Blas F. Ople, Philippines	2009	None awarded
2000	Lt. Gen. Wu Chi-Liang, Republic of China (Taiwan); Miguel V. Gonzalez, Philippines	2010	None awarded
2001	Chris S. Murphy, England; Gen. Yang Te-Chih, Republic of China (Taiwan); Francisco B. Quesada, Philippines	2011	None awarded
2002	Artemio R. Arugay, George Ellis, Patrick G. Ganio Sr., YiMin Gong, Sang-Hoon Lee	2012	None awarded
		2013	Gen. Jing-Ling Tseng (retired)
		2014	None awarded
		2015	None awarded
		2016	None awarded
		2017	None awarded
		2018	None awarded
		2019	Philippe Colinet, Belgium
		2020	None awarded
		2021	None awarded
		2022	None awarded
		2023	None awarded
		2024	None awarded

# The American Legion Air Force Academy Award

## Description

This award is presented to a graduating cadet of the Air Force Academy with the highest academic standing in all subjects. The gift is selected by the academy with an inscription indicating it has been donated by The American Legion. The Air Force Academy presents this award to the recipient as the Gen. Muir S. Fairchild Award.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 24 (May 2021) reestablished criteria and awards. Previous resolutions rescinded.

## How awarded

Presented annually to a graduating cadet of the Air Force Academy with the highest academic standing in all subjects as selected by the academy faculty as the Gen. Muir S. Fairchild Award

## Criteria/conditions

1. The Air Force Academy has proposed and The American Legion has approved the sponsorship of the Gen. Muir S. Fairchild Award. This award is presented annually to that graduating cadet who demonstrates the highest proficiency in all academic subjects.
2. To be presented to the cadet by the national commander or a delegate at a public ceremony designated annually by the academy superintendent, near the close of the academic year.
3. National Headquarters will forward to the representative of the academy superintendent a sum of money not to exceed \$600 annually, for the purpose of purchasing the traditional annual award. The academy has agreed to affect such annual purchases and to make suitable inscriptions upon them.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.



# The American Legion Air Force Academy Award

## Recipients

1959	Louis L. Kingsland Jr.	1994	Scottie L. Zamzow
1960	David B. Luce	1995	Douglas P. Wickert
1961	John D. Sullivan Jr.	1996	George N. Schwartz
1962	Peter Dodd Robins	1997	James E. Smith
1963	Kent E. Harbaugh	1998	Nikolas W. Stengle
1964	Robert L. Sansom	1999	Jeffry D. Moffitt
1965	Victor L. Genez	2000	Nicholas J. Sweeney
1966	Charles M. Koliner	2001	Andrew S. Malin
1967	Daniel I. Twomey	2002	Paul J. Calhoun
1968	Ansfrid L. Kolbe	2003	Tyler W. Robarge
1969	Steven R. Sturm	2004	James M. Valpiani
1970	William F. Rowell	2005	Andrew Sellers
1971	Larry Dale Autry	2006	Brady M. Cillo
1972	Donald A. Peppers		Anthony J. Stinton
1973	Clay A. Stewart	2007	Brian J. Pascuzzi
1974	Robert H. Gibbs		Alicia M. Stirewalt
1975	William K. Davis	2008	Thomas R. Stuart
1976	Luckey M. Dunn	2009	Bradley R. Dewees
1977	Richard A. Lucal	2010	Austin B. McKinney
1978	Richard A. Searfoss	2011	Eric J. Robinson
1979	William P. Doyle Jr.	2012	Frederick W. Fiegel
1980	William A. Ehrenstrom	2013	Zebulon J. Hanley
1981	Daniel O. Wyman	2014	Blake Abrecht
1982	Glenn E. James	2015	Rebecca A. Esselstein
1983	Silvia Ann Beatty	2016	Jeffrey R. Herrala
1984	Keith Heien	2017	Young Wu
1985	Robert A. Kaucic Jr.	2018	Ryan I. Silva
1986	Keith Kudla	2019	Kyle Leland
1987	Hoand N. Tran	2020	Zachary K. Bailey
1988	Ron Simmons	2021	Robert B. Gansrow
1989	Kenneth Plaks	2022	Kyle M. Samuels
1990	Brittany J. Thurber	2023	James M. Landy
1991	James P. Dutton Jr.	2024	Taylor H. Edwards
1992	Paul J. Fronapfel		
1993	Gina L. Hilger		

# The American Legion Coast Guard Academy Award

## Description

This award is presented to a graduating cadet of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for athletic excellence. The gift is selected by the academy with an inscription indicating it has been donated by The American Legion.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 24 (May 2021) reestablished criteria and awards. Previous resolutions rescinded.

## How awarded

Presented annually to a graduating cadet of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for athletic excellence as selected by the academy faculty

## Criteria/conditions

1. The award shall be presented by a representative of The American Legion, delegated by the national commander, at a public ceremony to be designated annually by the academy superintendent, near the close of the academic year. The award shall also be published in the national convention program booklet.
2. The award is to be made annually to the cadet of the graduating class of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy who is considered to have excelled personally in athletics.
3. National Headquarters shall purchase the award, not to exceed \$500, elected by the recipient at the cadet store of said Academy, if possible, and shall arrange for the making of the inscription.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion Coast Guard Academy Award

## Recipients

1938	Robert Walron	1979	Alex O. Simonka
1939	Robert W. Goehring	1980	David W. Stalters
1940	Joseph J. McClelland	1981	Kurt J. Collella
1941	John F. Thompson Jr.		Timothy M. Henry
1942	Charles E. Norton	1982	Kevin M. O'Day
1943	Frank B. Carter	1983	Kenneth K. Moore
1944	John M. Dorsey		James E. Rendon
1945	Harbert J. Lynch Jr.	1984	John T. Hardin
1946	John L. Wright	1985	Kevin P. Crawley
1947	None awarded	1986	Daniel Pippenger
1948	Thomas T. Wetmore III	1987	Glenn L. Gebele
1949	George M. Rynick III	1988	Jesse Karl Moore
1950	Sidney B. Vaughn	1989	Susan L. Gregg
1951	Lambert J. Larson	1990	Lane D. Johnson
1952	Olin A. Lively	1991	Edward St. Pierre
1953	William Russell	1992	Kevin E. Wirth
1954	William J. Tille	1993	William Carter
1955	Bobby F. Hollingsworth	1994	Aaron E. Waters
1956	Ernest C. Allen	1995	Blake L. Novak
1957	Thomas D. Combs Jr.	1996	Drew Orsinger
1958	Frank R. Grundman	1997	Christian A. Lee
1959	William B. Howland	1998	Joshua Fant
1960	James H. Parent	1999	Michael Sharp
1961	Pete N. Thurman	2000	Kyle S. Gahan
1962	James H. Lightner	2001	Christopher Fertig
1963	Richard A. Walsh	2002	Jason W. Haag
1964	William G. MacDonald	2003	Darby Schlaht
1965	Robert W. Christiansen	2004	James Conner
1966	William A. Kucharski	2005	Jonathan Tillman
1967	Robert E. Long	2006	T.S. Crowley
1968	Robert B. Streeter	2007	Michael L. Flint
1969	Gregory H. Magee	2008	Robert J. Brown
1970	Philip E. Sherer	2009	Craig Johnson
1971	Bruce W. Platz Jr.	2010	Justin P. Brooks
1972	Gary M. Heil	2011	Carl Luxhoj
1973	Dennis G. Bohlayer	2012	Hayley Feindel
1974	Steven G. Hein	2013	Tyler Vieira
	Allen B. Hughes	2014	Adam Scalesse
1975	George A. Capacci	2015	Christian Brindamour
1976	James F. Murray	2016	Meghan Fornaro
1977	Scott E. Hartley	2017	Nikole Bareuther Barnes
1978	Michael P. Butler	2018	Dana Rohde

# The American Legion Coast Guard Academy Award

## Recipients, continued

2019	Helen Oh
2020	Joseph Rodriguez
2021	Kaitlyn Mooney
2022	Paul Detwiler
2023	Michelle Kwafo
2024	Coy Spooner

# The American Legion Merchant Marine Academy Award

## Description

This award is presented to a graduating midshipman of the Merchant Marine Academy for excellence as a color guard member. The gift is selected by the academy with an inscription indicating it has been donated by The American Legion.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 24 (May 2021) reestablished criteria and awards. Previous resolutions rescinded.

## How awarded

Presented annually to a graduating midshipman of the Merchant Marine Academy for excellence as a member of the color guard as selected by the academy faculty

## Criteria/conditions

1. The award shall be presented to the graduating midshipman by a representative of The American Legion, delegated by the national commander at a public ceremony to be designated annually by the academy superintendent, near the close of the academic year. The award shall be also published in the national convention program booklet.
2. The award is to be made annually to the graduating midshipman of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy who has contributed most to the success of the academy's color guard and shall be reported by the superintendent thereof to the national adjutant. The selection of the recipient will be made by the academy.
3. National Headquarters shall forward to the academy superintendent a sum of money, not to exceed \$500 annually.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion Merchant Marine Academy Award

## Recipients

1994	None awarded
1995	None awarded
1996	Robert L. Norton
1997	Justin A. Dowd
1998	Matthew S. Ingerson
1999	George Lloyd Beck Jr.
2000	Lee C. Dortzbach
2001	James M. Moore Jr.
2002	Devin R. Blowes
2003	Preston M. Carnahan
2004	Edward L. DiPierro
2005	Walter V. Keane
2006	Adrian M. Zavala
2007	Benjamin D. Hayes
2008	Eric L. Deetjen
2009	Jonathan E. Wellman
2010	Andrea M. Morrison
2011	Nicolas A. Mann
2012	Nicholas S. Sottile
2013	Frank Joseph Osborne
2014	Nicholas J. Grippo
2015	Jake B. Wade
2016	Laurel Anne Ryback
2017	Zachary Charles Dy
2018	Tyler Dugan
2019	Brendan McKeever
2020	John Alexander Biscardi
2021	Amanda Catherine Hall
2022	Amanda Year
2023	Morgan Fortin
2024	Josiah Jorda

# The American Legion Military Academy Award

## Description

This award is presented to a graduating cadet of the U.S. Military Academy with the highest academic standing in Chemistry. The gift is selected by the academy with an inscription indicating it has been donated by The American Legion.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 24 (May 2021) reestablished criteria and awards. Previous resolutions rescinded.

## How awarded

Presented annually to a graduating cadet of the U.S. Military Academy for the highest academic standing in Chemistry as selected by the academy faculty.

## Criteria/conditions

1. The award shall be presented to the cadet by a representative of The American Legion, delegated by the national commander, at a public ceremony to be designated annually by the academy superintendent near the close of the academic year. The award shall also be published in the national convention program booklet.
2. The award is to be made annually to the cadet of the graduating class of the U.S. Military Academy who shall be reported by the superintendent thereof to the national adjutant as having the highest standing in Chemistry.
3. U.S. Army Regulation 672-2 limits the Military Academy Award to a value not to exceed \$250.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion Military Academy Award

## Recipients

1935	John D. Bristor	1976	Michael R. Morris
1936	Oliver G. Haywood Jr.	1977	Mark B. Mengel
1937	Campbell H. Snyder	1978	Thomas D. Hook
1938	Rober A. Breitweiser	1979	Scott R. Duffin
1939	Edmund Kirby-Smith	1980	Michael R. Schaub
1940	John A. Graf	1981	Mark T. Marino
1941	Elmer Parker	1982	James H. North Jr.
1942	Irving R. Obenchain Jr.	1983	William B. Reece
1943	Edward L. Sheley Jr. James F. Scoggin Jr.	1984	John R. Rowe
1944	None awarded	1985	Russell P. LaChance
1945	None awarded	1986	Jeffrey A. Hanko
1946	Milton A. Strain	1987	Fletcher M. Munter
1947	Robert M. Montague Jr.	1988	Inku Hwang
1948	Arthur L. Whitley	1989	Hon S. Pak
1949	Richard T. Carvolth III	1990	Keith A. Haverstrite
1950	Robert M. Wilson	1991	Desrae D. Broderick
1951	William L. Lemmitzer	1992	Sanford J. Kim
1952	Leslie Van Trees Jr.	1993	Dennis J. Geyer
1953	Alvin L. Hayes	1994	Scott R. Steele
1954	Ames S. Albro Jr.	1995	Garth S. Herbert
1955	John T. Hamilton	1996	Thomas E. Novak
1956	Frederick S. Holmes	1997	Matthew A. DeLoia
1957	John H. Vickers	1998	Jason A. Foerter
1958	Dan A. Brookhart	1999	Jason A. Grassbaugh
1959	Jack M. Warren	2000	Christopher J. Tucker
1960	Charles P. Olstott	2001	Kevin M. Taylor
1961	James E. Jenz	2002	Paul G. Peterson
1962	James W. Dunmyer	2003	Rory J. Petteys
1963	John P. Bell	2004	Brian Cohee
1964	David L. Ugland	2005	Robert Watts
1965	Jerald P. Eichelberger	2006	James Q. Nguyen
1966	Bruce M. Wilson	2007	Gregory J. Stevens
1967	John R. Hadorn	2008	Bovoy Zhu
1968	Robert L. Merritt	2009	Andy L. Cahoy
1969	Robert P. Jones	2010	Alexander T. Madden
1970	Dean J. Nickles	2011	Woo S. Do
1971	Dennis A. Wenker	2012	Anna E. Stein
1972	Sterling G. West	2013	Drew Long
1973	Thomas E. Wiswell	2014	Louis Tobergte
1974	David A. Bosse	2015	Matthew Bryan
1975	Paul S. Schaefer	2016	Brian Bui
		2017	Edmund P. Mullins III



2018	Louis Kurcz
2019	Jesse Palmer
2020	James A. Albright
2021	Mark H. Jaskot
2022	Mackenzie Curtin
2023	Malina Hatton
2024	Brian C. Lunn

# The American Legion Naval Academy Award

## Description

This award is presented to a graduating cadet of the U.S. Naval Academy with the highest academic standing in English, History, and Government for a Foreign Affairs major. The gift is selected by the academy with an inscription indicating it has been donated by The American Legion.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 24 (May 2021) reestablished criteria and awards. Previous resolutions rescinded.

## How awarded

Presented annually to a graduating midshipman of the U.S. Naval Academy with the highest academic standing in English, History, and Government for a Foreign Affairs major as selected by the academy faculty

## Criteria/conditions

1. The award shall be presented to the midshipman by a representative of The American Legion, delegated by the national commander, at a public ceremony to be designated annually by the academy superintendent, near the close of the academic year. The award shall also be published in the national convention program booklet.
2. The award is to be made annually to the graduating midshipman of the U.S. Naval Academy who shall be reported by the superintendent thereof to the national adjutant as standing highest in those English, History and Government courses taken to complete a Foreign Affairs major.
3. National Headquarters shall forward to the academy superintendent a sum of money, not to exceed \$500 annually. The academy shall prepare a gift suitably inscribed to indicate that it has been donated by The American Legion.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion Naval Academy Award

## Recipients

1935	Gould Hunter	1976	Joseph F. Bouchard
1936	Jack A. Obermeyer	1977	Steven C. Schlientz
1937	John E. Dacey	1978	Kevin R. O'Keefe
1938	Thomas C. Gurley	1979	John Gahan.
1939	Joseph T. Materi	1980	Carl W. Barbour
1940	John W. Crawford Jr.	1981	Timothy S. MacGregor
1941	Archie L. Julian	1982	Doman O. McArthur
1942	William C. Chapman		Kevin A. Boreen
1943	Carvel H. Blair	1983	David A. Radi
1944	Chandler L. Beach	1984	Maarten Vermaat
1945	William R. Porter	1985	Eric W. Olson
1946	Robert C. Olson	1986	James Addison
1947	Charles E. Reid Jr.	1987	Michael Tobin
1948	Ted W. Isles	1988	William W. Burkhart
1949	William D. Shaughnessy	1989	Devon M. Burr
1950	Thomas A. Julian	1990	James M. Greene
1951	Rodney L. Borum	1991	Stephen F. Murphy
1952	Fred A. Hull	1992	Erik P. Bethel
1953	James P. Eadie II	1993	Scott A. Cooper
1954	Kyran M. O'Dwyer	1994	Paul G. Prokopovich
1955	Arthur A. Aronson	1995	Benjamin A. Shupp
1956	Lowell D. Hupp	1996	Jean-Paul Chretien
1957	Timothy H. Marvin	1997	Christopher J. Mandernach
1958	Alton K. Thompson	1998	Jason T. Berg
1959	James J. Connell	1999	Jeffrey M. Monghan
1960	Roy N. Wallace	2000	Elizabeth Anne McQuinn
	Edward L. Warner III	2001	Phillip K. Sprincin
1961	Perry W. Miles	2002	Timothy E. Steigelman
1962	Barry M. Plott	2003	Joshua J. Lostetter
1963	Craig M. Rasmussen	2004	Nathan Williams
1964	John S. Redd	2005	Douglas A. Robb
1965	Leonard H. Passmore	2006	Paul J. Angelo
1966	Otis K. Earle	2007	Joseph B. Hess
1967	Neil G. Mathison	2008	Eric D. Gardiner
1968	Carl A. Gaines Jr.	2009	Cory M. F. Kampf
1969	James A. Babb	2010	William N. Murray
1970	Stanley B. Weeks	2011	Nicholas R. Birger
1971	Richard F. Walsh	2012	Nicholas A. Denney
1972	Richard M. Gutekunst	2013	Michael DeLong
1973	Jack E. Owne Jr.	2014	Justin Chock
1974	James R. Fitzsimonds	2015	Andrea Howard
1975	George W. Croner	2016	Ethan Dalton

# The American Legion Naval Academy Award

## Recipients, continued

2017	Jacob Wirz
2018	Nathan Bermel
2019	Francis Kim
2020	Michaela F. Caldwell
2021	William “Quinn” O’Loane
2022	Jackson R. Kaiser
2023	Dylan Carter
2024	Theresa A. Milio

# National Emergency Post Excellence Award

## Description

This award is presented to the post or posts that most exemplify the ideals and outstanding service of The American Legion during a declared natural disaster in their community. It consists of a signed certificate by the national commander, national adjutant and the National Internal Affairs Commission chairman mounted to a wood plaque.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Internal Affairs Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 17 (May 2012).

## How awarded

Presented by a duly designated representative of The American Legion during the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. Presented to the post or posts that most exemplify the ideals and outstanding service of The American Legion during a declared natural disaster in their community.
2. Departments must submit their recommendations to National Headquarters based on the criteria and timelines established by the Internal Affairs Commission.
3. There may be no more than five (5) approved nominations for any given year.
4. Internal Affairs Commission will provide the nominations to the National Executive Committee yearly at the Spring Meetings for approval.
5. The award becomes the property of the recipient(s).

# National Emergency Post Excellence Award

## Recipients

2013	Post 235, Marseilles, Ill. Post 166, Ocean City, Md. Post 94, Babylon, N.Y. Post 1404, Broad Channel, N.Y.
2014	Post 18, Greeley, Colo.
2015	None awarded
2016	None awarded
2017	None awarded
2015	None awarded
2019	Post 245, Cross Plains, Wis.
2020	None awarded
2021	None awarded
2022	None awarded
2023	None awarded
2024	None awarded

# Department Award for 100% Post Children & Youth Reporting

## Description

This award is presented to departments who achieve 100% post submission rate of the Children & Youth report. It consists of a certificate signed by the national commander, national adjutant, National Americanism Commission chairman and Committee on Children & Youth chairman.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Americanism Commission

## Authority

April 30, 1963, report of the National Child Welfare Commission, NEC Resolution No. 1 (October 1967), NEC Resolution No. 7 (October 1974)

## How awarded

Certificates are shipped to departments for appropriate presentation at a department meeting immediately following the report year.

