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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All trophies/awards offered in the name of the National Organization of The American Legion must be approved by the National Executive Committee. 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 Commission.

Recommendations are reviewed by the Internal Affairs Commission for its consideration and recommendation to the National Executive Committee. If the subsequent recommendation of the Internal Affairs Commission and action of the National Executive Committee are favorable, it becomes the duty of the Internal Affairs 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 National Executive Committee, 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, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 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.

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

- The American Legion National Education Award (Americanism)
- National Employer of Older Worker Award (Economics)
- The American Legion National Firefighter of the Year Award (Economics)
- The American Legion Spirit of Service Award (Public Relations)

- Old name: American Legion Baseball Player of the Year Award
  New name: George W. Rulon Baseball Player of the Year Award (NEC Resolution No. 4, 1986 Pre-Convention)
- Old name: William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy
  New name: Daniel J. O’Connor Americanism Trophy (NEC Resolution No. 1, August 29, 2011, Pre-Convention)
- Old name: Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans
  New name: National Employer of Veterans Award (NEC Resolution No. 11, October 12-13, 2011)
- Old name: Employment Service Award
  New name: National Employment Service Award (NEC Resolution No. 12, October 12-13, 2011)

- Old name: Louisville Slugger Trophy
  New name: The American Legion Baseball Slugger Trophy (NEC Resolution No. 6, May 8-9, 2013)
- Old name: Rawlings “Big Stick” Award
  New name: The American Legion Baseball “Big Stick” Award (NEC Resolution No. 7, May 8-9, 2013)

- Old name: North Carolina Trophy (1924 Report of the Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards)
  New name: Jerry L. Hedrick Membership Award (NEC Resolution No. 226, August 30 - September 1, 2016)
- Old name: The American Legion National Commander’s Public Relations Award
  New name: The American Legion National Commander’s Media and Communications Award (NEC Resolution No. 6, May 4-5, 2016)


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


- The American Legion National Commander’s Media and Communications Award – last awarded in 2017
Description:

The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal consists of a gold plated/sterling silver medallion, which appears like gold, with The American Legion Emblem in the center with the word “Distinguished” inscribed above and the word “Service” inscribed below The American Legion Emblem in plain block letters on a rose colored background suspended by means of the official American Legion ribbon and the medallion suitably on the reverse side with the name of the recipient and encased in a shadow box.

Presented By:

The National Commander, on stage at National Convention.

Authority:

May 1929 report of Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards, as amended by the National Executive Committee, November 18-20, 1951, further amended by Resolution No. 2 by the National Executive Committee, October 12-13, 2011. 

Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award in 1968.

How Awarded:

1. All nominations must be presented by department action or by the National Commander.
2. All nominations must be presented to the National Adjutant, at least fifteen (15) days before the spring meeting of the Internal Affairs Commission and these nominations will be presented to the committee during their regular session.
3. All awards must be made at a session of the National Convention.
4. The number of awards must not be over one in any one year.
5. In the event said Internal Affairs Commission shall make any such recommendations for The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal, at the May meeting of the National Executive Committee held in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, each year, not more than three (3) persons shall be nominated; when nominations are reported said committee shall go into executive session, and shall, by written ballot, select not more than one of such nominees by a majority vote of the full membership of said National Executive Committee to receive The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal; only one ballot shall be taken and in the event none of any such nominees receives an affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of said National Executive Committee, no American Legion Distinguished Service Medal will be awarded for the year in which such vote is taken. It shall not be mandatory for the Internal Affairs Commission to submit any nominations for such award.
6. Qualifications to be considered are outstanding service to the nation and to the programs of The American Legion.
7. The American Legion will provide one roundtrip 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, 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 National Convention and The American Legion will provide no incidental expenses or expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.

(Note: The first eleven awards were made by the National Executive Committee and National Conventions prior to adoption of definitive regulations.)