## Criteria/conditions

1. The department must achieve 100% post reporting for Children & Youth activity on Consolidated Post Report forms. All posts must also submit a narrative to their departments. (Do not attach this with CPR submissions.) Information and the suggested form are available in *Children & Youth Department Chairman Program Guide*.
2. Submit the department's Children & Youth Report to National Headquarters by the deadline date. Information and the required form is also available within the *Children & Youth Department Chairman Program Guide*.
3. Any department whose membership is equal to or above the membership of the smallest department of the 50 states and the District of Columbia shall be recognized for this award.
4. The size of the departments, for comparative purposes, shall be determined by the immediately preceding full calendar year's membership for all departments concerned.
5. The award is to become the property of the department.

# Department Award for 100% Post Children & Youth Reporting

## Recipients

1963	North Dakota, Panama, Rhode Island	1988	Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont
1964	North Dakota, Panama, Rhode Island	1989	Delaware, Florida, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont
1965	North Dakota, Panama, Rhode Island	1990	Delaware, Florida, Maine, New York, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont
1966	Delaware, North Dakota, Panama, Rhode Island	1991	Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Maine, New York, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia
1967	Delaware, North Dakota, Panama, Rhode Island	1992	Delaware, Florida, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia
1968	Delaware, North Dakota, Panama, Rhode Island	1993	Delaware, Florida, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia
1969	Delaware, North Dakota, Panama, Rhode Island	1994	Delaware, Florida, Maine, North Dakota, Vermont, Virginia
1970	Delaware, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Vermont	1995	Delaware, Florida, North Dakota, Vermont, Virginia
1971	Delaware, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Vermont	1996	Delaware, Florida, New Mexico, North Dakota, Vermont, Virginia
1972	Colorado, Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont	1997	Florida
1973	Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont	1998	Delaware, France, North Dakota, Vermont, Virginia
1974	Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont	1999	California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania
1975	Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, North Dakota, Vermont, Utah	2000	None awarded
1976	North Dakota, Utah, Vermont	2001	Delaware, North Dakota
1977	Arizona, Maine, Maryland, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont	2002	None awarded
1978	Arizona, District of Columbia, New Mexico, North Dakota and Vermont	2003	Delaware, Maine, Montana, Wyoming
1979	Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont	2004	Montana, Virginia
1980	Maine, Maryland, North Dakota, Vermont	2005	Virginia
1981	Florida, North Dakota, Vermont	2006	Montana, Virginia
1982	Delaware, Florida, France, Maryland, North Dakota, Vermont	2007	Nebraska, Montana
1983	Arkansas, France, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Vermont	2008	Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin
1984	Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, North Dakota, Vermont	2009	Montana, Washington
1985	Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, North Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont	2010	Idaho, Montana, Vermont
1986	Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Maryland, North Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont	2011	Nebraska, Virginia
1987	Delaware, Florida, Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont	2012	Arizona, Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming
		2013	Nebraska, Rhode Island
		2014	Missouri, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Wisconsin
		2015	Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Virginia, Wisconsin
		2016	Montana, Rhode Island, Virginia, Wisconsin



2017	Delaware, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Virginia, Wisconsin
2018	Alabama, Delaware, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma
2019	Montana, New Mexico
2020	Florida, Montana, New Mexico
2021	Alaska, New Mexico
2022	Montana, New Mexico
2023	Montana, New Mexico
2024	Delaware

# National Employer of Veterans Award

## Description

This award is presented to employers within their respective categories who consistently participate in veteran hiring initiatives. It consists of an engraved shadow-box plaque bearing the recipient's name, award category and facsimile signatures of the national commander and national adjutant along with the American Legion emblem. This award was previously known as the Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Employment & Education Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 11 (October 2011)

**Note:** *Prior recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.*

## How awarded

Presented to the awarded employer or representative

## Criteria/conditions

1. Awards are offered in three categories: Category I – Employers of more than 200 employees (Large); Category II – Employers of 51-200 employees (Medium); Category III – Employers of 1-50 employees (Small). Prior to May 1992, only two categories were recognized: Category I for over 200 employees and Category II for 200 or fewer employees.
2. Departments of The American Legion, with the encouraged participation of their respective posts, may submit one nomination in each category each year to the Veterans Employment & Education Commission. Nominations are to be accompanied by documentation of the employer's achievements in hiring veterans.
3. The Veterans Employment & Education Commission and National Employment Committee, upon due consideration of all nominations, will select the most outstanding employer of veterans in each category.
4. The awards will be presented by the national commander or an appointed representative at the national convention.
5. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for two days, two tickets to the National Commander's Banquet and lodging for one night in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
6. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# National Employer of Veterans Award

## Recipients

1969	<u>Category I</u> – American Enka Corporation, Enka, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – Dayton Tire and Rubber Company of Oklahoma City	1982	<u>Category I</u> – Fraser Paper Ltd., Madawaska, Maine <u>Category II</u> – Stratagraph, Inc., Lafayette, La.
1970	<u>Category I</u> – Detroit Steel Corp., New Boston, Ohio <u>Category II</u> – Fred W. Beal, Inc., Ellsworth, Maine	1983	<u>Category I</u> – Kansas City Power & Light, Kansas City, Kan. <u>Category II</u> – Hopper Paper Division of Georgia Pacific Corporation, Taylorville, Ill.
1971	<u>Category I</u> – Geo. A. Hormel & Company, Austin, Minn. <u>Category II</u> – A.B. & R.R. Hodgkins, Bar Harbor, Maine	1984	<u>Category I</u> – Owens-Illinois, Inc., Television Products Division, Pittstown, Pa. <u>Category II</u> – Molycorp, Inc., Washington, Pa.
1972	<u>Category I</u> – Sperry Vickers Aerospace-Ordinance-Marine Division, Jackson, Miss. <u>Category II</u> – General Cable Corporation, Elkton, Md.	1985	<u>Category I</u> – Corning Glass Works, Wilmington, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – Kessel's Pump Service, El Paso, Texas
1973	<u>Category I</u> – Noyes Tire Company, Westbrook, Maine <u>Category II</u> – Southern Guard Service, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio	1986	<u>Category I</u> – Central Heating Air Conditioning Co., Inc., Stanford, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – Adolph Coors, Co., Golden, Colo.
1974	<u>Category I</u> – ITT Continental Baking Co., Inc., Youngstown, Ohio <u>Category II</u> – Fleischmann Distilling Corporation, Owensboro, Ky.	1987	<u>Category I</u> – Twitchel, Dothan, Ala. <u>Category II</u> – Stran Buildings, LaGrange, Ga.
1975	<u>Category I</u> – ITT Federal Electric Corporation, Paramus, N.J. <u>Category II</u> – Purolator Courier Corp., San Antonio	1988	<u>Category I</u> – Burnside-Ott Helicopter Maintenance Services Project, Naval Air Station, Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. <u>Category II</u> – Dyn Corp, Fort Campbell Operations, Clarksville, Tenn.
1976	<u>Category I</u> – Cincinnati Time Recorder Co., Cincinnati <u>Category II</u> – Carls Drug Warehouse, Rome, N.Y.	1989	<u>Category I</u> – Lockheed Aeromod Center, Inc., Greenville, S.C. <u>Category II</u> – JIMCO, Inc., Oklahoma City
1977	<u>Category I</u> – Delese Company, Oklahoma City <u>Category II</u> – Blackmon Oil Company, Inc., Columbus, Ga.	1990	<u>Category I</u> – UNC Support Service, Helicopter Maintenance Project, Milton, Fla. <u>Category II</u> – Cornish Containers, Maumee, Ohio
1978	<u>Category I</u> – Maine Central Railroad, Portland, Maine <u>Category II</u> – Oelwein Iowa Plant of the Donaldson Co., Inc., Oelwein, Iowa	1991	<u>Category I</u> – Rifle Barrel Manufacturing, Sturm, Ruger and Company, Inc., Newport, N.H. <u>Category II</u> – All Veterans Auto Parts, Incorporated, Phoenix
1979	<u>Category I</u> – Babbitt Division Reserve Mining Co., Babbitt, Minn. <u>Category II</u> – Abex Corporation-Amco Division, Anderson, Ind.	1992	<u>Category I</u> – Bath Iron Works, Corp., Bath, Maine <u>Category II</u> – Sirco Manufacturing, Missoula, Mont. <u>Category III</u> – Abe's Plumbing, Las Vegas
1980	<u>Category I</u> – Hays International Corp., Birmingham, Ala. <u>Category II</u> – National Standard Perforated Metals Division, Carbondale, Pa.	1993	<u>Category I</u> – Schneider National Carriers, Eastover, S.C. <u>Category II</u> – Morton International, Inc., Seabrook, N.H. <u>Category III</u> – American Classic Charter & Tours, Inc., Selma, N.C.
1981	<u>Category I</u> – Pope and Talbot, Inc., Eau Claire, Wis. <u>Category II</u> – Inland Manufacturing Company, Omaha, Neb.		

# National Employer of Veterans Award

## Recipients, continued

1994	<u>Category I</u> – Boeing Aerospace Operations, Inc., Midwest City, Okla. <u>Category II</u> – Caldwell Machining, Inc., Emporium, Pa. <u>Category III</u> – Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio	2003	<u>Category I</u> – Johns Manville, Defiance, Ohio <u>Category II</u> – TRW, Killeen, Texas <u>Category III</u> – ACS State and Local Solutions, Lake City, Fla.
1995	<u>Category I</u> – Audit Security Bags, Inc., West Lebanon, N.H. <u>Category II</u> – Green Mountain Rifle Barrel Co., Inc., Conway, N.H. <u>Category III</u> – Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Topeka, Kan.	2004	<u>Category I</u> – Wheatland Tube Co., Wheatland, Pa. <u>Category II</u> – Wackenhut Service, Spring Lake, N.C. <u>Category III</u> – Anderson Iron Works, Inc., Post Falls, Idaho
1996	<u>Category I</u> – Comcar Industries, Inc., Auburndale, Fla. <u>Category II</u> – D & H Transport, Yuba City, Calif. <u>Category III</u> – Ted's Western Appliance Service, Livingston, Mont.	2005	<u>Category I</u> – Alutiiq-Wackenhut Security Services, Fort Bragg, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – ITS Medical Systems, LLC, Duluth, Ga. <u>Category III</u> – Robert J. Albert Printing Services, Inc., Clearwater, Fla.
1997	<u>Category I</u> – Lear Siegler Services, Inc., Milton, Fla. <u>Category II</u> – Atlas Roofing Corp., Ardmore, Okla. <u>Category III</u> – Jak's Stripping & Refinishing, Garden City, Idaho	2006	<u>Category I</u> – Employment Source Projects with Industry (PWI), Fayetteville, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – Alutiiq-Wackenhut Security Services, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. <u>Category III</u> – Nielsen Ford/Mercury, Bloomer, Wis.
1998	<u>Category I</u> – Georgia-Pacific Plywood, Crossett, Ark. <u>Category II</u> – Computer Sciences Corp., Edwards, Calif. <u>Category III</u> – Jacobs Construction, Lemont, Pa.	2007	<u>Category I</u> – CSX Transportation, Jackson, Fla. <u>Category II</u> – ProLogistix, Sanford, N.C. <u>Category III</u> – Millennium Security Services, LLC, Roswell, Ga.
1999	<u>Category I</u> – Jacobs Construction, Lemont, Pa. <u>Category II</u> – Computer Sciences Corp., Clearfield, Utah <u>Category III</u> – Georgia-Pacific Plywood, Crossett, Ark.	2008	<u>Category I</u> – Lear Siegler (LSI) EG&G Division of URS Corporation, New Boston, Texas <u>Category II</u> – Industrial Maintenance Services, Inc., Wells, Mich. <u>Category III</u> – Millennium Security Services, LLC, Roswell, Ga.
2000	<u>Category I</u> – Boeing Aerospace Operations, Midwest City, Okla. <u>Category II</u> – ITS Medical Systems, LLC, Tomah, Wis. <u>Category III</u> – Garlick Helicopters, Inc., Hamilton, Mont.	2009	<u>Category I</u> – BNSF Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas <u>Category II</u> – Regent Security Services, Inc., Augusta, Ga. <u>Category III</u> – Millennium Security Services, LLC, Roswell, Ga.
2001	<u>Category I</u> – PEMCO Aeroplex, Inc. Birmingham, Ala. <u>Category II</u> – Maine Machine Products, South Paris, Maine <u>Category III</u> – Discount Printing, Winter Haven, Fla.	2010	<u>Category I</u> – Eagles Systems and Services, LLC, Lawton, Okla. <u>Category II</u> – Millennium Security Services, LLC, Alpharetta, Ga. <u>Category III</u> – Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance, Doraville, Ga.
2002	<u>Category I</u> – Basic Water Company, Henderson, Nev. <u>Category II</u> – M&T Company, Manchester, N.J. <u>Category III</u> – Walmart Distribution Center, Winter Haven, Fla.	2011	<u>Category I</u> – Smith & Wesson, Springfield, Mass. <u>Category II</u> – Alpha Protective Services, Spring Lake, N.C.

	<u>Category III</u> – Burditt Trucking, Phenix City, Ala.		<u>Category III</u> – Berry Aviation, Inc., San Marcos, Texas
2012	<u>Category I</u> – L-3 STRAITS, Fayetteville, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – Strategic & Homeland Defense Division, Colorado Springs, Colo. <u>Category III</u> – CIAN, Inc., Peoria, Ill.	2022	<u>Category I</u> – Akima, Fort Cavazos, Texas <u>Category II</u> – Texas Veteran Security, San Antonio <u>Category III</u> – Tango Alpha3, Austin, Texas
2013	<u>Category I</u> – North Carolina Food Service, Fayetteville, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – L-3 Communications ASD, Fort Bragg, N.C. <u>Category III</u> – M1 Support Services, Abilene, Texas	2023	<u>Category I</u> – Werner Enterprises, Omaha, Neb. <u>Category II</u> – Wolverine Services, Fort Cavazos, Texas <u>Category III</u> – HumCap, Plano, Texas
2014	<u>Category I</u> – The Home Depot, Atlanta <u>Category II</u> – Frito-Lay, Austin, Texas <u>Category III</u> – Veteran Energy, Houston	<b>Note:</b> The 2024 award recipients will not be announced until the 2025 national convention.	
2015	<u>Category I</u> – Operation: Job Ready Veterans, Indianapolis <u>Category II</u> – Stresscon Corp., Colorado Springs, Colo. <u>Category III</u> – New York Shipping Association, Inc., Edison, N.J.		
2016	<u>Category I</u> – Precision Moulding & Woodworks, Inc., New Bern, N.C. <u>Category II</u> – Lowe's Home Improvement Center, Inc., Rapid City, S.D. <u>Category III</u> – Sansone Auto Mall, Avenel, N.J.		
2017	<u>Category I</u> – Allied Universal Security Services, Rowlett, Texas <u>Category II</u> – Gallery Furniture, Houston <u>Category III</u> – Southwest Airlines, Dallas		
2018	<u>Category I</u> – Bravehearts Therapeutic Riding & Education Center, Harvard, Ill. <u>Category II</u> – HICAPS, Inc., Greensboro, N.C. <u>Category III</u> – Grunt Styles, LLC, Carol Stream, Ill.		
2019	<u>Category I</u> – Lockheed Martin, Fairborn, Ohio <u>Category II</u> – SJ Innovations dba Computer Systems Designers (CSD), Oklahoma City <u>Category III</u> – High Order Solutions, LLC, Plano, Texas		
2020	<u>Category I</u> – TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Phoenix <u>Category II</u> – CyberDefenses, Round Rock, Texas <u>Category III</u> – Nardis Gun Club, San Antonio		
2021	<u>Category I</u> – 5x5 Brewing Co., Mission, Texas <u>Category II</u> – ShurMed EMS, San Antonio		

# National Employment Service Award

## Description

This award is presented to employment representatives and service agencies within their respective categories who consistently participate in job placement and employment opportunities for veterans. It consists of an engraved shadow-box plaque bearing the recipient's name, award category, and facsimile signatures of the national commander and national adjutant along with the American Legion emblem. This award was previously known as the Employment Service Award.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Employment & Education Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 12 (October 2011)

**Note:** *Prior recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.*

## How awarded

Presented to the awarded employer or representative by a duly designated national official of The American Legion at the national convention

## Conditions

1. Awards are offered in three categories: Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) of the Year, Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) of the Year, and Employment Service (ES) Local Office of the Year.
2. Departments of The American Legion, with encouraged participation of their respective posts and local and state Job Service personnel, may submit one nomination in each category each year to the Veterans Employment & Education Commission; said nominations to be accompanied by documentation of the nominee's achievements in placing veterans in suitable jobs, and in promoting employment opportunities for all veterans in the state.
3. The Veterans Employment & Education Commission and National Employment Committee, upon due consideration of all nominations, will select the most outstanding nominee in each category.
4. The awards will be presented to the winners at the national convention.
5. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for two days, two tickets to the National Commander's Banquet and lodging for one night in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
6. The award becomes the property of the recipients.

# National Employment Service Award

## Recipients

1992	LVER – James E. McCormick, Pasco, Wash. DVOP – Barry I. Souders, Sanford, N.C. ES – Claremont New Hampshire Employment Security Office, Claremont, N.H.	2003	LVER – Claud Miller, Anniston, Ala. DVOP – Jim Balog, Helena, Mont. ES – Sarah Jackson, Office Manager, Pocatello Job Service Office, Pocatello, Idaho
1993	LVER – Gary Bjorkquist, Escanaba, Mich. DVOP – Heywood Bell, El Centro, Calif. ES – DuBois Jobs Center, DuBois, Pa.	2004	LVER – Ronald P. Piercy, Asheville, N.C. DVOP – Jon H. Cone, NC ES – Alabama Career Center, Ala.
1994	LVER – Joseph A. Monday, Hudson, Fla. DVOP – Jerry A. Work, Dade City, Fla. ES – Charles City Workforce Center, Charles City, Iowa	2005	LVER – Walter A. Pollock Jr., Columbus, Ga. DVOP – Jerry Roehl, Boise, Idaho ES – Escarosa Career Center Veterans' Programs, Pensacola, Fla.
1995	LVER – Bill Kaufman, Fort Wayne, Ind. DVOP – Jerry E. Fitzgerald, Killen, Texas ES – Lawton Local Office, Lawton, Okla.	2006	LVER – Walter A. Pollock Jr., Columbus, Ga. DVOP – James E. Warren, Tyler, Texas ES – Idaho Commerce and Labor, Coeur d'Alene Local Office, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
1996	LVER – John L. Multer, San Angelo, Texas DVOP – Mary O'Connell, Atlanta ES – Monroeville State Employment Service, Monroeville, Ala.	2007	LVER – Gerard Donnelly, Pathogue, N.Y. DVOP – Don Collins, Lubbock, Texas ES – Worksource Career Center of Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas
1997	LVER – Joseph LeClair, St. Albans, Vt. DVOP – Ron Coleman, Minot, N.D. ES – St. Marys Job Center, St. Marys, Pa.	2008	LVER – Michael Dembowski, Birmingham, N.Y. DVOP – Steve Lord, Meridian, Idaho ES – Worksource (Southside) Career Center, Jacksonville, Fla.
1998	LVER – Max Niesar, Minot, N.D. DVOP – Robert E. Loter, Des Moines, Iowa ES – Fayetteville Job Link Career Center, Fayetteville, N.C.	2009	LVER – Kathy Y. Ford, Aurora, Colo. DVOP – Kenneth E. Kempf, Raleigh, N.C. ES – Cumberland County Job Link, Cumberland County, N.C.
1999	LVER – Kent Phelps, Blackfoot, Idaho DVOP – Willie R. Griffin, Sumter, S.C. ES – Oklahoma City Metro South, Oklahoma City	2010	LVER – Robert E. Shoeman, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho DVOP – Johnny Moreno, Twin Falls, Idaho ES – Gwinnett Career Center, Norcross, Ga.
2000	LVER – Michael E. Daugherty, Ponca City, Okla. DVOP – Jon H. Cone, Sr., Fayetteville, N.C. ES – Cumberland County Job Link Career Center, Fayetteville, N.C.	2011	LVER – Anthony Medina, Colo. DVOP – Willetta E. Hilliard-Walker, Ala. ES – Workforce Solutions Panhandle Office 0601, Amarillo, Texas
2001	LVER – Barbara Phillips, Fort Payne, Ala. DVOP – Ronald Mullen, Tulsa, Okla. ES – Fayetteville Local Employment Security Commission, Fayetteville, N.C.	2012	LVER – Bobby Bryant, Stillwater Workforce Center, Stillwater, Okla. DVOP – Jerome A. Billups, Fargo, N.D. ES – Ottawa One Stop Center, Ottawa, Ill.
2002	LVER – Alonzo Philmore, Lake City, Fla. DVOP – Richard Perez, Yuma, Ariz. ES – Lewis Boren, Office Manager, Central Texas Workforce Center, Killeen, Texas	2013	LVER – Robert R. O'Keefe, Columbus, Ohio DVOP – Roy M. Fillion, Grand Forks, N.D. ES – Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions, Bryan, Texas

# National Employment Service Award

## Recipients, continued

- 2014 LVER – Frankie Billingsley, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
DVOP – Linda “Michele” Scuito, Lufkin, Texas  
ES – Ohio Means Jobs Columbus-Franklin County Center, Columbus, Ohio
- 2015 LVER – Nancy Brown, Wausau, Wis.  
DVOP – Dwight A. Butler, Fayetteville, N.C.  
ES – Fargo Customer Service Office, Fargo, N.D.
- 2016 LVER – Reginald Parker, Houston  
DVOP – Bradley J. Aune, Fargo, N.D.  
ES – Eau Claire Job Center, Eau Claire, Wis.
- 2017 LVER – John J. Irvine, Atlanta  
DVOP – Samuel L. Denson, Pensacola, Fla.  
ES – IDES Sterling Office, Peoria, Ill.
- 2018 LVER – Osvaldo “Ozzie” Montalvo, Norcross, Ga.  
DVOP – Mark Simmons, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
ES – Pikes Peak Workforce Center, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 2019 LVER – Kenneth D. Dinkins, Decatur, Ga.  
DVOP – Katasha Gray, Fort Worth, Texas  
ES – Auburn WorkOne Northeast, Auburn, Ind.
- 2020 LVER – Lee Ware, Fort Worth, Texas  
DVOP – Trevor Wilson, Fort Collins, Colo.  
ES – Workforce Solutions Borderplex, El Paso, Texas
- 2021 LVER – Christopher Garza, San Antonio  
DVOP – Geraldine Perry, Milwaukee  
ES – Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas
- 2022 LVER – Eric Brown, Dallas  
DVOP – Kelly Norris, Garland, Texas  
ES – Workforce Solutions Panhandle, Amarillo, Texas
- 2023 LVER – John Willard, Fort Worth, Texas  
DVOP – Adam Colone, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
ES – Workforce Solutions of Central Texas, Relay, Texas

**Note:** The 2024 award recipients will not be announced until the 2025 national convention.



# Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons Award

## Description

This award is presented to posts, departments or outside organizations for projects or programs that improve hiring and retention of disabled Americans, especially veterans. It consists of an engraved shadow-box plaque bearing the recipient's name, award category, and facsimile signatures of the national commander and national adjutant along with the American Legion emblem.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Employment & Education Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 13 (October 2011)

**Note:** *Prior recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.*

## How awarded

Winners are announced at The American Legion's annual Washington Conference and awards are presented at the national convention.

## Criteria/conditions

1. Any American Legion project or program that improves the quality of life for disabled persons will be considered.
2. The chairman of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission may, however, change the number of winners and/or the amounts of the awards at any time.
3. Nominations may be made by posts, departments, Legionnaires or members of the disabled persons community.
4. All nomination entries for a given year must be submitted by Oct. 31 of that year.
5. All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form and must not be longer than two pages of narrative.
6. Completed nominations should be sent to the American Legion Veterans Employment & Education Commission in Washington, D.C., for judging.
7. The American Legion provides the Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons Award for companies and organizations that hire and retain disabled Americans, especially veterans.
8. The presentation of the award serves as an inspirational recognition of a company with a record of support and commitment to disabled persons through employment.
9. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for two days, two tickets to the National Commander's Banquet and lodging for one night in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expense incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
10. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons Award

## Recipients

1990	Post 6, San Diego Post 78, Milton, Fla. Post 371, Wellston, Ohio Post 1052, Chicago Post 526, Fairborn, Ohio Post 45, Hartville, Mich.	2003	None awarded
1991	Post 176, Springfield, Va. Post 135, Cookeville, Tenn. Post 78, Milton, Fla.	2004	None awarded
1992	Post 78, Milton, Fla. Post 41, Syracuse, N.Y.	2005	None awarded
1993	Post 17, Gallatin, Tenn. Post 6, San Diego Post 396, Geneva, N.Y.	2006	Association for Retarded/Disabled Persons, DeLand, Fla.
1994	Post 12, Yankton, S.D. Post 70, Oshkosh, Wis. Post 129, Toms River, N.J.	2007	Reach of Denton, Denton, Texas
1995	Post 17, Gallatin, Tenn. Post 144, Williston, N.Y. Post 74, St. Edward, Neb.	2008	Black Hills Service, Inc., Ellsworth AFB, S.D.
1996	Post 325, Danville, Va.	2009	Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Madison, Wis.
1997	Post 6, San Diego Post 45, Hartville, Mo. Post 252, Breese, Ill.	2010	Veterans Employment Development Center, Beverly Hills, Fla.
1998	None awarded	2011	Nancy L. Smith, Texas
1999	None awarded	2012	Precinct 2, Harris County, Highlands, Texas
2000	Post 8, Clifton, N.J.	2013	Sioux Steel Company, Inc., Sioux Falls, S.D.
2001	None awarded	2014	Bobby Dodd Institute, Atlanta
2002	None awarded	2015	Outdoor Freedom Network, Broadus, Texas
		2016	Lone Survivor Foundation, Houston
		2017	None awarded
		2018	Bobby Dodd Institute, Atlanta
		2019	Bobby Dodd Institute, Atlanta
		2020	Veteran Outdoors Inc., Georgetown, Texas
		2021	Grace After Fire, Houston
		2022	PRIDE Industries, Roseville, Calif.
		2023	Bobby Dodd Institute, Atlanta

**Note:** The 2024 award recipient will not be announced until the 2025 national convention.

# National Employer of Older Worker Award

## Description

This award is presented to a company that consistently hires older workers, especially veterans. It consists of an engraved shadow-box plaque bearing the recipient's name, award category, and facsimile signatures of the national commander and national adjutant along with the American Legion emblem.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Employment & Education Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 14, Oct. 12-13, 2011

**Note:** *Prior recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.*

## How awarded

By a duly designated national official of The American Legion at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The American Legion provides an Employer of Older Worker Award for a company that consistently hires older workers, especially veterans.
2. The presentation of the award serves as an inspirational recognition of a company with a record of support for, and commitment to, the hiring of America's older workers.
3. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for two days, two tickets to the National Commander's Banquet and lodging for one night in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expense incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# National Employer of Older Worker Award

## Recipients

2006	Columbus Hospice, Columbus, Ga.
2007	Holophane Company, Newark, Ohio
2008	Maule Air, Inc., Moultrie, Ga.
2009	Allen Corporation of American, Inc., Fairfax, Va.
2010	Point Security Company, Inc., Youngwood, Pa.
2011	Burditt Trucking, Columbus, Ga.
2012	AARP Foundation, South Atlanta, Ga.
2013	The Society of St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
2014	Sturdevant's Auto Parts, Sioux Falls, S.D.
2015	First Transit, Houston
2016	Ken's Super Fair Foods & Shell Express, Aberdeen, S.D.
2017	ESW Inc., Crown Point, Ind.
2018	Workforce Connection-Wise Title V, La Crosse, Wis.
2019	Harris Health System, Bellaire, Texas
2020	Lynden Air Cargo, LLC, Anchorage, Alaska
2021	Morris-Baker Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Johnson City, Tenn.
2022	Harris Health System, Bellaire, Texas
2023	None awarded

**Note:** The 2024 award recipient will not be announced until the 2025 national convention.

# Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award

## Description

This award is presented to the department with the most outstanding record of activities on behalf of homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. It consists of an engraved shadow-box plaque bearing the recipient's name, award category, and facsimile signatures of the national commander and national adjutant along with the American Legion emblem. This award was previously named the Homeless Veterans Outreach Award.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Employment & Education Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated in 2004 by the Veterans Employment & Education Commission. NEC Resolution No. 69 (August 2013) renamed the award.

## How awarded

Winners are announced at The American Legion's annual Washington Conference and the award is presented at the national convention.

## Criteria/conditions

1. Any American Legion project or program with a goal of ending homelessness among veterans will be considered.
2. The chairman of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission may, however, change the number of winners and/or the amounts of the awards at any time.
3. Nominations may be made by posts, departments, Legionnaires or members of The American Legion.
4. All nomination entries for a given year must be submitted on or before Jan. 15 of the following year.
5. All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form and provide supporting information requested in the nomination form.
6. Completed nominations should be sent to the American Legion Veterans Employment & Education Commission in Washington, D.C., for judging.
7. The American Legion provides the Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award to a department demonstrating involvement in homeless veteran initiatives that show outstanding support for activity in any or all of these areas: volunteerism, prevention, supportive housing, advocacy and fundraising.
8. The presentation of the award serves as an inspirational recognition of a department with a record of support and commitment to homeless veteran initiatives.
9. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for two days, two tickets to the National Commander's Banquet, and lodging for one night in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expense incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
10. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award

## Recipients

2004	Indiana
2005	Idaho
2006	Idaho
2007	Wisconsin
2008	Idaho
2009	Colorado
2010	Idaho
2011	Oregon
2012	Michigan
2013	Oregon
2014	New Jersey
2015	Georgia
2016	Nebraska
2017	New Jersey
2018	New Jersey
2019	New Jersey
2020	Ohio
2021	New Jersey
2022	New Jersey
2023	None awarded

**Note:** The 2024 award recipient will not be announced until the 2025 national convention.

# National Department History Contest Awards

## Description

This award is presented to the winning department of the annual department history contest under the direction of the national historian. Plaques with suitable inscriptions and certificates are awarded to first, second and third place winners at the discretion of the national historian.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, National Historian

## Authority

Inaugurated in 1930 by the National Executive Committee. NEC Resolution No. 9 (October 2012) superseded and rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 20 (October 2023).

**Note:** Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).

## How awarded

Presented by the national historian at the National Executive Committee's Fall Meetings or other appropriate venue

## Criteria/conditions

1. The national historian is authorized to conduct an annual department history contest.
2. The department history contest will consist of one digital entry per department.
3. The national historian is authorized \$1,000.00 for awards for the department contest and post showcase.
4. The rules and regulations for the department history contest are established and amended administratively by the national historian. These may be obtained from the Office of the National Historian in the Library of the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis and shall be distributed to all department adjutants and historians within 45 days of the appointment of the national historian.
5. The contest concludes prior to the end of the term of office of the national historian.
6. Every attempt will be made to have the showcase of hard-copy department histories displayed at the national convention and the results of the department digital history contest will be announced through American Legion media channels.
7. The awards become the property of the department.

# National Department History Contest Awards

## Recipients

1931	North Carolina	1997	Narrative – Maine Yearbook – West Virginia
1936	Hawaii	1998	Narrative – Georgia Yearbook – Ohio
1940	Indiana	1999	Narrative – Vermont Yearbook – South Dakota
1944	Texas	2000	Narrative – Vermont Yearbook – Ohio
1948	Alabama, New Jersey	2001	Narrative – None awarded Yearbook – Wisconsin
1952	Type I – Texas Type II – No eligible entries	2002	Narrative – South Dakota Yearbook – South Dakota
1956	Type I – Tennessee Type II – North Carolina	2003	Narrative – South Dakota Yearbook – Ohio
1960	Type I – Florida Type II – No entries	2004	Narrative – South Dakota Yearbook – Washington
1964	No eligible entries (1 entered – no winners)	2005	Narrative – South Dakota Yearbook – New Mexico
1969	Type I – Montana Type II – Florida	2006	Narrative – Texas Yearbook – Wisconsin
1974	Type I – Minnesota Type II – Maryland	2007	Narrative – South Dakota Yearbook – Ohio
1979	Narrative – Wisconsin Yearbook – Minnesota	2008	Narrative – Wisconsin Yearbook – Ohio
1984	Narrative – Virginia Yearbook – Kentucky	2009	Narrative – South Dakota Yearbook – Florida
1985	Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Wisconsin	2010	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Ohio
1986	Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Florida	2011	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Ohio
1987	Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Wisconsin	2012	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Ohio
1988	Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Florida	2013	Narrative – Pennsylvania Yearbook – North Carolina
1989	Narrative – Montana Yearbook – Wisconsin	2014	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Florida
1990	Narrative – Vermont Yearbook – Wisconsin	2015	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Nebraska
1991	Narrative – Vermont Yearbook – Wisconsin	2016	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Nebraska
1992	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Texas	2017	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Nebraska
1993	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Wisconsin	2018	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – North Carolina
1994	Narrative – Georgia Yearbook – Wisconsin		
1995	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Hawaii		
1996	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Washington		



2019	Narrative – North Carolina Yearbook – Missouri
2020	None awarded
2021	Narrative – Indiana Yearbook – Missouri
2022	Narrative – Indiana Yearbook – Missouri
2023	Narrative – Indiana Yearbook – Nebraska
2024	Digital – Missouri

# National Post History Contest Awards

## Description

This award is presented to the winning post in each submission category of the annual post history contest under the direction of the national historian. Plaques with suitable inscriptions and certificates are awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners at the discretion of the national historian.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters and the national historian

## Authority

Inaugurated in May 1928 by NEC approval of national historian report, revised by national historian in December 1948, revised by NEC Resolution No. 29 (October 1972) and amended by NEC approval of national historian report in October 1984. NEC Resolution No. 9 (October 2012) and all prior reports and resolutions superseded and rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 20 (October 2023)

**Note:** Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).

## How awarded

Presented by the national historian at the National Executive Committee's Fall Meetings or other appropriate venue

## Criteria/conditions

1. The national historian is authorized to conduct an annual post history showcase contest.
2. The post history showcase will consist of one hard-copy post and one digital post submission per department.
3. The national historian is authorized \$1,000 for awards for the department contest and post showcase.
4. The contest concludes prior to the end of the term of office of the national historian.
5. Every attempt will be made to have the showcase of hard-copy post histories displayed at the national convention and the showcase of digital post histories be made available online.
6. The awards become the property of the recipient.

# National Post History Contest Awards

## Recipients

1930	Ken-Bur-Bel Post 41, Norwalk, Ohio	1966	Type I – Lombard Post 391, Lombard, Ill. Type II – Churchmens Post 235, San Antonio
1933	Benewah Post 25, St. Maries, Idaho	1967	Type I – Vogel-Lee Post 47, Lake Worth, Fla. Type II – Churchmens Post 235, San Antonio
1934	Oscar B. Nelson Post 3, Ottumwa, Iowa	1968	Type I – David Wisted-Zenith City Post 28, Duluth, Minn. Type II – Churchmens Post 235, San Antonio
1935	Dorsey-Liberty Post 14, Lawrence, Kan.	1969	Type I – USS <i>Jacob Jones</i> , Post 2, Washington, D.C. Type II – Gardiner Post 188, Gardiner, Mont.
1937	Panama Canal Post 1, Ancon, Canal Zone	1970	Type I – Ballard Post 3, La Center, Ky. Type II – Churchmens Post 235, San Antonio
1938	Binghamton Post 80, Binghamton, N.Y.	1971	Type I – Tampa Women's Post 134, Tampa, Fla. Type II – Churchmens Post 235, San Antonio
1939	Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1, Denver	1972	Type I – Ballard Post 3, La Center, Ky. Type II – No entries
1941	Euclid Post 343, Euclid, Ohio	1973	Clifton Post 227, Clifton, Kan.
1942	Shades Valley Post 134, Homewood, Ala.	1974	Scherer Post 493, Jackson Center, Ohio
1943	Walter L. Bennett Post 71, Lamar, Colo.	1975	Fort Loramie Post 355, Fort Loramie, Ohio
1945	Gary Memorial Post 17, Gary, Ind.	1976	Jacob Coppus Post 258, Little Chute, Wis.
1946	Murray-Troutt Post 262, Audubon, N.J.	<i>Bicentennial Scrapbook</i> – Tirey J. Ford Post 21, Independence, Mo.	
1947	Elmhurst-Jackson Heights Post 298, Elmhurst, N.Y.	1977	History – Minneapolis-Richfield Post 435, Minneapolis Scrapbook – Luke-Greenway Post 1, Phoenix
1949	Type I – Huff-Minor Post 14, Ponca City, Okla. Type II – South Fort Worth Post 569, Texas	1978	History – Frank Freese Post 66, Edmonds, Wash. Scrapbook – Massapequa Post 1066, Massapequa, N.Y.
1950	Type I – Crosscup-Pishon Post 281, Boston Type II – Vining-Goodman Post 501, Macon, Ga.	1980	District/County Narrative - Oklahoma, District 5-A District/County Scrapbook – California, 22nd District
1951	Type I – John Low-Joe Smartt Post 53, Dallas Type II – Latin-American Post 495, Dallas	1981	Narrative – Women's Post 118, Norfolk, Va. Scrapbook – Women's Post 118, Norfolk, Va.
1953	Type I – William Minter Batjer Post 100, Rogers, Ark. Type II – Forty-Niners Post 49, Albuquerque, N.M.	1982	Narrative – Massapequa Post 1066, Massapequa, N.Y. Scrapbook – Montgomery Post 2, Montgomery, Ala.
1954	Type I – Elmhurst-Jackson Heights Post 298, Elmhurst, N.Y. Type II – No eligible entries	1983	Narrative – Rogers-Hinson Post 235, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.
1955	Type I – McDonough County Post 6, Macomb, Ill. Type II – Fifield Post 532, Fifield, Wis.	1985	Narrative – Frank Jarman Post 36, Chestertown, Md. Scrapbook – Paul E. Bolding Post 7, Gainesville, Ga.
1957	Type I – Lombard Post 391, Lombard, Ill. Type II – Grant-Staples Post 183, Brooks, Maine	1986	Narrative – Jane A. Delano Post 122, St. Petersburg, Fla. Scrapbook – Sioux Falls Post 15, Sioux Falls, S.D.
1958	Type I – Jane A. Delano Post 344, New York Type II – No eligible entries	1987	Narrative – No-Vel Post 159, Venice, Fla. Scrapbook – Young Americans Post 368, Newport News, Va.
1959	Type I – Joseph M. Neel Jr. Post 3, Macon, Ga. Type II – Stolley-Anderson Post 1022, Chicago		
1961	Type I – Otto Hendrickson Post 212, Park Rapids, Minn. Type II – Arthur Leonard Johnson Jr. Post 172, Warner Robins, Ga.		
1962	Type I – Wayne G. Austin Post 2, Newton, Kan. Type II – No entries		
1963	Type I – Lyle-Brester Post 50, College Park, Ga. Type II – Churchmens Post 235, San Antonio		
1965	Type I – Cedar Falls Post 237, Cedar Falls, Iowa Type II – Desert Hot Springs Post 763, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.		