Recipients:

1921  Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France
1921  Admiral Earl Beatty of Great Britain
1921  General Armando Diaz of Italy
1921  General Diaz of Italy
1921  General Baron Jacques of Belgium
1921  Charles Bertrand of France
1921  General of the Armies – John J. Pershing
1922  Admiral Robert E. Coontz
1923  General Josef Haller of Poland
1924  None Awarded
1925  None Awarded
1926  Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland
1927  Comte Francois M. R. DeJean of France
1928  Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain
1929  Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis

(Prior to 1929 there were no established regulations)

1930  Admiral William S. Sims
1931-41  None Awarded
1942  General Douglas MacArthur
1943  General George C. Marshall
1943  Admiral Ernest J. King
1944*  Honorable Frank Knox
1944  Henry Ford
1944  General H. H. Arnold
1945*  President Franklin D. Roosevelt
1945*  Ernest “Ernie” Pyle
THE AMERICAN LEGION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS (continued)

1945* Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. 1977 Dr. Howard A. Rusk
1945 Honorable Henry L. Stimson 1978 Bowie K. Kuhn
1945 General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower 1979 Thomas A. Murphy
1945 Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz 1980 Gerald R. Ford
1946 J. Edgar Hoover 38th President of the United States
1946 Bob Hope 1980 Dead and Missing of the Vietnam War
1946 William Randolph Hearst 1981 John Young,
1946 Major General Lewis B. Hershey Crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia
1946 Honorable Cordell Hull 1981 Robert Crippen,
1947 Lieutenant General William S. Knudsen Crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia
1947 Senator Edward Martin 1982 Ronald W. Reagan
1947 Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson 1983 40th President of the United States
1948 None Awarded Admiral Hyman George Rickover,
1949 President Harry S. Truman United States Navy (Retired)
1949* George Herman (Babe) Ruth 1984 Honorable J. Strom Thurmond
1949* Mayor General Frank Parker 1985 Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
1950 Charles F. Johnson, Jr. 1986 None Awarded
1950 Representative Edith Nourse Rogers 1987 Honorable William H. Webster
1951 General Charles P. Summerall 1988 Douglas Edwards
1952 None Awarded 1989 Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.
1953* Representative Royal C. Johnson 1990 Michael E. DeBakey, M. D.
1955 Dr. Jonas E. Salk 41st President of the United States
1955 Major General Ellard A. Walsh 1992 Dick Thornburgh
1956 Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone 1993 General Colin L. Powell
1956 Charles Stewart Mott 1994 Walter H. Annenberg
1957 General Mark W. Clark 1995 The Crew of Enola Gay
1957 The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen 1996 Honorable G. V. “Sonny” Montgomery
1958 Bernard M. Baruch 1997 The Honorable Robert J. Dole
1958 Unknown Servicemen of World War I, 1998 None Awarded
1958 World War II, Korea interred at the 1999 Zachary Fisher
1958 Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 2000 Honorable Orrin Grant Hatch
2003 Doctors Jeanne Mager Stellman and 2004 None Awarded
2004 Steven D. Stellman 2005 General Richard B. Myers
2005 Major General (Retired) Patrick H. Brady 2006 President George W. Bush
2008 President George W. Bush 2009 Boy Scouts of America
2009 Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders 2010 Honorable Thomas Chester “Chet” Edwards
2011 Senator Richard G. Lugar 2012 Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders
2012 Dr. Donald H. Jenkins, Chief, Trauma, Critical 2014 Honorable Charles T. “Chuck” Hagel
2014 Care and General Surgery, Mayo Clinic 2015 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)
2015 President Richard M. Nixon 2016 Dr. Apostolos P. Georgopoulos
2016 Honorable L. Mendel Rivers 2017 Honorable Elizabeth Doyle
2016 DeWitt Wallace 2018
2017 Honorable John Cornelius Stennis
2018 Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
2019 Honorable F. Edward Hebert
2020 Harry W. Colmery, Past National Commander, The American Legion
2021 Pat O’Brien
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL GRADUATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Description:

General: Walnut based trophy with four metal columns and baseball player figure mounted on a platform vase above columns.

Inscription: American Legion Baseball Graduate of the Year Award presented to (name of recipient) by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion. Year ______.

Sponsored By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 29, May 5-6, 1965.

Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award in 1968.

How Awarded:

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

Conditions:

1. To the Major League Baseball player who played American Legion Baseball as a teenager and best exemplifies the principles and purposes of the program. It is based upon the individual’s citizenship, sportsmanship, general good conduct, integrity and playing ability.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Americanism Division to obtain and make available said award for presentation.
3. The award remains the property of the recipient.

Recipients:

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

**Description:**

In honor of Bob Feller, Major League Baseball player and first alumnus of American Legion Baseball inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

**General:** Walnut plaque with gold plate and decoration depicting baseball motif.

**Inscription:** “Bob Feller Pitching Award, Presented by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion.”

**Sponsored By:**


**Authority:**

NEC Resolution No. 37, May 3-4, 1978.