# National Post History Contest Awards

## Recipients, continued

1988	Narrative – Antietam Post 236, Sharpsburg, Md. Scrapbook – Frierson-Nichols Post 8, Winterhaven, Fla.	2003	Narrative – Samuel G. Cooke Post 267, Columbus, Ga. Yearbook – Harris Dennis Post 151, Mellette, S.D.
1989	Narrative – Higby-Ogden-Soerens Post 345, Hingham, Wis. Scrapbook – Huntington Post 16, Huntington, W.Va.	2004	Narrative – Chattahoochee Post 251, Duluth, Ga. Yearbook – Hutchinson Post 96, Hutchinson, Minn.
1990	Narrative – H.W. Daniels Post 29, Elkins, W.Va. Scrapbook – Eugene McManus Post 238, DeWitt, Iowa	2005	Narrative – Manhasset Post 304, Manhasset, N.Y. Yearbook – Alois Dreikosen Post 469, Marathon, Wis.
1991	Narrative – Higby-Ogden-Soerens Post 345, Hingham, Wis. Yearbook – No-Vel Post 159, Venice, Fla.	2006	Narrative – Battlefield Post 214, Rossville, Ga. Yearbook – Alois Dreikosen Post 469, Marathon, Wis.
1992	Narrative – Colonial Heights Post 284, Colonial Heights, Va. Yearbook – Winfield Post 10, Winfield, Kan.	2007	Narrative – Sykesville Memorial Post 223, Sykesville, Md. Yearbook – Landt-Thiel Post 470, Saukville, Wis.
1993	Narrative – Hartford Post 26, White River Junction, Vt. Yearbook – Paul E. Bolding Post 7, Gainesville, Ga.	2008	Narrative – Landt-Thiel Post 470, Saukville, Wis. Yearbook – Matthews-Crawford Post 131, Warrensburg, Mo.
1994	Narrative – Peter Smith Post 327, Shawnee, Kan. Yearbook – Alonzo F. Dexter Post 101, Clay Center, Kan.	2009	Narrative – No-Vel Post 159, Venice, Fla. Yearbook – Ontario Post 67, Ontario, Ore.
1995	Narrative – Hartford Post 26, White River Junction, Vt. Yearbook – Kirby Stewart Post 24, Bradenton, Fla.	2010	Narrative – Frank B. Bartlett Post 7, Buckhannon, W.Va. Yearbook – Matthews-Crawford Post 131, Warrensburg, Mo.
1996	Narrative – Jane A. Delano Post 122, St. Petersburg, Fla. Yearbook – Sackett-Merrill-White Post 575, Bergen, N.Y.	2011	Narrative – Matthews-Crawford Post 131, Warrensburg, Mo. Yearbook – Lt. J.L. Shryer Post 430, Durant, Iowa
1997	Narrative – Clinton Post 259, Clinton, Md. Yearbook – Jim Leonard Post 8, Lexington, N.C.	2012	Narrative – Marshall S. Sayner Post 341, Bella Vista, Ark. Yearbook – Adams Township Post 553, Toledo, Ohio
1998	Narrative – Port Charlotte Post 110, Port Charlotte, Fla. Yearbook – Windcrest Post 612, San Antonio	2013	Narrative – Pony Express Post 359, St. Joseph, Mo. Yearbook – Bella Vista Post 341, Bella Vista, Ark.
1999	Narrative – Women's Post 118, Norfolk, Va. Yearbook – Santiam Post 51, Lebanon, Ore.	2014	Narrative – Pony Express Post 359, St. Joseph, Mo. Yearbook – Alois Dreikosen Post 469, Marathon, Wis.
2000	Narrative – Ibell-Jacobson-Smith Post 61, Deep River, Ct. Yearbook – C.B. Dowdell Post 558, Americus, Ga.	2015	Narrative – Banks Post 90, Banks, Ore. Yearbook – Carroll Post 143, Carrollton, Ga.
2001	Narrative – Ibell-Jacobson-Smith Post 61, Deep River, Conn. Yearbook – Rosetown Memorial Post 542, Roseville, Minn.	2016	Narrative – Pony Express Post 359, St. Joseph, Mo. Yearbook – Julius L. Shryer Post 430, Durant, Iowa
2002	Narrative – Missing Man Post 667, Universal City, Texas Yearbook – Earl Collier Post 153, Olathe, Kan.	2017	Narrative – Pony Express Post 359, St. Joseph, Mo. Yearbook – Mukwonago Community Post 375, Mukwonago, Wis.
		2018	Narrative – Frierson-Nichols Post 8, Winter Haven, Fla. Yearbook – Women Veterans of Southwest Missouri Post 1214, Ozark, Mo.
		2019	Narrative – Carroll Post 143, Carrollton, Ga. Yearbook – Lt. Julius L. Shryer Post 430, Durant, Iowa
		2020	None awarded
		2021	Narrative – Frierson-Nichols Post No. 8, Winter Haven, Fla. Yearbook – Julius L. Shryer Post 430, Durant, Iowa

- 2022 Narrative – Augustus Ruser Jr. Post 273,  
Madeira Beach, Fla.  
Yearbook – Julius L. Shryer, Post 430, Durant, Iowa
- 2023 Narrative – Pony Express Post 359, St. Joseph, Mo.  
Yearbook – Women Veterans of Southwest Missouri  
Post 1214, Springfield, Mo.
- 2024 Digital - Pony Express Post 359, St. Joseph, Mo.

# Distinguished Public Service Award

## Description

This award is presented to a public servant in recognition of contributions to legislation on behalf of veterans and service members. It consists of a bronze plaque bearing the American Legion emblem and an engraving of the recipients' name, a suitable citation, and facsimile signatures of the national commander and the national adjutant.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, National Legislative Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated in 1962 by the National Legislative Commission.

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander with the advice and the consent of the National Commander's Advisory Committee at the time of the annual Washington Conference or at such times and places as may be consistent and appropriate

## Criteria/conditions

1. Award is given to a public servant in recognition of his or her contributions to legislation on behalf of veterans and servicemembers.
2. The awardee is determined by the National Legislative Commission.
3. The award is to become the property of the recipient.

# Distinguished Public Service Award

## Recipients

1962	None awarded	1996	Sen. Robert “Bob” Dole, Kansas
1963	Rep. Carl Vinson, Georgia		Sen. Orrin Hatch, Utah
1964	None awarded (See note under Authority)		Rep. Gerald “Terry” B. H. Solomon, New York
1965	None awarded	1997	Rep. Henry J. Hyde, Illinois
1966	Rep. Olin Teague, Texas	1998	Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, Maine
1967	Sen. Everett Dirksen, Illinois	1999	Sen. John W. Warner, Virginia
1968	Rep. John McCormack, Massachusetts	2000	Sen. Larry E. Craig, Idaho
1969	None awarded		Sen. Robert C. Byrd, West Virginia
1970	None awarded	2001	Rep. Robert “Bob” L. Stump, Arizona
1971	None awarded	2002	Rep. Benjamin “Ben” A. Gilman, New York
1972	Rep. Leslie Arends, Illinois	2003	Rep. Randy “Duke” Cunningham, California
1973	Rep. George Mahon, Texas		Rep. John P. Murtha, Pennsylvania
1974	Rep. F. Edward Hebert, Alabama	2004	Rep. Christopher H. Smith, New Jersey
1975	Sen. Strom Thurmond, South Carolina	2005	Sen. Harry Reid, Nevada
1976	None awarded		Rep. Michael Bilirakis, Florida
1977	Sen. Henry “Scoop” Jackson, Washington	2006	Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Texas
1978	Rep. Joe Waggonner, Louisiana	2007	Sen. Dianne Feinstein, California
1979	Rep. Ray Roberts, Texas	2008	Rep. Chet Edwards, Texas
	Sen. Alan Cranston, California	2009	Sen. Charles “Chuck” Grassley, Iowa
1980	Rep. Thomas “Tip” O’Neill, Massachusetts	2010	Rep. C.W. “Bill” Young, Florida
1981	Rep. Jack Kemp, New York	2011	Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, Hawaii
1982	Sen. John Tower, Texas	2012	Rep. Bob Filner, California
1983	Rep. Bob Michel, Illinois	2013	Sen. Jim Webb, Virginia
1984	Sen. Howard Baker, Tennessee	2014	Rep. Jeff Miller, Chairman, House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, Florida
1985	Rep. Jim Wright, Texas	2015	Secretary of Defense Ashton B. Carter
1986	Rep. Neal Smith, Iowa	2016	Sen. Johnny Isakson, Georgia
1987	Rep. Jamie Whitten, Mississippi	2017	Sen. John McCain, Arizona
1988	Rep. Edward Boland, Massachusetts	2018	Rep. Phil Roe, Tennessee
1989	Rep. G. V. “Sonny” Montgomery, Mississippi	2019	Sen. Jon Tester, Utah
1990	Rep. Bob Traxler, Michigan	2020	Rep. Mac Thornberry, Texas
1991	Sen. Sam Nunn, Georgia	2021	Rep. Julia Brownley, California
1992	Sen. Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania	2022	Sen. Joni Ernst, Iowa
1993	Sen. John Glenn, Ohio	2023	Rep. Raul Ruiz, California
1994	Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Maryland	2024	Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Minnesota
1995	Rep. Bob Livingston, Louisiana		

# The Arthur D. Houghton Sons of The American Legion Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the top detachments among five (5) categories who attain the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year's membership by January 1. It consists of a 23-inch metal trophy with an eagle on top and mounted to an ivory base with an inscription stating, "The Arthur D. Houghton Sons of The American Legion Trophy." This trophy remains at National Headquarters. Winning detachments receive a laminated photograph of the trophy mounted to a wood plaque. This award is honor of Arthur D. Houghton for his contributions to the organization.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Authority

Established in May 1941 report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee, as approved by the National Executive Committee. Amended by Resolution No. 25 (May 1966) reestablishing criteria. Amended by Resolution No. 15 (October 1976) redefining award categories. Subsequent reports and resolutions expanded the categories in 1982 and 1999.

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the Sons of The American Legion national commander at the national convention to qualifying detachments in each of five (5) membership categories established by the National Membership & Post Activities Committee.

## Criteria/conditions

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters. A suitable laminated plaque containing a photograph of the trophy will be awarded to and retained by the winning department. Announcement of the award is to be made at each national convention.
2. Said trophy is to be awarded annually to that detachment of Sons of The American Legion in each of five membership categories, which on Jan. 1 of each year has attained the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year's total membership. (By action of the NEC May 1966, detachments to become eligible for award of said trophy must have a minimum membership of 200 for the previous year.) Previously awarded to the top detachment attaining the highest percentage of membership over the preceding year's membership.

\*Effective with the 1976 membership year, two categories, two awards.

\*Effective with the 1982 membership year, three categories, three awards.

\*Effective with the 1999 membership year, five categories, five awards:

Category I – 200-1,000 members

Category II – 1,001-3,000 members

Category III – 3,001-6,000 members

Category IV – 6,001-12,000 members

Category V – 12,001 or more members

3. Details may be found in the *SAL Squadron Handbook*.
4. The award becomes the property of the detachment.



# The Arthur D. Houghton Sons of The American Legion Trophy

## Recipients

1941	Utah	1978	Category I – Nebraska Category II – New York
1942	Hawaii	1979	Category I – New Hampshire Category II – Michigan
1943	Rhode Island	1980	Category I – New Hampshire Category II – Michigan
1944	France	1981	Category I – Georgia Category II – Ohio
1945	Washington	1982	Category I – Kansas Category II – Florida Category III – Ohio
1946	France	1983	Category I – West Virginia Category II – Texas Category III – New York
1947	Louisiana	1984	Category I – Georgia Category II – New Hampshire Category III – Pennsylvania
1948	Montana	1985	Category I – Arizona Category II – Nebraska Category III – None Qualified
1949	Oklahoma	1986	Category I – Georgia Category II – New Hampshire Category III – New York
1950	Indiana	1987	Category I – Tennessee Category II – New Hampshire Category III – Ohio
1951	Oklahoma	1988	Category I – Vermont Category II – Virginia Category III – Pennsylvania
1952	Texas	1989	Category I – North Carolina Category II – Kentucky Category III – New York
1953	New Jersey	1990	Category I – Vermont Category II – Missouri Category III – Pennsylvania
1954	Illinois	1991	Category I – Rhode Island Category II – Georgia Category III – Pennsylvania
1955	Maryland	1992	Category I – New Mexico Category II – Massachusetts Category III – Pennsylvania
1956	Illinois		
1957	Indiana		
1958	Indiana		
1959	Ohio		
1960	Massachusetts		
1961	Ohio		
1962	Philippines		
1963	Ohio		
1964	Kentucky		
1965	Ohio		
1966	Missouri		
1967	Connecticut		
1968	Massachusetts		
1969	Minnesota		
1970	Minnesota		
1971	Indiana		
1972	Wisconsin		
1973	Kentucky		
1974	Indiana		
1975	Florida		
1976	Category I – Kentucky Category II – Maryland		
1977	Category I – New Hampshire Category II – Michigan		

# The Arthur D. Houghton Sons of The American Legion Trophy

## Recipients, continued

1993	Category I – New Mexico Category II – Colorado Category III – Pennsylvania	2004	Category I – South Dakota Category II – Delaware Category III – Arizona Category IV – California Category V – Pennsylvania
1994	Category I – Arkansas Category II – West Virginia Category III – Pennsylvania	2005	Category I – South Dakota Category II – Delaware Category III – Arizona Category IV – California Category V – Pennsylvania
1995	Category I – South Carolina Category II – Massachusetts Category III – Pennsylvania	2006	Category I – North Dakota Category II – Alabama Category III – Arizona Category IV – California Category V – Pennsylvania
1996	Category I – North Carolina Category II – Georgia Category III – Pennsylvania	2007	Category I – Arkansas Category II – Iowa Category III – Georgia Category IV – California Category V – Pennsylvania
1997	Category I – North Carolina Category II – Georgia Category III – Texas	2008	Category I – Rhode Island Category II – New Mexico Category III – Arizona Category IV – Florida Category V – Pennsylvania
1998	Category I – Iowa Category II – North Carolina Category III – Pennsylvania	2009	Category I – Mississippi Category II – Louisiana Category III – Wisconsin Category IV – Minnesota Category V – Pennsylvania
1999	Category I – Oklahoma Category II – Georgia Category III – California Category IV – Illinois Category V – Pennsylvania	2010	Category I – Mississippi Category II – Wyoming Category III – Missouri Category IV – California Category V – Pennsylvania
2000	Category I – South Carolina Category II – West Virginia Category III – Georgia Category IV – Florida Category V – Pennsylvania	2011	Category I – Montana Category II – Tennessee Category III – Wisconsin Category IV – California Category V – Florida
2001	Category I – South Carolina Category II – Washington Category III – Georgia Category IV – Florida Category V – Pennsylvania	2012	Category I – Montana Category II – Tennessee Category III – Wisconsin
2002	Category I – Wyoming Category II – Vermont Category III – Georgia Category IV – Minnesota Category V – Pennsylvania		
2003	Category I – Montana Category II – Iowa Category III – Texas Category IV – Florida Category V – Pennsylvania		

	Category IV – California		
	Category V – Florida		
2013	Category I – Montana	2021	Category I – South Dakota
	Category II – Louisiana		Category II – North Carolina
	Category III – Iowa		Category III – Wisconsin
	Category IV – California		Category IV – Nebraska
	Category V – Florida		Category V – Florida
2014	Category I – Utah	2022	Category I – South Dakota
	Category II – Oregon		Category II – Washington
	Category III – Iowa		Category III – Massachusetts
	Category IV – Arizona		Category IV – New Hampshire
	Category V – Florida	2023	Category I – South Dakota
2015	Category I – Oklahoma		Category II – West Virginia
	Category II – Wyoming		Category III – Georgia
	Category III – Massachusetts		Category IV – Arizona
	Category IV – Minnesota		Category V – Michigan
	Category V – Florida	2024	Category I – Idaho
2016	Category I – Nevada		Category II – New Mexico
	Category II – North Carolina		Category III – Wisconsin
	Category III – Missouri		Category IV – Arizona
	Category IV – New Jersey		Category V – Florida
	Category V – Michigan		
2017	Category I – Nevada		
	Category II – North Carolina		
	Category III – Missouri		
	Category IV – New Jersey		
	Category V – Michigan		
2018	Category I – Nevada		
	Category II – Alabama		
	Category III – Colorado		
	Category IV – Arizona		
	Category V – Michigan		
2019	Category I – Mississippi		
	Category II – North Carolina		
	Category III – Wisconsin		
	Category IV – Arizona		
	Category V – Florida		
2020	Category I – South Dakota		
	Category II – Alabama		
	Category III – Iowa		
	Category IV – Arizona		
	Category V – Florida		

# General Henri Gouraud Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the department that is first to achieve its national membership goal. The trophy consists of a silver-plated trophy with urn design handles and a top piece. The engraved inscription reads: "Le Representant du Gouvernement de la Republique Francaise a L'American Legion, Boston, 8 October 1930, General Gouraud." This trophy remains at National Headquarters. Winning departments receive a laminated photograph of the trophy mounted to a wood plaque. This award is named in honor of General Henri Gouraud, a distinguished French military leader and honorary member of The American Legion, who presented the original trophy cup to The American Legion.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Authority

Inauguration in 1930 by the National Committee on Trophies and Awards. NEC Resolution No. 15 (May 1974) reestablished award categories.

**Note:** Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative at the national convention to qualifying departments in each of six (6) categories established by the National Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Criteria/conditions

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters. A suitable laminated plaque containing a photograph of the trophy will be awarded to and retained by the winning department. Announcement of the award is to be made at each national convention.
2. Said trophy to be awarded annually to the department in each of six (6) categories established by the National Membership & Post Activities Committee that is first to attain or exceed its nationally assigned membership quota.\*
3. All departments whose membership is equal to or above the membership of the smallest department in the continental United States shall be recognized in this award.

\* The size of the departments outside and within the continental limits of the United States, for comparative purposes, shall be determined by the immediately preceding full calendar year's membership for all departments concerned.

# General Henri Gouraud Trophy

## Recipients

1931	Rhode Island	1971	North Dakota	1983	Category I – None qualified
1932	Hawaii	1972	North Dakota		Category II – Maryland
1933	Tennessee	1973	North Dakota		Category III – Virginia
1934	Nevada	1974	North Dakota		Category IV – Vermont
1935	North Dakota	1975	Category I – Minnesota		Category V – Arkansas
1936	Delaware		Category II – Nebraska	1984	Category I – Florida
1937	Georgia		Category III – North Dakota		Category II – Maryland
1938	Wisconsin		Category IV – Vermont		Category III – Virginia
1939	Georgia		Category V – Nevada		Category IV – Vermont
1940	Arkansas	1976	Category I – Minnesota		Category V – Arkansas
1941	Arkansas		Category II – Nebraska	1985	Category I – Florida
1942	Arkansas		Category III – North Dakota		Category II – Maryland
1943	Alabama		Category IV – Arizona		Category III – Washington
1944	North Carolina		Category V – Wyoming		Category IV – Arizona
1945	North Carolina	1977	Category I – Minnesota		Category V – Nevada
1946	North Carolina		Category II – Nebraska	1986	Category I – Florida
1947	Nevada		Category III – South Dakota		Category II – Maryland
1948	North Dakota		Category IV – Vermont		Category III – Arizona
1949	North Dakota	1978	Category V – Idaho		Category IV – Maine
1950	North Dakota		Category I – Minnesota		Category V – District of Columbia
1951	North Dakota		Category II – Nebraska	1987	Category I – None qualified
1952	North Dakota		Category III – North Dakota		Category II – Florida
1953	Louisiana		Category IV – Arizona		Category III – None qualified
1954	North Dakota and Louisiana (tie)	1979	Category V – Idaho		Category IV – North Dakota
1955	North Dakota		Category I – Ohio		Category V – Alabama
1956	North Dakota		Category II – Florida		Category VI – Philippines
1957	North Dakota		Category III – Virginia	1988	Category I – Ohio
1958	North Dakota		Category IV – Arizona		Category II – Wisconsin
1959	North Dakota		Category V – Arkansas		Category III – Nebraska
1960	North Dakota	1980	Category I – Minnesota		Category IV – Maine
1961	North Dakota		Category II – Florida		Category V – South Carolina
1962	North Dakota and South Dakota (tie)		Category III – Virginia		Category VI – District of Columbia
1963	North Dakota		Category IV – Arizona	1989	Category I – Ohio
1964	North Dakota		Category V – Arkansas		Category II – Maryland
1965	North Dakota	1981	Category I – Ohio		Category III – Kansas
1966	North Dakota		Category II – Florida		Category IV – Connecticut
1967	North Dakota		Category III – Virginia		Category V – Oregon
1968	North Dakota	1982	Category IV – Vermont		Category VI – Delaware
1969	North Dakota		Category V – Arkansas	1990	Category I – Ohio
1970	North Dakota				Category II – Maryland
					Category III – Virginia
					Category IV – Connecticut

# General Henri Gouraud Trophy

## Recipients, continued

1991	Category V – Puerto Rico	1998	Category I – None qualified	2005	Category III – None qualified
	Category VI – Delaware		Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified
	Category I – Ohio		Category III – Georgia		Category V – Delaware
	Category II – Wisconsin		Category IV – Maine		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category III – Virginia		Category V – Rhode Island		Category I – None qualified
	Category IV – Connecticut		Category VI – Nevada		Category II – None qualified
1992	Category V – Vermont	1999	Category I – None qualified	2006	Category III – None qualified
	Category VI – Delaware		Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified
	Category I – Florida		Category III – Virginia		Category V – Delaware
	Category II – Wisconsin		Category IV – Kentucky		Category VI – None qualified
	Category III – Kansas		Category V – South Carolina		Category I – None qualified
	Category IV – South Dakota		Category VI – Alaska and		Category II – None qualified
1993	Category V – New Mexico	2000	Category I – None qualified	2007	Category III – None qualified
	Category VI – Delaware		Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified
	Category I – Ohio		Category III – Georgia		Category V – None qualified
	Category II – Wisconsin		Category IV – Arizona and		Category VI – None qualified
	Category III – Virginia		Category V – None qualified		Category I – None qualified
	Category IV – South Dakota		Category VI – Alaska and		Category II – None qualified
1994	Category V – Colorado	2001	Category I – Florida	2008	Category III – None qualified
	Category VI – Idaho		Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified
	Category I – Indiana		Category III – Georgia		Category V – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category IV – Arizona		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category III – None qualified		Category V – Alabama and		Category I – None qualified
	Category IV – None qualified		Category VI – Nevada		Category II – None qualified
1995	Category V – Idaho	2002	Category I – None qualified	2009	Category III – None qualified
	Category VI – Delaware		Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified
	Category I – None qualified		Category III – Georgia		Category V – Maine
	Category II – None qualified		Category IV – Arizona		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category III – None qualified		Category V – Alabama and		Category I – None qualified
	Category IV – None qualified		Category VI – Delaware		Category II – None qualified
1996	Category V – None qualified	2003	Category I – None qualified	2010	Category III – None qualified
	Category VI – None qualified		Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified
	Category I – None qualified		Category III – Georgia and		Category V – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified		Category VI – None qualified
	Category III – None qualified		Category V – Delaware		Category I – None qualified
	Category IV – Arizona		Category VI – None qualified		Category II – None qualified
1997	Category V – Idaho	2004	Category I – None qualified	2011	Category III – None qualified
	Category VI – Delaware		Category II – None qualified		Category IV – Kentucky
	Category I – None qualified		Category III – Georgia and		
	Category II – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified		
	Category III – None qualified		Category V – Delaware		
	Category IV – Arizona		Category VI – None qualified		
1998	Category V – Rhode Island	2005	Category I – None qualified	2006	Category II – None qualified
	Category VI – Nevada		Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category I – None qualified		Category III – Georgia		Category IV – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category IV – Arizona and		Category V – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia		Category V – None qualified		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category IV – Maine		Category VI – Alaska and		Category I – None qualified
1999	Category V – Rhode Island	2006	Category I – None qualified	2007	Category II – None qualified
	Category VI – Nevada		Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category I – None qualified		Category III – Georgia		Category IV – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category IV – Arizona and		Category V – None qualified
	Category III – Virginia		Category V – None qualified		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category IV – Kentucky		Category VI – Alaska and		Category I – None qualified
2000	Category V – South Carolina	2007	Category I – Florida	2008	Category II – None qualified
	Category VI – Alaska and		Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Nevada (tie)		Category III – Georgia		Category IV – None qualified
	Category I – None qualified		Category IV – Arizona		Category V – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category V – Alabama and		Category VI – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia		Category VI – Nevada		Category I – None qualified
2001	Category IV – Arizona and	2009	Category I – None qualified	2010	Category II – None qualified
	South Carolina (tie)		Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category V – None qualified		Category III – Georgia		Category IV – None qualified
	Category VI – Alaska and		Category IV – Arizona		Category V – Maine
	Nevada (tie)		Category V – Alabama and		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category I – Florida		Category VI – Delaware		Category I – None qualified
2002	Category II – None qualified	2011	Category I – None qualified	2012	Category II – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia		Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category IV – Arizona		Category III – Georgia and		Category IV – None qualified
	Category V – Alabama and		Category IV – None qualified		Category V – None qualified
	Colorado (tie)		Category V – Delaware		Category VI – None qualified
	Category VI – Nevada		Category VI – None qualified		Category I – None qualified
2003	Category I – None qualified	2012	Category I – None qualified	2013	Category II – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia and		Category III – Georgia and		Category IV – None qualified
	Arizona (tie)		Category IV – None qualified		Category V – None qualified
	Category IV – None qualified		Category V – Delaware		Category VI – None qualified
	Category V – Delaware		Category VI – None qualified		Category I – None qualified
2004	Category I – None qualified	2013	Category I – None qualified	2014	Category II – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia		Category III – Georgia		Category IV – None qualified
	Category IV – Arizona		Category IV – Arizona		Category V – None qualified
	Category V – Rhode Island		Category V – Rhode Island		Category VI – None qualified
	Category VI – Utah		Category VI – Utah		Category I – None qualified

	Category V – None qualified		Category V – West Virginia
	Category VI – None qualified		Category VI – France
2012	Category I – None qualified	2019	Category I – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category II – California
	Category III – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category IV – None qualified		Category IV – None qualified
	Category V – None qualified		Category V – Alabama
	Category VI – None qualified		Category VI – France
2013	Category I – Florida	2020	Category I – None qualified
	Category II – Michigan		Category II – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia		Category III – None qualified
	Category IV – North Carolina		Category IV – North Carolina
	Category V – Tennessee		Category V – Colorado
	Category VI – Rhode Island and Utah (tie)	2021	Category I – None qualified
2014	Category I – None qualified		Category II – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category III – None qualified		Category IV – North Carolina
	Category IV – None qualified		Category V – None qualified
	Category V – Colorado		Category VI – None qualified
	Category VI – France	2022	Category I – None qualified
2015	Category I – None qualified		Category II – Ohio
	Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia		Category IV – North Carolina
	Category IV – None qualified		Category V – None qualified
	Category V – None qualified		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category VI – None qualified	2023	Category I – None qualified
2016	Category I – None qualified		Category II – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category III – None qualified
	Category III – Georgia		Category IV – None qualified
	Category IV – None qualified		Category V – None qualified
	Category V – None qualified		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category VI – None qualified	2024	Category I – Florida
2017	Category I – None qualified		Category II – None qualified
	Category II – None qualified		Category III – Maryland
	Category III – None qualified		Category IV – Virginia
	Category IV – None qualified		Category V – Colorado
	Category V – None qualified		Category VI – Puerto Rico
	Category VI – Idaho		
2018	Category I – None qualified		
	Category II – None qualified		
	Category III – Wisconsin		
	Category IV – None qualified		



# General John J. Pershing Honor Award

## Description

This award is presented to the department with the greatest percentage of posts receiving the Post Honor Ribbon. It consists of a plaque with the inscription “General John J. Pershing Honor Award.” This award is honor of Gen. John J. Pershing, who was a founder of the organization in 1919.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 27 (November 1948)

## How awarded

Presented to the winning department at national convention by the national commander or duly appointed representative

## Criteria/conditions

1. To be awarded annually to that department having the greatest percentage of posts receiving the Honor Ribbon for having 100%, or more, of the post's previous year's membership enrolled for the coming year by Dec. 31.
2. The original award is a blue silk banner with the gold lettering inscription “General John J. Pershing Honor Award – American Legion,” in gold lettering, is kept at National Headquarters.
3. A plaque is presented to the commander of the winning department at the national convention.
4. All departments outside the continental limits of the United States whose membership is equal to or above the membership of the smallest department in continental United States shall be recognized in this award. The size of the departments outside and within the continental limits of the United States, for comparative purposes, shall be determined by the immediately preceding full calendar year's membership for all departments concerned.
5. The plaque becomes the property of the department.



# General John J. Pershing Honor Award

## Recipients

1949	Mississippi	1987	Alaska
1950	Alaska	1988	Utah
1951	Mississippi	1989	Louisiana
1952	Iowa	1990	Mississippi
1953	Iowa	1991	Puerto Rico
1954	Iowa	1992	Oklahoma
1955	Iowa	1993	Utah
1956	Iowa	1994	Idaho
1957	Louisiana	1995	Delaware
1958	North Dakota	1996	Idaho
1959	Louisiana	1997	Idaho
1960	Louisiana	1998	Vermont
1961	North Dakota	1999	Vermont
1962	Louisiana	2000	New Hampshire
1963	North Dakota	2001	New Hampshire
1964	Iowa	2002	Utah
1965	Iowa	2003	Wisconsin
1966	Mississippi	2004	Tennessee
1967	Iowa	2005	Kentucky
1968	Iowa	2006	Wyoming
1969	Iowa	2007	Texas
1970	Iowa	2008	Nevada
1971	Iowa	2009	Wyoming
1972	Louisiana	2010	North Dakota
1973	Louisiana	2011	Vermont
1974	Louisiana	2012	Kentucky
1975	Kansas	2013	Minnesota
1976	West Virginia	2014	South Dakota
1977	Louisiana	2015	South Dakota
1978	Idaho	2016	North Dakota
1979	Louisiana	2017	Kentucky
1980	Iowa	2018	District of Columbia
1981	California	2019	Kentucky
1982	California	2020	District of Columbia
1983	Kansas	2021	Utah
1984	Wisconsin	2022	France
1985	Wisconsin	2023	Wisconsin
1986	Mississippi	2024	France

# Henry D. Lindsley Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to the department that attains the highest percentage of membership by March 31. It consists of a silver-plated trophy cup with handles mounted to a base with the inscription "Henry D. Lindsley Trophy." A plaque with a laminated photograph of the trophy is presented to the winning department. This award is honor of Henry D. Lindsley, who was named chairman to lead the organization until a national commander could be elected at the first national convention in November in Minneapolis.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 46 (May 1962)

**Note:** Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the winning department at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters. A suitable laminated plaque containing a photograph of the trophy will be awarded to and retained by the winning department. Announcement of the award is to be made at each national convention.
2. Said trophy is to be awarded annually to that department which on March 31 attains the highest percentage of membership as compared with the total number of members in said department on Dec. 31 of the preceding year. (This condition became effective in 1963. The trophy was previously awarded on the same basis, except that March 1 was the determining date).
3. The membership of the department to be used in the calculations of the comparative percentage above referred is to be taken from the books of the national treasurer on the dates foresaid.
4. The departments of Latin America, France and Philippines shall not be eligible for the trophy unless their memberships shall be greater than the membership of that department of the remaining departments having the least membership.
5. The award becomes the property of the department.

# Henry D. Lindsley Trophy

## Recipients

1924	Florida	1958	Nevada	1992	Delaware
1925	Florida	1959	Louisiana	1993	Colorado
1926	Idaho	1960	North Dakota	1994	Idaho
1927	Florida	1961	Louisiana	1995	North Dakota
1928	Wisconsin	1962	Nevada	1996	Delaware
1929	Hawaii	1963	Utah	1997	Utah
1930	Arkansas	1964	Ohio	1998	Maine
1931	Rhode Island	1965	Louisiana	1999	South Dakota
1932	Hawaii	1966	Mississippi	2000	Delaware
1933	Tennessee	1967	Hawaii	2001	Delaware
1934	Nevada	1968	Kansas	2002	Delaware
1935	North Dakota	1969	Louisiana	2003	Delaware
1936	Delaware	1970	Arkansas	2004	Delaware
1937	Tennessee	1971	Delaware	2005	District of Columbia
1938	Wisconsin	1972	Louisiana	2006	France
1939	Arkansas	1973	North Dakota	2007	Nevada
1940	Idaho	1974	Nevada	2008	Delaware
1941	North Carolina	1975	Ohio	2009	None awarded
1942	North Carolina	1976	Utah	2010	None awarded
1943	North Carolina	1977	Idaho	2011	None awarded
1944	Alabama	1978	Arizona	2012	None awarded
1945	North Carolina	1979	Florida	2013	None awarded
1946	Nebraska	1980	France	2014	None awarded
1947	Minnesota	1981	Florida	2015	None awarded
1948	Arkansas	1982	Florida	2016	None awarded
1949	Louisiana	1983	Alaska	2017	None awarded
1950	Montana	1984	Wisconsin	2018	None awarded
1951	Minnesota	1985	Nevada	2019	Oklahoma
1952	Louisiana	1986	District of Columbia	2020	North Carolina
1953	Louisiana	1987	Delaware	2021	Utah
1954	Hawaii	1988	South Dakota	2022	None awarded
1955	Minnesota	1989	South Dakota	2023	Puerto Rico
1956	Minnesota	1990	South Dakota	2024	Puerto Rico
1957	Louisiana	1991	West Virginia		

# The American Legion National Recruiter of the Year Award

## Description

This award is given to the individual deemed the top national recruiter for recruiting the most new members in the membership year. The award consists of items as described in the *National Membership Awards Points Guide*.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Authority

Inaugurated in 1987 by the National Membership & Post Activities Committee. NEC Resolution No. 3 (October 2011)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the top national recruiter at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The individual certified with the highest number of new members recruited from among all the departments will be declared National Membership Recruiter of the Year. Department adjutants must nominate top recruiters on or before the last day of May.
2. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for six days, two tickets to National Commander's Banquet and lodging for five nights in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient to receive the award at the national convention.
3. The American Legion will provide round-trip coach airfare for one guest but will provide no incidental expenses or expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
4. Monetary awards will be presented to the next highest 26 individuals:
  - a. One \$1,000 check
  - b. 10 \$150 award checks (third place)
  - c. 15 \$100 award checks (fourth place)
5. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion National Recruiter of the Year Award

## Recipients

1987	William Wesley, California	2006	Dr. Frank H. Carr, Virginia
1988	Donald E. Linberg, Arizona	2007	Dr. Frank H. Carr, Virginia
1989	Lloyd Holman	2008	Dr. Frank H. Carr, Virginia
1990	John Koval, Florida	2009	R.V. Martin, Mississippi
1991	Donald A. Summers, Florida	2010	Nathaniel King, Georgia
1992	Joe Chilelli, California	2011	Nathaniel King, Georgia
1993	Joe Chilelli, California	2012	Dr. Frank H. Carr, Virginia
1994	Kerwin Bradford, Texas	2013	Edgar J. Johnson, Georgia
1995	Joe Chilelli, California	2014	Robert J. Ouellette Sr., Maryland
1996	Joe Chilelli, California	2015	Edgar J. Johnson, Georgia
1997	Joe Chilelli, California	2016	Patricia E. Liddell, Georgia
1998	Clarence Short, Virginia	2017	Patricia E. Liddell, Georgia
1999	Joe Chilelli, California	2018	David L. Witucki, Texas
2000	K.W. Ohl, Indiana	2019	Charles T. "Abe" Abrahamson, Idaho
2001	Harold Van Dyke, Virginia	2020	David L. Witucki, Texas
2002	W. Gene Franks, Alaska	2021	Martha A. Bigbie, Utah
2003	Walter Saffold, Georgia	2022	Patricia E. Liddell, Georgia
2004	Nathaniel King, Georgia	2023	Patricia E. Liddell, Georgia
2005	James C. Topps, Michigan	2024	Patricia E. Liddell, Georgia

# Jerry L. Hedrick Membership Award

## Description

This award is given to the department with the highest percentage of members over the preceding year's totals as of March 31. It consists of a silver-plated trophy cup with handles mounted to a base. The inscription states, "Jerry L. Hedrick Membership Award, presented to the department outside of the United States attaining the highest percentage of membership over its preceding year's membership." The winning department receives a plaque with a laminated photograph of the trophy. This award is in honor of Jerry L. Hedrick. The award was previously known as the "North Carolina Trophy."

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 226 (August 2016)

**Note:** Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the winning department at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. This membership award is to be awarded annually to that department thereof not included among the several state departments or the Department of District of Columbia that has the highest percentage of members by close of business March 31 each year as compared with the total number of members in the department on Dec. 31 of the preceding year
2. The membership of the department to be used in the calculation of the comparative percentage above referred to is to be taken from the books of the national treasurer on the dates aforesaid.
3. No department having fewer than 40 members on Dec. 31 of the preceding year shall be eligible to receive the award of this trophy.
4. The plaque becomes the property of the department.

# Jerry L. Hedrick Membership Award

## Recipients

1924	Mexico	1958	Mexico	1993	Italy
1925	France	1959	Panama Canal Zone	1994	Italy
1926	Philippines	1960	Mexico	1995	Mexico
1927	Canada	1961	Mexico	1996	Puerto Rico
1928	Canada	1962	Mexico	1997	Mexico
1929	Hawaii	1963	Panama Canal Zone	1998	Puerto Rico
1930	Puerto Rico	1964	Canada	1999	Puerto Rico
1931	Puerto Rico	1965	France	2000	France
1932	Hawaii	1966	Mexico	2001	Hawaii
1933	Italy	1967	Philippines	2002	Puerto Rico
1934	Mexico	1968	Mexico	2003	France
1935	Philippines	1970	Mexico	2004	Puerto Rico
1936	Puerto Rico	1971	Panama Canal Zone	2005	France
1937	Hawaii	1972	Mexico	2006	France
1938	Puerto Rico	1973	Panama Canal Zone	2007	Philippines
1939	Mexico	1974	Puerto Rico	2008	Puerto Rico
1940	Mexico	1975	Panama Canal Zone	2009	None awarded
1941	Mexico	1976	Canada	2010	None awarded
1942	Canada	1977	Panama Canal Zone	2011	None awarded
1943	Hawaii	1978	Puerto Rico	2012	Philippines
1944	Canada	1979	Panama Canal Zone	2013	None awarded
1945	Puerto Rico	1980	France	2014	None awarded
1946	France	1981	Puerto Rico	2015	None awarded
1947	Philippines	1982	Puerto Rico	2016	Philippines
1948	Mexico	1983	Canada	2017	None awarded
1949	Mexico	1984	Italy	2018	None awarded
1950	Mexico	1985	Puerto Rico	2019	None awarded
1951	Panama Canal Zone	1986	Mexico	2020	Philippines
1952	Mexico	1987	Mexico	2021	None awarded
1953	Canada	1988	Philippines	2022	None awarded
1954	Hawaii	1989	Mexico	2023	Puerto Rico
1955	Mexico	1990	Mexico	2024	Puerto Rico
1956	Panama Canal Zone	1991	Italy		
1957	Mexico	1992	Italy		

# O.L. Bodenhamer Trophy

## Description

This award is given to the department leading in membership as of June 14. This department is designated with the honor to lead the parade at the national convention. It is given in honor of Past National Commander O.L. Bodenhamer.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee

## Authority

May 14, 1931, report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965)*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the winning department at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The O.L. Bodenhamer Trophy will be awarded annually to that department designated to lead the parade at the time of the ensuing national convention. The winner of this trophy shall be automatically determined by the same methods used in determining the department for parade position and convention seating arrangements for the next national convention. The method of determining the winner of the O.L. Bodenhamer Trophy shall automatically change to comply with any subsequently revised method of determining order of departments for parade position and convention seating arrangements.
2. This award shall be confined to the 52 departments within the continental limits of the United States (Puerto Rico included).
3. The membership of the department to be used in the calculation above is to be taken from the books of the national treasurer, including all membership mail postmarked in the departments up to the hour of midnight on the date set for determining parade position.
4. The plaque becomes the property of the department.



# O.L. Bodenhamer Trophy

## Recipients

1931	Arizona	1963	Hawaii	1995	Delaware
1932	Arizona	1964	Utah	1996	Delaware
1933	Arizona	1965	South Carolina	1997	Utah
1934	Arizona	1966	Mississippi	1998	South Carolina
1935	Arizona	1967	Hawaii	1999	South Dakota
1936	Arizona	1968	Hawaii	2000	Nevada
1937	Mississippi	1969	Hawaii	2001	Delaware
1938	Mississippi	1970	Hawaii	2002	Delaware
1939	Mississippi	1971	Delaware	2003	Delaware
1940	Georgia	1972	Hawaii	2004	Delaware
1941	Alabama	1973	Maryland	2005	Delaware
1942	Alabama	1974	North Dakota	2006	North Dakota
1943	Alabama	1975	Wyoming	2007	Puerto Rico
1944	Alabama	1976	Utah	2008	Vermont
1945	Alabama	1977	Idaho	2009	Maine
1946	Virginia	1978	Idaho	2010	Vermont
1947	Vermont	1979	Arizona	2011	Kentucky
1948	New Mexico	1980	Arkansas	2012	Florida
1949	New Mexico	1981	Arkansas	2013	Tennessee
1950	Colorado	1982	Florida	2014	Colorado
1951	Colorado	1983	Arkansas	2015	Georgia
1952	Louisiana	1984	Arkansa	2016	Georgia
1953	Georgia	1985	Nevada	2017	Montana
1954	North Dakota	1986	District of Columbia	2018	West Virginia
1955	Minnesota	1987	Virginia	2019	Alabama
1956	Minnesota	1988	South Dakota	2020	Utah
1957	Idaho	1989	Minnesota	2021	South Dakota
1958	New Mexico	1990	Delaware	2022	Puerto Rico
1959	Mississippi	1991	Delaware	2023	Puerto Rico
1960	Mississippi	1992	Hawaii	2024	Puerto Rico
1961	South Dakota	1993	Idaho		
1962	Alaska	1994	Idaho		

# Department Retention Award

## Description

This award is presented to the departments in each category with the highest membership retention rate for the membership year. It consists of \$2,000 check by national headquarters.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Membership & Post Activities Committee.

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 17, May 8-9, 2024.

## How Awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the winning department the national convention.

## Criteria

1. The department with the highest percentage of retention in each Big Twelve category may receive the Department Retention Award.
2. Departments must have a minimum of a 90 percent retention rate to qualify for this award and the decimal point will be carried out three places (e.g. 98.565%).
3. Membership transmittals must be received by the national organization by the June 30 cutoff date.
4. In each of the six categories, one department will be selected as the winner of this competition and will receive a check in the amount of \$2,000.
5. The award becomes the property of the department.

# National Commander’s Blood Donor Award

## Description

This award is presented to the department in each of six (6) categories for their participation in the national blood donor program. It consists of a congratulatory letter of appreciation certified by the national commander.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, National Security Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 14 (May 1985)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. Congratulatory recognition letters of appreciation are mailed to the winning departments’ adjutants as appropriate by category determined by the number of members in each department.
2. These categories were restructured again in 2024 by the Membership & Post Activities Committee and have been changed in accordance with NEC Resolution No. 14 (May 1985). The categories are as follows:

Category I	Departments of 60,000 or more members
Category II	Departments of 35,000 to 59,999 members
Category III	Departments of 20,000 to 34,999 members
Category IV	Departments of 10,000 to 19,999 members
Category V	Departments of 5,000 to 9,999 members
Category VI	Departments of 4,999 or fewer members
3. The awards become the property of the department.

# National Commander's Blood Donor Awards

## Recipients

1985	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Illinois	1989	Category I	Post – New York Individual – Illinois
	Category II	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska		Category II	Post – Florida Individual – Florida
	Category III	Post – Arizona Individual – Arizona		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
	Category IV	Post – Montana Individual – Montana		Category IV	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
1986	Category I	Post – Illinois Individual – Illinois	1990	Category VI	Post – Wyoming Individual – Wyoming
	Category II	Post – Nebraska Individual – Massachusetts		Category I	Post – Illinois Individual – Illinois
	Category III	Post – Arizona Individual – Arizona		Category II	Post – Florida Individual – Florida
	Category IV	Post – Montana Individual – New Hampshire		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
	Category V	Post – Wyoming Individual – Wyoming		Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee
1987	Category I	Post – Illinois Individual – Illinois	1991	Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category II	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska		Category VI	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island
	Category III	Post – Arizona Individual – Tennessee		Category I	Post – Ohio Individual – Illinois
	Category IV	Post – Montana Individual – New Hampshire		Category II	Post – Florida Individual – Florida
	Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
1988	Category I	Post – Illinois Individual – Illinois	1992	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee
	Category II	Post – Florida Individual – Wisconsin		Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska		Category VI	Post – Delaware Individual – Delaware
	Category IV	Post – Kentucky Individual – Kentucky		Category I	Post – Illinois Individual – Illinois
	Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana		Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin
	Category VI	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia

1993	Category IV	Post – New Hampshire Individual – New Hampshire	1996	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota
	Category V	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded		Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland
	Category VI	Post – Delaware Individual – Delaware		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
	Category I	Post – Illinois Individual – Illinois		Category IV	Post – Oregon Individual – Oregon
	Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin		Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island
	Category III	Post – Virginia Individual – Nebraska		Category VI	Post – Delaware Individual – Delaware
1994	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee	1997	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota
	Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Wisconsin
	Category VI	Post – Delaware Individual – Delaware		Category III	Post – None awarded Individual – Nebraska
	Category I	Post – Illinois Individual – Illinois		Category IV	Post – None awarded Individual – Maine
	Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin		Category V	Post – None awarded Individual – Rhode Island
	Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska		Category VI	Post – None awarded Individual – Hawaii
1995	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee	1998	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota
	Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland
	Category VI	Post – Delaware Individual – Delaware		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota		Category IV	Post – Maine Individual – Maine
	Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin		Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii
1999	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee	1999	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Florida
	Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category II	Post – Massachusetts Individual – Massachusetts
	Category VI	Post – Delaware Individual – Delaware		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska

# National Commander's Blood Donor Awards

## Recipients, continued

2000	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee	2003	Category I	Post – Minnesota Individual – Ohio
	Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin
	Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii		Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia
	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota		Category IV	Post – Washington Individual – Washington
	Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland		Category V	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii
2001	Category IV	Post – Maine Individual – Maine	2004	Category I	Post – Minnesota Individual – Ohio
	Category V	Post – Rhode Island Individual – Rhode Island		Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin
	Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota		Category IV	Post – Oregon Individual – Oregon
	Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin		Category V	Post – Idaho Individual – New Hampshire
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii
2002	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee	2005	Category I	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota
	Category V	Post – Idaho Individual – Idaho		Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin
	Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota		Category IV	Post – Washington Individual – Washington
	Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin		Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Minnesota
2006	Category IV	Post – Maine Individual – Maine	2006	Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland
	Category V	Post – Idaho Individual – Idaho		Category III	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska
	Category VI	Post – Hawaii Individual – Hawaii		Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee

2007	Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana	2011	Category II	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Alaska		Category III	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category I	Post – Ohio Individual – Minnesota		Category IV	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland		Category V	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category VI	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee		Category I	Post – Ohio Individual – Ohio
2008	Category V	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded	2012	Category II	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Alaska		Category III	Post – Virginia Individual – Nebraska
	Category I	Post – Ohio Individual – Ohio		Category IV	Post – Washington Individual – Tennessee
	Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin		Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Alaska
	Category IV	Post – Oregon Individual – Washington		Category I	Post – Ohio Individual – Ohio
2009	Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana	2013	Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland
	Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Alaska		Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia
	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Ohio		Category IV	Post – Washington Individual – Washington
	Category II	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Wisconsin		Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Alaska
	Category IV	Post – Washington Individual – Washington		Category I	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota
2010	Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana		Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland
	Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Hawaii		Category III	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category I	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded		Category IV	Post – Washington Individual – Washington

# National Commander's Blood Donor Awards

## Recipients, continued

2014	Category V	Post – New Mexico Individual – New Mexico	2018	Category II	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota
	Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Alaska		Category III	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland
	Category I	Post – California Individual – California		Category IV	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland		Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category III	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded		Category VI	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category IV	Post – Washington Individual – Washington		Category I	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
2015	Category V	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded	2019	Category II	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category VI	Post – Alaska Individual – Alaska		Category III	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland
	Category I	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota		Category IV	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category II	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland		Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category III	Post – Georgia Individual – Georgia		Category VI	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category IV	Post – Tennessee Individual – Tennessee		Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Florida
2016	Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana	2020	Category II	Post – No submission Individual – No submission
	Category VI	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded		Category III	Post – Massachusetts Individual – Massachusetts
	Category I	Post – California Individual – California		Category IV	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category II	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota		Category V	Post – Montana Individual – Montana
	Category III	Post – Maryland Individual – Maryland		Category VI	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded
	Category IV	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded		Category I	Post – Pennsylvania Individual – New York
2017	Category V	Post – Colorado Individual – Colorado		Category II	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota
	Category VI	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded		Category III	Post – Maryland Individual – Wisconsin
	Category I	Post – None awarded Individual – None awarded		Category IV	Post – Georgia Individual – Massachusetts



2021	Category V	Post – Oregon Individual – Oregon	2023	Category I	Post – Pennsylvania Individual – Pennsylvania
	Category VI	Post – France Individual – France		Category II	Post – New York Individual – New York
	Category I	Post – California Individual – California		Category III	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota
	Category II	Post – Minnesota Individual – Minnesota		Category IV	Post – Virginia Individual – Virginia
	Category III	Post – Maryland & Wisconsin Individual – Maryland & Wisconsin		Category V	Post – Alabama Individual – Maine
	Category IV	Post – Massachusetts & Nebraska Individual – Massachusetts & Nebraska		Category VI	Post – Vermont Individual – Vermont
2022	Category V	Post – Oregon Individual – Oregon	2024	Category I	Post – Florida Individual – Florida
	Category VI	Post – Vermont Individual – Vermont		Category II	Post – New York Individual – New York
	Category I	Post – Pennsylvania Individual – Pennsylvania		Category III	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Minnesota
	Category II	Post – California Individual – Ohio		Category IV	Post – North Carolina Individual – Massachusetts
	Category III	Post – Wisconsin Individual – Minnesota		Category V	Post – Nebraska Individual – Connecticut
	Category IV	Post – Iowa Individual – Iowa		Category VI	Post – Montana Individual – Vermont
	Category V	Post – Nebraska Individual – Nebraska			
	Category VI	Post – Montana Individual – Vermont			

# The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

## Description

This award is presented to a well-rounded law enforcement officer who has exceeded the duty requirements expected of his or her position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. It consists of a shadow box with the inscription “The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award presented to (name of recipient) for (brief reason for recognition).”

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, National Security Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 13 (May 1970), NEC Resolution No. 258 (September 1993), NEC Resolution No. 24 (October 1995) and NEC Resolution No. 5 (October 2011) superseded and rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 16 (October 2024)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The accomplishments for which the award is presented shall have been in accordance with, or in furtherance of, established American Legion policies or programs; it shall have contributed to the preservation of law and order as well as the American way of life.
2. Department submissions may include nominees who are full-time and sworn law enforcement officers at city, county, sheriff, state police and highway patrol levels, and from the federal law enforcement agencies.
3. The American Legion will provide round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage, in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for three days, two tickets to the National Commander’s Banquet and lodging for two nights in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient. The winner will also receive an engraved 11¼” x 14¼” shadow-box plaque.
4. The four regional runner-ups from the five regions (Central, Midwest, Northeast, Southeast and Western) will each receive an engraved shadow-box plaque measuring 10” x 12”.
5. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

## Recipients

1997	Cpl. William T. Rhodes, Huntingdon, Pa.	2012	Chief Paul Doucette, Bennington Police Department, Bennington, Vt.
1998	Deputy Sheriff Earl P. McDonald Jr., Pointe à la Hache, La.	2013	Deputy Mist M. Strickland, Nash County Sheriff's Office, Middlesex, N.C.
1999	Officer Ronald Tookes, Miami-Dade, Fla.	2014	Detective Sgt. Andrew D. Aninsman, Bensalem Township Police Department, Bucks County, Pa.
2000	Chief Deputy Sheriff Thomas W. Little, Decatur, Ala.	2015	Deputy Sheriff Ben Adams, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Ocala, Fla.
2001	Cpl. Jeffrey D. Goldsmith, Hutchinson, Minn.	2016	Sheriff David J. Mahon, Effingham County Sheriff's Office, Effingham, Ill.
2002	Deputy Casey R. Nelms, Sutherland, Neb.	2017	Sgt. Joe Rowley, Michigan State Police Tri-City Post, Gladwin, Mich.
2003	Officer 1st Class Timothy C. Wiley, Howard County Police Department, Ellicott City, Md.	2018	Brett Walsh, Fuquay-Varina Police Department, Fuquay-Varina, N.C.
2004	Officer 1st Class Patrick W. Eckley, Howard County Police Department, Ellicott City, Md.	2019	Lt. Jane Anderson, Colorado Springs Police Department, Colorado Springs, Colo.
2005	Detective Mark S. Cottom, Springfield Township Police Department, Springfield, N.J.	2020	Lt. Robert Berg Jr., Village of DeForest Police Department, DeForest, Wis.
2006	Officer Charles Roessler, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee	2021	Sgt. Daniel Martin, Omaha Police Department, Omaha, Neb.
2007	Sgt. Julie A. Asmus, Willmar State Police Department, Willmar, Minn.	2022	Col. David R. Hines, Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Mechanicsville, Va.
2008	Chief Judith A. Bradshaw, Des Moines Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa	2023	Patrol Officer Audrey Arbuckle, Crete Police Department, Crete, Neb.
2009	Officer Christopher Biron, Manchester Police Department, Manchester, N.H.	2024	Cpl. Nicholas DeFelice, Calvert County Sheriff Office, Owings, Md.
2010	Capt. Michael LaVine, Metro Transit Police Department, Minneapolis		
2011	Officer Scott P. Womack, Raleigh Police Department, Raleigh, N.C.		

# The American Legion National Firefighter of the Year Award

## Description

This award is presented to a firefighter who has exceeded the requirements expected of his or her position and has shown a distinct pattern of community service and professional achievement. It consists of a shadow-box or appropriate plaque with the inscription “The American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award” and “Presented to (name of recipient) for (brief reason for recognition).”

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, National Security Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 13 (May 1970), NEC Resolution 44 (May 2009) and NEC Resolution No. 4 (October 201) superseded and rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 17 (October 2024)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The accomplishments for which the award is presented shall have been in accordance with, or in furtherance of, established American Legion policies or programs. It shall have contributed to the preservation as well as the American way of life.
2. Department submissions may include nominees who are full-time and a sworn firefighter. A National Firefighter of the Year Award would be a fitting recognition of “America’s bravest.” The American Legion annually recognizes a National Firefighter of the Year with an appropriate award, which shall be presented at the national convention or other American Legion settings as deemed appropriate.
3. The American Legion will provide one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates, staff per diem for three days, two tickets to the National Commander’s Banquet and lodging for two nights in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion for an individual recipient or a single representative of a group or organization to receive the award at the national convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient. The winner will also receive a plaque (not to exceed \$350).
4. The four regional runners-up from the five regions (Central, Midwest, Northeast, Southeast and Western) will each receive an engraved shadow-box plaque measuring 10” x 12”.
5. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

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## National Firefighter of the Year Award

### Recipients

2010	Marcus Haynes, Valdosta Fire Department, Valdosta, Ga.	2018	Damon Faust, Estacada Rural Fire District 69, Estacada, Ore.
2011	Capt. Brian S. Michel, Pike County Emergency Services, Zebulon, Ga.	2019	Chief Jan K. Rader, Huntington Fire Department, Huntington, W.Va.
2012	Lt. Tom Christensen, Waukegan Fire Department, Waukegan, Ill.	2020	Ryan N. Berney, 55th Civil Engineer Squadron, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.
2013	Deputy Chief Lisa Young, Mahoning Township Fire Department, Danville, Pa.	2021	Robert Nagle, Gallitzen Fire Company 1, Gallitzen, Pa.
2014	Sara A. Shaffer, Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, Prince George's County, Md.	2022	Lt. Ryan Winkler, Clinton Fire Department, Charlotte, Iowa
2015	Steven Brune, West Point Rescue, West Point, Neb.	2023	John DeBisschop III, Naugatuck Fire Department, Naugatuck, Conn.
2016	Matt Brown, Lakeland Fire Department, Lakeland, Fla.	2024	Capt. Daniel Rawson, Delta Junction, Alaska
2017	Assistant Fire Chief Darren O. Ware, Prince George's Fire/EMS Department, Waldorf, Md.		

# Paul H. Griffith ROTC Trophy

## Description

This award is presented to those departments which demonstrate the highest degree of support to students involved in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) achievements. It consists of a congratulatory letter of appreciation certified by the national commander and national adjutant. This award is in honor of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith, who served as an assistant secretary of defense and throughout his life maintained an active interest and participation in our nation's national defense.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, National Security Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 21 (October 1975), rescinded and superseded by NEC Resolution No. 17 (May 2014)

## How awarded

Presented by the National Security Commission or appropriate representative at the national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The award is presented to recognize those departments which demonstrate leadership in encouraging students involved in Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC).
2. Department adjutants are requested to complete the Paul H. Griffith Annual ROTC Report as contained in the *Department Adjutant's Administrative Manual* and forward it to the director of the National Security Division no later than July 15.
3. The winning departments shall be announced during the national convention and each awarded with a congratulatory letter of appreciation certified by the national commander's signature and delivered by regular mail to the department adjutants as appropriate.
4. The award becomes the property of the department.

# Paul H. Griffith ROTC Trophy

## Recipients

1976	Arizona, Delaware, Maine, Minnesota, Panama–Canal Zone	2000	Alaska, Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee
1977	Delaware, Maine, Minnesota	2001	Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont
1978	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, Panama-Canal Zone	2002	Alaska, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota
1979	Minnesota, Nevada	2003	Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana
1980	Minnesota, Maine	2004	Alaska, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Virginia
1981	Alaska, Minnesota	2005	Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana
1982	Alaska, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota, Puerto Rico	2006	Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Tennessee
1983	Delaware, Minnesota, North Dakota	2007	Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Minnesota, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee
1984	Delaware, Minnesota, North Dakota	2008	Alaska, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee
1985	Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota	2009	Florida, Minnesota, Michigan, Montana, Hawaii
1986	Florida, Minnesota	2010	None awarded
1987	Minnesota	2011	Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia
1988	Minnesota	2012	Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana
1989	Florida	2013	Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana
1990	Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota	2014	Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota
1991	Alaska, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota	2015	Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Tennessee
1992	Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota, Puerto Rico	2016	Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota
1993	Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota	2017	Alaska, Connecticut, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota
1994	Alaska, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Vermont	2018	Connecticut, Maryland
1995	Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont	2019	Connecticut, Florida, Montana
1996	Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont	2020	Arizona, California, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas
1997	Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont	2021	Illinois, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Texas
1998	Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee	2022	Florida, Minnesota, Texas
1999	Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia	2023	Florida, Georgia, South Carolina
		2024	Florida, Texas, Georgia

# The American Legion Spirit of Service Award

## Description

This award is presented to junior enlisted service personnel representing each branch of service to include the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, National Guard Bureau and Coast Guard for outstanding volunteerism. It consists of an engraved glass and marble trophy with an appropriate inscription.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, National Security Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 23 (October 2011) rescinded and superseded by NEC Resolution No. 23 (May 2021).

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.*

## How awarded

Presented by the National Security Commission or appropriate representative to recipients of each of the seven branches of the U.S. armed services during the American Legion national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The American Legion Spirit of Service Award was established by the national commander to recognize outstanding volunteerism by junior enlisted service personnel in each branch of service of the United States military to include the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, National Guard Bureau, and Coast Guard.
2. The National Security Division, working with the Department of Defense, and each branch of service as previously defined, identifies the most outstanding men and women each year to receive this distinguished recognition.. There shall be no more than seven recipients each year.
3. The American Legion Spirit of Service Award recipients have received press coverage in Armed Service News dispatches, the Pentagon Channel, their military base newspapers and their hometown publications.
4. Up to seven service members participate in national convention activities and showcase the professionalism and dedication of today's armed forces.
5. The American Legion shall provide no more than seven Spirit of Service Award recipients each year with one round-trip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates within the continental United States to the national convention, four nights lodging at a convention hotel, up to two tickets to the National Commander's Banquet, staff per diem for five days.
6. The national commander will provide each recipient a one-year membership in The American Legion.
7. Each recipient will receive an engraved glass and marble award-trophy not exceeding the cost of \$350, adjusted as needed for inflation.
8. The awards become the property of the recipients.



# The American Legion Spirit of Service Award

## Recipients

2003	Army – Staff Sgt. Jacob Witte Navy – Petty Officer 3rd Class Alysha Haran Marine Corps – Sgt. Joseph Shamay Jr. Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class Rick Carroll Air Force – Tech. Sgt. Daniel Shipley	2008	Army – Sgt. Jeffrey Jenkins Navy – Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Kedrick Thorn Marine Corps – Cpl. Kerri Frost Coast Guard – Petty Officer James A. Abels Air Force – Staff Sgt. Jeffery S. Reese	2013	Army – Sgt. Edwin Garcia Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Komlan Agbagba Marine Corps – Sgt. Man T. Chan Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class Shawn Pugmire Air Force – Staff Sgt. Beau Vore
2004	Army – Spc. Russell Burnham Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Luciana Rodriques Marine Corps – Cpt. Clinton Firstbrook Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class Patricia Johnson Air Force – Staff Sgt. Catherin Lammon	2009	Army – Sgt. Michael Ros Navy – Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew Stroup Marine Corps – Sgt. Nickoli Atkinson-Pettigrew Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Diggs Air Force – Staff Sgt. Tony Jacobsmeier	2014	Army – Spc. Cassandra Rousayne Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Porfirio Pimentel Marine Corps – Cpl. Ricardo Gonzalez Air Force – Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Day Coast Guard – Operations Specialist 3rd Class Kristina L. Manson
2005	Army – Spc. Megan McCartney Navy – Yeoman 2nd Class Elizabeth Avalos Marine Corps – Cpl. Jeffrey Caraway Coast Guard – Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Erik Relford Air Force – Staff Sgt. Roland Kearney II	2010	Army – Sgt. Chelsey Billing Navy – Petty Officer 3rd Class Thomas Lothridge Marine Corps – Sgt. Avery Washington II Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class David Downham Air Force – Staff Sgt. Edward Perez	2015	Army – Sgt. Danielle M. Salley Navy – Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Fredelyne Dolores Marine Corps – Sgt. Stephen K. Little Jr. Coast Guard – Yeoman 2nd Class Casey B. Lawrence Air Force – Senior Airman Richard L. Baskerville III
2006	Army – Sgt. Renee E. Kraus Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Dempsey Tomblin Marine Corps – Sgt. Kristianna Huntington Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class Katie S. Anthony Air Force – Senior Airman Edward Slavik	2011	Army – Sgt. Stephen D. Alder Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Megan Donnell Marine Corps – Sgt. Omar A. Caraballo Pietri Coast Guard – Seaman Jacob Lowery Air Force – Staff Sgt. Brandyn M. Walter	2016	Army – Cpl. Bryce T. Wolford Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Levetina S. King Marine Corps – Staff Sgt. David M. Jenks Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class Geneva L. Cornelius Air Force – Staff Sgt. Russell H. Taylor III Air National Guard – Senior Airman Igor A. Karlov
2007	Army – Sgt. Korey Chandler Navy – Structural Mechanic 2nd Class Gaurav Patel Marine Corps – Sgt. Matthew W. Stone Coast Guard – Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class David Edelson Air Force – Senior Airman Robb Hulet	2012	Army – Sgt. Joshua J. Boudreaux Navy – Petty Officer Alvin Balthazar Marine Corps – Sgt. Juan Vallejomunoz Coast Guard – Petty Officer Tyler T. Arrowood Air Force – Staff Sgt. Chris T. Pearson		

# The American Legion Spirit of Service Award

## Recipients, continued

2017	<p>Army – Spc. Virginia Constable</p> <p>Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Robin Stephens</p> <p>Marine Corps – Cpl. Justin Ahasteen</p> <p>Coast Guard – Health Services Technician 2nd Class Jordan Suchon</p> <p>Air Force – Senior Airman Kalynn Mitchell</p> <p>Air National Guard – Senior Airman Allanesha Smith</p>	2020	<p>Army – Spc. Matthew J. Turley</p> <p>Navy – Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Jasmine L. Johnson</p> <p>Marine Corps – Cpl. Justin T. Middlemiss</p> <p>Coast Guard – Seaman Amanda Moore</p> <p>Air Force – Staff Sgt. Amy-Christy Amakihe</p> <p>Air National Guard – Senior Airman Donald Lambert</p>	2023	<p>Army – Sgt. Christopher Irvine</p> <p>Navy – Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Justin D. Santoyo</p> <p>Marine Corps – Sgt. Nhatalyne Bordes</p> <p>Coast Guard – Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Knick</p> <p>Air Force – Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Allen</p> <p>Space Force – Spc. 3 Tyler J. Baker</p> <p>Air National Guard – Staff Sgt. Dhruva S. Poluru</p>
2018	<p>Army – Sgt. Drew Hunnicutt</p> <p>Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Sha'nae Wilson</p> <p>Marine Corps – Sgt. Molly Hampton</p> <p>Coast Guard – Machinery Technician 2nd Class Brian Gogo</p> <p>Air Force – Staff Sgt. Robert P. Andrews</p> <p>Air National Guard – Staff Sgt. Heather J. Hyon</p>	2021	<p>Army – Sgt. Joselito Cabang</p> <p>Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Monahan</p> <p>Marine Corps – Cpl. Darla Dunning</p> <p>Coast Guard – Petty Officer 1st Class Jessica Rooks</p> <p>Air Force – Staff Sgt. Zachariah Austin</p> <p>Army National Guard – Pfc. Alejandro Sanchez</p>	2024	<p>Army – Sgt. Mayann Santiago</p> <p>Navy – Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class Pablo Rodriguez Jr.</p> <p>Marine Corps – Sgt. Davinsky Theodore</p> <p>Coast Guard – Electronics Technician 2nd Class Richard Galbierz</p> <p>Air Force – Airman 1st Class Vernica Challenger</p> <p>Space Force – Sgt. Christopher Paradine</p> <p>Air National Guard – Staff Sgt. Jesyka Ware</p>
2019	<p>Army – Sgt. Joshua R. Evans</p> <p>Navy – Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph B. McPhail</p> <p>Marine Corps – Sgt. Anthony K. Marinelli</p> <p>Coast Guard – Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin McMullen</p> <p>Air Force – Staff Sgt. Heather M. Carden</p> <p>Air National Guard – Staff Sgt. Benjamin P. Forsberg</p>	2022	<p>Army – Pfc. Deanna Dixon</p> <p>Navy – Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Annie Holder</p> <p>Marine Corps – Sgt. Christina M. Gilman</p> <p>Coast Guard – Marine Science Technician 3rd Class Mason Couch</p> <p>Air Force – Senior Airman Ariel L. Miranda</p> <p>Space Force – Spc. 4 Antonio A. Oros</p> <p>Army National Guard – Sgt. Katherine E. Chousa</p>		

# The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

## Description

This award is presented annually by The American Legion to a newspaper, magazine, online media or broadcast outlet for outstanding achievement in the field of journalism. It consists of a bronze plaque mounted to a 15-inch walnut pylon bearing the inscription “The American Legion (year) Fourth Estate Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Journalism” and “Presented to (name of recipient), for (title of winning work).”

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Media & Communications Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 30 (spring 1958) superseded and rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 3 (October 2022)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative at national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The Fourth Estate Award is presented annually by The American Legion to a newspaper, magazine or broadcast outlet for outstanding achievement in the field of journalism. Online media outlets are also encouraged to enter in the broadcast or print categories.
2. The National Executive Committee in the above-named resolution authorized submitted by the National Finance Commission, to establish necessary rules and procedures for public relations appreciation awards and to issue such awards in suitable form to the press, radio, television, podcast, web-based or other communications media; and to associations of the same; and to owners, executive heads or staff members. Such awards are to be in recognition of an outstanding service to the community, state or nation, which service shall have been in accordance with or the furtherance of established American Legion policies or programs.
3. Under the above cited authority, the Media & Communications Commission re-established the American Legion Fourth Estate Award and adopted, with the approval of the national adjutant, rules providing:
  - a. That the awards will be confined to external communications media and will be made for an activity or accomplishment which benefits society in its impact.
  - b. The activity or accomplishment shall have been in accordance with or in the furtherance of established American Legion policies or programs and shall have contributed to the preservation of the American way of life.
  - c. The awards will be categorized as “print” or “broadcast.”
  - d. Eligible print entries must have been published in the calendar year prior to the presentation. Works can be published in a newspaper, magazine or online media.
  - e. Eligible broadcast entries may include works from television, radio, podcasts or online media. The works must have been initially streamed or broadcast in the calendar year prior to the presentation.
  - f. There will be no grades of the award.
4. The American Legion will provide each of the two media Fourth Estate Award Recipients of the Year with a \$2,000 stipend (total of \$4,000) to cover transportation, lodging and incidental expenses for their representatives’ acceptance trip to the national convention, and one ticket for the National Commander’s Banquet if they choose to arrive early.
5. The awards become the property of the recipient(s).

# The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

## Recipients

1958	Jim Lucas	1986	KMOX Radio, St. Louis
1959*	Advertising Council, Inc.	1987	ABC Radio News, New York
1959*	<i>Chicago Tribune</i> , <i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i>	1988	Billy Cox, <i>Florida Today</i>
1960*	Hearst Newspapers	1989	Mary Beth Pheiffer, <i>The Poughkeepsie Journal</i> , Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
1961	Scripps-Howard Newspapers Jack L. Warner, President, Warner Bros. Pictures	1990	Margaretta A. Downey, <i>The Poughkeepsie Journal</i> , Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
1962	Fulton Lewis Jr.	1991	Michael Trihey and Tamara Welch, <i>The Bakersfield Californian</i>
1963	The Copley Press, Inc. <i>This Week</i> Magazine	1992	Philip Dine, <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>
1964	<i>Chicago Tribune</i> Mississippi Publishers Corp.	1993	Ann M. Morrison, <i>Fortune</i> Magazine
1965	Clark Mollenhoff, Cowles Publications Paul Harvey, American Broadcasting Company Golden West Broadcasters	1994	Ted Lewis, KSNW-TV, Wichita, Kan.
1966	Mutual Broadcasting System Booth Newspapers <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i>	1995	Marcia Stepanek and Charles J. Lewis, Hearst Newspapers, Washington Bureau/ <i>Times-Union</i> of Albany, N.Y.
1967	<i>St. Louis Globe-Democrat</i>	1996	James C. “Denny” Crimmins, Chairman, High Road Productions, Palo Alto, Calif.
1968	William S. White	1997	Alyssa Lenhoff and Ed Simpson, <i>Tribune Chronicle</i> , Warren, Ohio
1969	George W. Healy Jr. Raymond J. McHugh	1998	Kirk Mitchell, Reporter, <i>The Tribune</i> , Mesa, Ariz.
1970	James Geddes Stahlman, Nashville, Tenn. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, <i>The Tribune</i> , Tulsa, Okla.	1999	Jerry Mitchell, Reporter, <i>The Clarion-Ledger</i> , Jackson, Miss.
1971	Anheuser-Busch, Inc. John Wayne	2000	Colleen Halpin, Producer, Dateline NBC
1972	Augustin Edwards, <i>El Mercurio</i> , Santiago, Chile	2001	Tammy Pearson, Assistant Managing Editor, <i>Chronicle-Tribune</i> , Marion, Ind.
1973	Clare Boothe Luce	2002	Russell Carollo, Christine Willamsen, Mike Wagner, Doug Harris, Reporters, <i>Dayton Daily News</i> , Dayton, Ohio
1974	James J. Kilpatrick Jr.	2003	Norman Sinclair, Investigative Reporter, <i>The Detroit News</i>
1975	Jim Bishop	2004	Mark Benjamin, UPI Investigations Editor
1976	Vic Cantone Thomas P. Chisman, Bicentennial Radio Network, Ltd.	2005	Laurie Stein, WFOR-TV, Miami
1977	<i>The Columbus Dispatch</i> Jess Gorkin, <i>Parade</i> Magazine	2006	<i>The Post-Crescent</i> , Appleton, Wis.
1978	Milton Caniff Mort Walker	2007	Jennifer Kraus, News Channel 5, Nashville, Tenn.
1979	National Public Radio	2008	KRIV-TV Channel 5, Houston
1980	Hy Rosen, <i>Times-Union</i> , Albany, N.Y.	2009	<i>USA Today</i>
1981	N. LaVerl Christensen, Editor Emeritus, <i>Daily Herald</i> , Provo, Utah	2010	<i>ABA Journal</i>
1982	<i>Newsweek</i> Magazine	2011	<i>Pittsburgh Tribune-Review</i> (print) <i>The Indianapolis Star</i> (online) News Channel 5, Nashville, Tenn. (broadcast)
1983	<i>Sacramento Union</i>		
1984	C-SPAN		
1985	<i>Life</i> Magazine		

\*Previously known as the American Legion Mercury Award.

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| <p>2012 <i>Pittsburgh Tribune-Review</i> (print)<br/>Alex Quade, Freelance War Reporter,<br/>The Daily Caller (online)<br/>KLRT-TV 16, Donna Terrell, Reporter (broadcast)</p> <p>2013 <i>USA Today</i>, McLean, Va. (print)<br/>Alex Quade, Freelance Reporter, Fayetteville, N.C.<br/>(online)<br/>KITV-TV, Honolulu (broadcast)</p> <p>2014 Thomas Brennan, Investigative Reporter, <i>The Daily News</i>, Jacksonville, N.C. (print)<br/>Mark Flatten, Investigative Reporter, <i>Washington Examiner</i> (online)<br/>WRC-TV, Washington, D.C., Tisha Thompson, Rick Yarborough and Jeff Piper, Investigative Reporters (broadcast)</p> <p>2015 <i>USA Today</i> (print)<br/>CNN (broadcast)<br/>CBSnews.com (online)</p> <p>2016 Hope Hodge-Seck, <i>Marine Corps Times</i>, Washington, D.C. (print)<br/>Ellen Gabler, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> (online)<br/>Brenden Keefe, WXIA-TV, Atlanta (broadcast)</p> <p>2017 Dennis Wagner, <i>The Arizona Republic</i>, Phoenix (print)<br/>Jerry Mitchell, <i>The Clarion-Ledger</i>, Jackson, Miss. (online)<br/>Simone Aponte, KTVU FOX2, Oakland, Calif. (broadcast)</p> | <p>2018 <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> (print)<br/>The War Horse, Richlands, N.C. (online)<br/>KARE-TV, Minneapolis (broadcast)</p> <p>2019 Cynthia Simison, <i>The Republican</i>, Springfield, Mass. (print)<br/>Oriana Pawlyk, Military.com (online)<br/>KNTV, San Francisco (broadcast)</p> <p>2020 McClatchy (print)<br/><i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> (online)<br/>KAKE, Annette Lawless, Wichita, Kan. (broadcast)</p> <p>2021 Daily Herald, Arlington, Heights, Ill. (print)<br/>Military.com (online)<br/>ABC Action News (WFTS-TV) I-Team, Tampa, Fla. (broadcast)</p> <p>2022 Katelyn Ferral and Natalie Brophy, <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> (print)<br/>Kristin M. Hall, James LaPorta and Justin Pritchard, Associated Press (online)<br/>KHON2-TV, Pamela Young, Honolulu (broadcast)</p> <p>2023 Leo Shane, <i>Military Times</i> (print)<br/>Adam Walser, ABC Action News (WFTS-TV) I-Team, Tampa, Fla. (broadcast)</p> <p>2024 Stephanie Kuzydym, <i>The Courier Journal</i>, Louisville, Ky. (print)<br/>KARE-TV, Minneapolis (broadcast)</p> |
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# The American Legion Patriot Award

## Description

This award is presented to any outstanding citizen or entity who has demonstrated a profound and exceptional commitment to advancing the four pillars of The American Legion. It consists of a black plaque with the American Legion gold emblem, gold eagle and a copy block on black glass printed in gold offset containing the recipient's name and a brief description of this honor.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Media & Communications Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 177 (August 2007) and NEC Resolution No. 10 (October 2011) superseded and rescinded by NEC Resolution No. 21 (October 2020)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the recipient(s) at national convention, Washington Conference, regularly scheduled NEC meeting or other appropriate venue

## Criteria/conditions

1. Presented on an as-needed basis for outstanding service or actions that go far above the norm in supporting any of the four pillars of The American Legion.
2. All nominations must be approved by the national commander.
3. The American Legion shall provide the Patriot Award recipient with one round-trip airfare or vehicle mileage to the national convention, two nights lodging at a convention hotel, up to four tickets to the National Commander's Banquet and three days per diem in accordance with travel policies of The American Legion if the award is to be presented at that venue. Similar arrangements will be made for the recipient if the award is presented at the Washington Conference, NEC meetings or other venue.
4. The awards become the property of the recipient(s).

# The American Legion Patriot Award

## Recipients

2007	Michael G. Reagan Kaziah Hancock	2016	Bernard L. Marie
2008	Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Clinical Pastoral Division	2017	The Hon. Robert Gates
2009	Lt. Col. Michael Strobl, U.S. Marine Corps (retired)	2018	Diane Carlson Evans
2010	Maj. David Howell Lance Orton Duane Jackson	2019	The Hon. Mitch Daniels Eddie and Millie Holbrook (American Legion World Series)
2011	Col. Gregory Gadson, U.S. Army, Director, Wounded Warrior Program	2020	Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University
2012	The Hon. Isaac Newton “Ike” Skelton IV, U.S. House of Representatives (1977-2011)	2021	None awarded
2013	Samsung North America	2022	Robert Bosworth, <i>Quincy Sun</i> , Quincy, Mass.
2014	The Hon. Bernard Sanders, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. The Hon. Jeff Miller, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.	2023	Chip Ganassi Racing The Hon. Timothy K. Moore Johnie E. Webb Jr.
2015	The Oak Ridge Boys	2024	Michael “Rod” Rodriguez, CEO, Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation



# Arch M. Cantrall Trophy

## Description

This award is presented annually to that American Legion band winning first place in competition with all other American Legion bands during the annual national convention of The American Legion. It consists of a cup trophy with handles mounted to a wood base with a metal plate bearing an appropriate inscription for the award to include the winning post department and year awarded. This award is named in honor of Arch M. Cantrall.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Convention Commission

## Authority

Aug. 27, 1947, report of National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the American Legion post of the American Legion band winning first place at the annual national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. Said trophy is to be awarded annually to that American Legion band winning first place in competition with all other American Legion bands during the annual national convention of The American Legion.
2. Such competition shall be conducted under the supervision of, and according to the rules and regulations prepared by, the National Contests Supervisory Committee or such successor thereto as may be established by the National Executive Committee.
3. In the event there shall be at any annual national convention more than one contest, or more than one class or division of the contest, for American Legion bands, said trophy shall be awarded to the American Legion band winning first place in that contest or in that class or division of the contest in which marching ability or marching and maneuvering ability shall have the higher or highest weight as a judging point. The Supervisory Committee shall have the authority to designate, subject to the foregoing, the contest, class or division to the winner of which said trophy is to be awarded.
4. Each past national champion American Legion band shall have the privilege of purchasing, at its own expense, and carrying among its colors a replica of said trophy banner, provided there is lettered thereon the year in which it won first place in said contest and the words "Past National Champion Band."
5. The award becomes the property of the recipient post.



# Arch M. Cantrall Trophy

## Recipients

1947	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1970	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1948	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1971	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1949	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1972	The Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
1950	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1973	No contest conducted
1951	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1974	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1952	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1975	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1953	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1976	No contest conducted
1954	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1977	Oconomowoc American Legion Band, Post 91, Oconomowoc, Wis.
1955	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1978	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1956	Olympia Post 3, Olympia, Wash.	1979	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1957	Charles H. Carey Post 56, Salem, Ohio	1980	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1958	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1981	No contest conducted
1959	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1982	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1960	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1983	Kansas City American Legion Band, City Central Executive Committee, Post of Kansas City and the 5th District, Kansas City, Mo.
1961	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1984	No contest conducted
1962	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1985	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1963	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1986	The Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
1964	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1987	Stephen Sikora Post 1322, North Tonawanda, N.Y.
1965	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1988	The Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
1966	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1989	The Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
1967	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1990	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
1968	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1991	Oconomowoc American Legion Band Post 91, Oconomowoc, Wis.
1969	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1992	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
		1993	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
		1994	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
		1995	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
		1996	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
		1997	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
		1998	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
		1999	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
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# Arch M. Cantrall Trophy

## Recipients, continued

2001	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2012	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.
2002	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2013	American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City
2003	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.	2014	None awarded
2004	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2015	None awarded
2005	The Kansas City American Legion Band, Kansas City, Mo.	2016	American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City,
2006	St. Joseph's Park Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.	2017	None awarded
2007	St. Joseph's Park Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.	2018	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.
2008	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.	2019	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.
2009	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.	2020	None awarded
2010	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.	2021	None awarded
2011	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.	2022	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.
		2023	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.
		2024	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.

# Glen R. Hillis Trophy

## Description

This award is presented annually to that color guard winning first place in competition with all other color guards during the annual national convention of The American Legion. It consists of a bronze replica of Pro Patria mounted on a square base bearing the inscription “Pro Patria, the National Champion Color Guard of The American Legion.” This award is named in honor of Glen R. Hillis, Department of Indiana.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Convention Commission

## Authority

Report of National Trophies and Awards Committee, May 7, 1937

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the color guard team winning first place in the color guard competition at the annual national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The Glen R. Hillis Trophy is to be awarded annually to that color guard winning first place in competition with all other color guards during the annual national convention of The American Legion.
2. The award becomes the property of the recipient post.

# Glen R. Hillis Trophy

## Recipients

1937	Henry H. Houston Post 3, Philadelphia	1974	Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
1938	East Orange Post 73, Irvington, N.J.	1975	Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
1939	Harvey W. Seeds Post 29, Miami	1976	Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
1940	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	1977	Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
1941	Harvey W. Seeds Post 29, Miami	1978	The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago
1942	None awarded	1979	Jersey Chevrons Post 468, Rochester, N.Y.
1943	None awarded	1980	Double D's, Post 180, Milwaukie, Ore.
1944	None awarded	1981	None awarded
1945	None awarded	1982	Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield, N.J.
1946	Aqueduct Post 342, Los Angeles	1983	Highlanders Post 201, Louisville, Ky.
1947	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	1984	Highlanders Post 201, Louisville, Ky.
1948	Capt. Harry B. Doremus Post 55, Hackensack, N.J.	1985	Lakeside Post 137, Jacksonville, Fla.
1949	James DeArmond Golliday Post 8, Kokomo, Ind.	1986	Cheverly Troopers Senior Color Guard, Cheverly Post 108, Brentwood, Md.
1950	Capt. Harry B. Doremus Post 55, Hackensack, N.J.	1986	Springfield Rifles Senior Color Guard, Clark Post 362, Springfield, Ohio
1951	Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.	1987	Cheverly Troopers Senior Color Guard, Cheverly Post 108, Brentwood, Md.
1952	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago (See note under Authority)	1988	Cheverly Troopers Senior Color Guard, Cheverly Post 108, Brentwood, Md.
1953	Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.	1989	Mason-Dixon Color Guard, Morris Frock Post 42, Hagerstown, Md.
1954	Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.	1990	The Rifles Senior Color Guard, Post 6, Springfield, Ohio
1955	Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.	1991	Highland Guard Color Guard, Post 201, Louisville, Ky.
1956	Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.	1992	Pure Heaven Color Guard, Unit 37, Ames, Iowa
1957	Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.	1993	Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, Ind.
1958	Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, Ill.	1994	Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, Ind.
1959	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	1995	Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, Ind.
1960	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	1996	Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, Ind.
1961	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	1997	Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, Ind.
1962	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	1998	Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, Ind.
1963	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	1999	Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, Md.
1964	The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago	2000	Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, Md.
1965	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	2001	Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, Md.
1966	The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago	2002	Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, Md.
1967	The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago	2003	Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, Md.
1968	The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago	2004	2nd District, Portage, Ind.
1969	Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, N.J.	2005	2nd District, Portage, Ind.
1970	Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago	2006	Whiteman-Davidson Post 49, Tilton, N.H.
1971	Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, N.J.	2007	Whiteman-Davidson Post 49, Tilton, N.H.
1972	Greece Post 468, Rochester, N.Y.		
1973	None awarded		

2008	Whiteman-Davidson Post 49, Tilton, N.H.
2009	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2010	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2011	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2012	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2013	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2014	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2015	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2016	Newport Harbor Post 291, Newport Beach, Calif.
2017	Newport Harbor Post 291, Newport Beach, Calif.
2018	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2019	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2020	No contest conducted
2021	Harrisburg Post 472, Houston
2022	Newport Harbor Post 291, Newport Beach, Calif.
2023	Newport Harbor Post 291, Newport Beach, Calif.
2024	Newport Harbor Post 291, Newport Beach, Calif.

# Lemuel Bolles Trophy

## Description

This award is presented annually to the band winning first place in competition with all other bands during the annual national convention of The American Legion. It consists of a silver-plated trophy cup with a music lyre on top and mounted to a pedestal base bearing an appropriate inscription of the award. This award is named in honor of Lemuel Bolles, the first national adjutant of The American Legion.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Convention Commission

## Authority

January 1928 report of Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards

**Note:** *Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).*

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the winner of the band competition at national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. The trophy is to be awarded annually to that band winning first place in competition with all other bands during the annual national convention of The American Legion.
2. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# Lemuel Bolles Trophy

## Recipients

1927	Monahan Post Band, Sioux City, Iowa	1959	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1928	Thomas Hopkins Post Band 4, Wichita, Kan.	1960	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1929	Electric Post 228, Milwaukee	1961	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1930	Electric Post 228, Milwaukee	1962	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1931	Electric Post 228, Milwaukee	1963	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1932	Chicago Board of Trade Post 304, Chicago	1964	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1933	Blatz Post 373, Milwaukee	1965	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1934	Franklin Post 1, Columbia, Ohio	1966	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1935	Chicago Board of Trade Post 304, Chicago	1967	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1936	Musicians Post 394, St. Louis	1968	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1937	Musicians Post 394, St. Louis	1969	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1938	Zane-Irwin Post 93, San Francisco	1970	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.
1940	Monahan Post Band, Sioux City, Iowa	1971	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1941	Musicians Post 662, Chicago	1972	Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
1942	None awarded	1973	None awarded
1943	None awarded	1974	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1944	None awarded	1975	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1945	None awarded	1976	None awarded
1946	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1977	Oconomowoc American Legion Band, Post 91, Oconomowoc, Wis.
1947	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1978	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1948	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1979	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1949	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1980	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1950	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1981	None awarded
1951	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1982	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1952	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1983	Kansas City American Legion Band, City Central Executive Committee, Post of Kansas City and the 5th District, Kansas City, Mo.
1953	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1984	None awarded
1954	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.	1985	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.
1955	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.		
1956	Olympia Post 3, Olympia, Wash.		
1957	Charles H. Carey Post 56, Salem, Ohio		
1958	A.R. McAllister Memorial Band, Harwood Post 5, Joliet, Ill.		

# Lemuel Bolles Trophy

## Recipients, continued

1986	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2004	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.
1987	American Legion Band of the Stephen Sikora Post 1322, North Tonawanda, N.Y.	2005	The Kansas City American Legion Band, Kansas City, Mo.
1988	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2006	St. Joseph's Park Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.
1989	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2007	St. Joseph's Park Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.
1990	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2008	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Williamsville, N.Y.
1991	Oconomowoc American Legion Band, Post 91, Oconomowoc, Wis.	2009	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Williamsville, N.Y.
1992	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.	2010	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Williamsville, N.Y.
1993	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2011	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Williamsville, N.Y.
1994	Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.	2012	None awarded
1995	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2013	American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.
1996	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2014	None awarded
1997	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.	2015	None awarded
1998	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2016	American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.
1999	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2017	None awarded
2000	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2018	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.
2001	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2019	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, N.Y.
2002	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.	2020	No contest conducted
2003	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.	2021	None awarded
		2022	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.
		2023	Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, Ill.
		2024	American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, N.Y.



# William F. Lenker National Service Trophy

## Description

This award is presented annually to that department of The American Legion excelling in welfare and rehabilitation work for war veterans and their dependents. It consists of a large silver shield mounted on a wood plaque and bears the inscription “William F. Lenker National Service Trophy, Annual Departmental Award for Services Rendered Veterans of the World War.” This award is named in honor of William F. Lenker, who served as chairman of the National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission from May 8, 1967, to Oct. 18, 1989. It was previously named the National Service Trophy.

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

## Authority

Inaugurated in 1929 by the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission. NEC Resolution No. 20 (May 1968) revised criteria of award and NEC Resolution No. 4 (October 1990) renamed the award. NEC Resolution No. 2 (October 2006) amended previous resolutions and redefined award criteria.

**Note:** Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award under NEC Resolution No. 29 (May 1965).

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to the winning department at national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. Each year the national commander shall appoint a committee of three to act as judges. This committee shall consist of the national chairman of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission, together with any other two the national commander sees fit to designate.
2. Each year, the National VA&R Commission shall furnish each department a “Statement of Rehabilitation Activities” questionnaire. Departments competing for this trophy shall present the completed questionnaire, duly certified by the department commander and adjutant, to the National VA&R Commission in Washington, D.C., by at least July 15.
3. The original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters. The winning department is provided a wood plaque with a laminated photograph of the trophy and an appropriate inscription.
4. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# William F. Lenker National Service Trophy

## Recipients

1929	Wisconsin	1953	Oklahoma	1977	Minnesota	2001	Minnesota
1930	Minnesota	1954	Kansas	1978	Pennsylvania	2002	Minnesota
1931	Illinois	1955	Illinois	1979	Ohio	2003	North Dakota
1932	Illinois	1956	Kansas	1980	Connecticut	2004	Ohio
1933	Iowa	1957	Illinois	1981	Connecticut	2005	Virginia
1934	Illinois	1958	Kansas	1982	Ohio	2006	Idaho
1935	California	1959	Kansas	1983	Connecticut	2007	Minnesota
1936	California	1960	Illinois	1984	Minnesota	2008	Idaho
1937	Wisconsin	1961	Kansas	1985	Minnesota	2009	Minnesota
1938	Illinois	1962	Illinois	1986	Ohio	2010	Wisconsin
1939	Wisconsin	1963	Illinois	1987	Tennessee	2011	Michigan
1940	Illinois	1964	Pennsylvania	1988	Minnesota	2012	Florida
1941	Illinois	1965	Illinois	1989	Minnesota	2013	Michigan
1942	Illinois	1966	Illinois	1990	Minnesota	2014	Minnesota
1943	Wisconsin	1967	Pennsylvania	1991	Maine	2015	Ohio
1944	Wisconsin	1968	Ohio	1992	Pennsylvania	2016	Wisconsin
1945	Wisconsin	1969	Illinois	1993	Florida	2017	Montana
1946	Illinois	1970	Ohio	1994	Vermont	2018	Montana
1947	Wisconsin	1971	Kansas	1995	Ohio	2019	Colorado
1948	Ohio	1972	Pennsylvania	1996	Ohio	2020	Colorado
1949	Illinois	1973	Michigan	1997	Florida	2021	Pennsylvania
1950	California	1974	Ohio	1998	Minnesota	2022	Oregon
1951	Wisconsin	1975	Indiana	1999	Minnesota	2023	Florida
1952	Kansas	1976	Connecticut	2000	Florida	2024	Florida

# Department of Veterans Affairs Health-Care Provider of the Year Award

## Description

This award is presented annually to one outstanding non-physician direct patient care provider in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It consists of a shadow-box plaque with a metal plate bearing the inscription “Department of Veterans Affairs Health-Care Provider of the Year Award.”

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 7 (May 2017)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative at the Washington Conference

## Criteria/conditions

1. This award program permits The American Legion to honor a VA health-care provider who has provided extraordinary service to our nation's veterans. Those eligible for the award are any Department of Veterans Affairs health-care provider (excluding physicians). Nominees must be a direct patient-care provider.
2. Letters of nomination must be submitted in narrative format not to exceed 500 words. American Legion members making recommendations for this award must send the nomination through their post adjutant, who will submit the nominations to the department adjutant. If a department receives more than one nomination, the department must screen each nomination and select one nominee for submission to the national office.
3. Departments must submit their recommendation for the award to the director of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division by July 30. Failure to submit in the proper format and/or by the cut-off date will invalidate the nomination.
4. Nominations will be submitted to the VA&R Commission for consideration during the Sunday Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee Joint Meeting at the national convention, when the commission will select one nominee for presentation. The nominee's name will be submitted to the national adjutant for consideration and final approval at the National Executive Committee's Fall Meetings.
5. The awardee will be invited to the Washington Conference to receive the award. The American Legion will provide the award recipient with one round-trip coach air ticket or vehicle mileage, per diem for up to three days, and lodging for up to two nights in accordance with travel and lodging policies of The American Legion, excluding incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
6. The cost of the shadow box and inscribed plate shall not exceed \$300, adjusted as needed for inflation.
7. The American Legion will provide notification and feedback to the VA undersecretary for health and to the winning health-care provider's VA medical center director and chief of staff.
8. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# Department of Veterans Affairs Health-Care Provider of the Year Award

## Recipients

- 2018 Jillene Sroczynski, nurse, Oklahoma City VA Healthcare System
- 2019 Keith Harmon, nurse, VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Aurora, Colo.
- 2020 All Department of Veterans Affairs health-care providers
- 2021 Kim Stewart, nurse, Sebring VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Sebring, Fla.
- 2022 Gobind Tarchand, physician assistant, Minneapolis VA Health Care System
- 2023 Kimberly Nutt, Cpl. Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center, Philadelphia
- 2024 Patricia Mathes-Kerr, Oklahoma VA Medical Center, Oklahoma City

# Department of Veterans Affairs Physician of the Year Award

## Description

This award is presented annually to one outstanding physician in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It consists of a shadow-box plaque with a metal plate bearing the inscription “Department of Veterans Affairs Physician of the Year Award.”

## Sponsored by

American Legion National Headquarters, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 8 (May 2017)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander or duly appointed representative to one outstanding physician in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at the Washington Conference

## Criteria/conditions

1. This award program permits The American Legion to honor a VA physician who has provided extraordinary service to our nation's veterans. Those eligible for the award are any Department of Veterans Affairs physicians who are direct patient-care providers.
2. Letters of nomination must be submitted in narrative format not to exceed 500 words. American Legion members making recommendations for this award must send the nomination through their post adjutant, who will submit the nominations to the department adjutant. If a department receives more than one nomination, the department must screen each nomination and select one nominee for submission to the national office.
3. Departments must submit their recommendation for the award to the director of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division by July 30. Failure to submit in the proper format and/or by the cut-off date will invalidate the nomination.
4. Nominations will be submitted to the VA&R Commission for consideration during the Sunday Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee Joint Meeting at the national convention, when the commission will select one nominee for presentation. The nominee's name will be submitted to the national adjutant for consideration and final approval at the National Executive Committee's Fall Meetings.
5. The American Legion will provide the award recipient with one round-trip coach air ticket or vehicle mileage, per diem for up to three days, and lodging for up to two nights in accordance with travel and lodging policies of The American Legion, excluding incidental expenses and/or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
6. The cost of the shadow box and inscribed plate shall not exceed \$300, adjusted as needed for inflation.
7. The American Legion will provide notification and feedback to the VA undersecretary for health and to the winning physician's VA medical center director and chief of staff.
8. The award becomes the property of the recipient.

# Department of Veterans Affairs Physician of the Year Award

## Recipients

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|------|---|
| 2018 | Dr. Amy Candy Heinlein, Minneapolis<br>VA Health Care System                      |
| 2019 | Dr. Murray Altose, VA Northeast Ohio<br>Healthcare System, Cleveland              |
| 2020 | All Department of Veterans Affairs physicians                                     |
| 2021 | Dr. Joel Syvrud, St. Cloud VA Health Care System,<br>St. Cloud, Minn.             |
| 2022 | Dr. Patricia Dickmann, Minneapolis VA<br>Health Care System                       |
| 2023 | Dr. William Bell III, James H. Quillen VA Medical<br>Center, Mountain Home, Tenn. |
| 2024 | Dr. Steven Allen, George E. Wahlen VA Medical<br>Center, Salt Lake City           |

# The 1919 Society

## Description

Membership to the American Legion 1919 Society is awarded to individuals who make a contribution to The American Legion's Veterans & Children Foundation in an amount of \$1,000 or more. Members are recognized as bronze, silver, gold and platinum, corresponding to the level of their donation. The names of award recipients are not included in this manual but are instead displayed at National Headquarters.

## Sponsored by

National Headquarters, Finance Commission

## Authority

NEC Resolution No. 6 (May 2022)

## How awarded

Presented by the national commander annually at the National Commander's Banquet at national convention

## Criteria/conditions

1. Membership in the American Legion 1919 Society can be achieved by making a contribution to the American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation in an amount of \$1,000 or more.
2. The American Legion 1919 Society consists of four membership levels based on the amount donated as defined in the following manner: Bronze member for gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,499, Silver member for gifts of \$2,500 to \$4,999, Gold member for gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999, and Platinum member for gifts of \$10,000 or more.
3. Recognition for membership be as follows: Bronze members receive a lapel pin and recognition during the national commander's banquet introductions or similar event; Silver members receive all recognition of the Bronze member plus a brass name plate on the American Legion 1919 Society wall plaque as space permits; Gold members receive all recognition of the Silver member plus access to the 1919 Society lounge at the national convention and a medallion; Platinum members receive all recognition of Gold members, plus new inductees receive an invitation to the national commander's head table reception and their names announced at the National Commander's Banquet during the national convention.

# Appendix

## Other official and unofficial trophies and awards

These certificates, authorized by NEC Resolution No. 13 (May 1970), are administered within the various departments.

In addition to the trophies and awards listed in detail in this manual, there are official and unofficial trophies, awards, citations, certificates and other types of recognition presented in honor of achievement within the various programs and activities of The American Legion. Such recognition is made in areas that include but are not necessarily limited to:

- American Legion Baseball
- American Legion Blood Donor Program
- Children & Youth
- Employment & Education
- Legislative
- Membership
- National Security & Foreign Relations
- Uniformed groups
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Recipients of such types of recognition are reported to the NEC by the national commission or committee within whose purview they reside.



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