**How Awarded:**

By a duly designated representative of The American Legion at the close of the annual World Series of American Legion Baseball.

**Conditions:**

1. To The American Legion Baseball player recording the greatest number of strikeouts during the regional tournaments and World Series of American Legion Baseball.
2. The award is to become the property of the recipient.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Americanism Division to see that said award is obtained and available for presentation.

**Recipients:**

1978  Glenn Roe, Post 185, Caldwell, NJ
1979  Brian Keith Reams, Post 359, Norwalk, CA
1980  Sid Fernandez, Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu, HI
1982  Robert Wassenaar, Post 471, Edina, MN
1983  John Ludy, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1984  Lino Rivera, Post 134, Guaynabo, PR
1985  Gregg Olson, Post 1, Omaha, NE
1986  Joe Grahe, Post 126, Jensen Beach, FL
1987  Stan Spencer, Post 176, Vancouver, WA
1988  Scott Klingenberg, Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
1989  Jeff Thelen, Post 205, Janesville, WI
1990  Clifton Foster, Post 58, Texarkana, AR
1991  Bob Pailthorpe, Post 837, Union City, CA
1993  Ben Thomas, Post 22, Rapid City, SD
1994  Lance Franks, Post 20, Russellville, AR
1995  Woody Heath, Outside Sponsor, Bellevue, WA
1996  Ben Sheets, Post 81, Gonzales, LA
1997  Steve Bechler, Post 15, Medford, OR
1998  Ralph Roberts, Post 100, Cherryville, NC
1999  Steve Grasley, Post 513, New Brighton, MN
2000  Ben Thurmond, Post 6, Columbia, SC
2001  Chad Billingsley, Post 300, Napoleon, OH
2002  Matt Skundrick, Post 15, Medford, OR
2003  Josh Johnson, Post 212, West Point, MS
2004  Ryan Reid, Outside Sponsor, Portland, ME
2005  Tyler Cheney, Post 34, Pasco, WA
2006  Robby Brouch, Post 175, Metairie, LA
2007  Aaron Davidson, Post 298, Bryant, AR
2008  Cade Lynch, Post 21, Jonesboro, AR
2009  Matt Stites, Post 253, Festus, MO
2010  Kevin Hill, Post 170, Midwest City, OK
2011  Colton Loomis, Post 165, Midland, MI
2012  Emerson Gibbs, Post 125, New Orleans, LA
2013  Mike Shawaryn, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2014  Jake Meyers, Post 1, Omaha, NE
2015  Jordan Ragan, Post 15, Medford, OR
2016  Gerald Hein, Post 4, Kennewick, WA
2017  Jordan Patty, Post 165, Midland, MI
2018  Jimmy Gambino, Post 40, Las Vegas, NV
COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL TROPHY

Description:

General: An 11” x 17” walnut plaque with an engraved aluminum plate shaped as a baseball home plate and decorated with Major League Baseball logo.

Inscription: “Baseball, The Commissioner’s Award, (year) National Champions, American Legion Baseball” sponsor”.

Sponsored By:

Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 19, October 20-21, 1971.

How Awarded:

At the World Series of Major League Baseball each October.

Conditions:

1. Awarded annually at the Major League World Series to that baseball team which becomes the National Champion as a result of playing in The American Legion World Series.
2. By action of the National Executive Committee, October 20-21, 1971, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters of The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, and a suitable plaque, with engraved plate attached, will be awarded to and retained by the winning team annually.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Americanism Division to see that said award is obtained and available for presentation.

Recipients:

1979 Logan Wheeler Post 36, Yakima, WA
1980 Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu, HI
1981 West Tampa Memorial Post 248, West Tampa, FL
1982 Charles B. Yerger Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1983 Edina Post 471, Edina, MN
1984 Jesus Bruno Post 134, Guaynabo, PR
1985 Midlothian Post 186, Midlothian, VA
1986 Jensen Beach Post 126, Jensen Beach, FL
1987 Charles B. Yerger Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1988 George W. Budde Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
1989 Woodland Hills Post 826, Woodland Hills, CA
1990 Cummings-Behlke Post 226, Mayo, MD
1991 Brooklawn Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
1993 Rapid City Post 22, Rapid City, SD
1994 Felix Sosa-Camejo Post 346, Miami, FL
1995 Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, HI
1996 Knowles-Doyle Post 317, Yardley, PA
1997 Campbell-Lossing Post 53, Sanford, FL
1998 Edwardsville Post 199, Edwardsville, FL
1999 Tri-City post 513, New Brighton, MN
2000 Mt. Diablo Post 246, Danville, CA
2001 Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2002 Landen-Shelton-Neeley Post 212, West Point, MS
2003 William T. McCoy Post 92, Rochester, MN
2004 Portland, ME, Outside Sponsor
2005 Argonne Post 4, Enid, OK
2006 Metairie Post 175, Metairie, LA
2007 Herbert Griffin Post 19, Columbia, TN
2008 Spirit of Freedom Post 76, Las Vegas, NV
2009 Midland Berryhill Post 165, Midland, MI
2010 Clarence L. Tinker Post 170, Midwest, OK
2011 Eden Prairie, MN, Outside Sponsor
2012 American Legion Post 125, New Orleans, LA
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2015 Chapin Post 193, Chapin, SC
2016 Texarkana Post 58, Texarkana, AR
2017 Henderson Post 40, Henderson, NV
2018 Wilmington Post 1, Wilmington, DE

1971 West Covina Post 790, West Covina, CA
1972 Ballwin Memorial Post 611, Ballwin, MO
1973 Monte Carlo Post 147, Rio Piedras, PR
1974 Monte Carlo Post 147, Rio Piedras, PR
1975 Logan Wheeler Post 36, Yakima, WA
1976 Santa Monica Bay Cities Post 123, Santa Monica, CA
1977 South Bend Post 50, South Bend, IN
1978 Sullivan-Babcock Post 32, Hialeah, FL
DR. IRVIN L. “CLICK” COWGER MEMORIAL R.B.I. AWARD

Description:
In honor of Dr. Irvin L. “Click” Cowger, a former State Adjutant of the Kansas American Legion and an ardent American Legion Baseball supporter.

General: Walnut plaque with gold plate and decoration depicting baseball motif.

Inscription: “Dr. Irvin L. ‘Click’ Cowger Memorial R.B.I. Award.”

Established By:
The American Legion, Department of Kansas.

Authority:
NEC Resolution No. 30, May 5-6, 1971.

How Awarded:
By a duly authorized representative of The American Legion at the close of the annual World Series of American Legion Baseball.

Conditions:
1. Awarded annually to that American Legion Baseball player who is credited with the most runs batted in by the official scorers of the respective regional tournaments and World Series of American Legion Baseball.
2. The award becomes the property of the recipient.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the Americanism Division to see that said award is obtained and available for presentation.

*Recipient received this award prior to it becoming an official award, May 5-6, 1971.

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THE FORD C. FRICK TROPHY

Description:
In honor of Ford C. Frick, Commissioner of Baseball (1951-1965).

General: Pedestal trophy with gold finish; figure of baseball player mounted on top; six eagles mounted on base; height, including base is three feet.

Inscription: “The Ford C. Frick Baseball Trophy. Presented to the Runner-up Team of the National Finals.”

Sponsored By:

Authority:
May 1952 report of National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee as approved by the National Executive Committee.

How Awarded:
By the Americanism Commission chairman, and/or duly designated representative, at the annual National Combined Americanism Conference.

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 original trophy was donated to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York on February 2, 1953.

Recipients:

1952 California, Post 364, San Diego, CA
1953 Illinois, Post 10, Winnetka, IL
1954 North Carolina, Post 23, Gaston, NC
1955 District of Columbia, Post 31, Washington, DC
1956 Louisiana, Post 341, New Orleans, LA
1957 Oregon, Post 102, Portland, OR
1958 Massachusetts, Post 176, Everett, MA
1959 Virginia, Post 48, Phoebeus, VA
1960 Montana, Post 4, Billings, MT
1961 Ohio, Post 554, Cincinnati, OH
1962 Hawaii, Post 11, Honolulu, HI
1963 Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1964 North Carolina, Post 9, Charlotte, NC
1965 Nebraska, Post 1, Omaha, NE
1966 Alabama, Post 34, Tuscaloosa, AL
1967 Illinois, Post 791, Northbrook, IL
1968 Oregon, Post 8, Klamath Falls, OR
1969 Maryland, Post 22, Towson, MD
1970 Pennsylvania, No Post Affiliation
1971 Iowa, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, IA
1972 Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1973 Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1974 Oregon, Post 92, lake Oswego, OR
1975 Iowa, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, IA
1976 Illinois, Post 36, Des Plaines, IL
1977 Mississippi, Post 78, Hattiesburg, MS
1978 Massachusetts, Post 420, Springfield, MA
1979 Rhode Island, Post 8, Barrington, RI
1980 Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1981 Virginia, Post 361, Richmond, VA
1982 California, Post 517, Lafayette, CA
1983 Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1984 New Jersey, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
1985 California, Carmichael Elks, Outside Sponsor, Sacramento, CA
1986 Nevada, Post 8, Las Vegas, NV
1987 Washington, Post 176, Vancouver, WA
1988 Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1989 Puerto Rico, Post 134, Guaynabo, PR
1990 Puerto Rico, Post 48, Bayamon, PR
1991 Ohio, Post 85, Newark, OH
1992 Illinois, Post 208, Arlington Heights, IL
1993 Nevada, Post 8, Las Vegas, NV
1994 California, Post 299, Chino, CA
1995 Washington, Outside Sponsor, Bellevue, WA
1996 Louisiana, Post 81, Gonzales, LA
1997 Oregon, Post 15, Medford, OR
1998 North Carolina, Post 100, Cherryville, NC
1999 Washington, Post 34, Kennewick, WA
2000 Kentucky, Post 31, Paducah, KY
2001 Idaho, Post 13, Lewiston, ID
2002 Minnesota, Post 259, Excelsior, MN
2003 North Carolina, Post 100, Cherryville, NC
2004 Washington
2005 Washington, Post 34, Kennewick, WA
2006 Indiana, Post 346, Terre Haute, IN
2007 Minnesota, Outside Sponsor, Eden Prairie, MN
2008 Washington, Post 34, Pasco, WA
2009 Oregon, Post 15, Medford, OR
2010 Minnesota, Outside Sponsor, Eden Prairie, MN
2011 Mississippi, Post 49, Tupelo, MS
2012 Department of New Jersey
2013 Petaluma Post 28, Petaluma, CA
2014 Berryhill Post 165, Midland, MI
2015 Crescent City Post 125, New Orleans, LA
2016 Rowan County Post 342, Salisbury, NC
2017 Omaha Post 1, Omaha, NE
2018 Las Vegas Post 40, Las Vegas, NV
FRANK N. BELGRANO, JR. TROPHY

Description:
In honor of Past National Commander Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.

General: Gold plated pedestal type trophy; figure of a Boy Scout mounted on center pedestal; main pedestal in center surrounded by four smaller pedestals topped with spread eagles; square Bakelite base and height is 32 inches.

Inscription: “Frank N. Belgrano, Jr., Boy Scout Trophy.”

Sponsored By:

Authority:
NEC Resolution No. 6, Nov. 1936

How Awarded:
Announcement of the award is made at each National Convention. A customized plaque is shipped to the winning department.

Conditions:

Awarded annually to the department which has rendered the most outstanding support during the period July 31 – August 1 to the program of the Boy Scouts of America. The award is based on the number of troops organized, strength of existing troops and general welfare of the Scout movement under Legion sponsorship within the department based on written reports with substantiating evidence submitted to National Headquarters 15 days prior to the National Convention.

By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters, and a suitable laminated plaque containing a photograph of the trophy will be awarded to and retained by the winning department.

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GEORGE W. RULON BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Description:

General: Walnut plaque with metal plate for appropriate inscription plus laminated citation.

Inscription: George W. Rulon American Legion Baseball Player of the Year presented to _name of recipient_ by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion. Year ___________.

Sponsored By:


Authority:

The American Legion Trophies Manual dated May 15, 1986 and amended by NEC Resolution No. 4, 1986 Pre-Convention renaming the award from “American Legion Baseball Player of the Year” to “George W. Rulon Baseball Player of the Year”. Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.

How Awarded:

By a duly designated representative upon conclusion of The American Legion Baseball World Series. A citation is presented to the recipient by a duly designated official at special Hall of Fame ceremonies at Cooperstown, New York the following summer.

Conditions:

1. Presented annually to the American Legion Baseball player participating in the World Series who best displays playing ability, integrity, mental attitude, cooperation, citizenship, sportsmanship and general good conduct, as determined by a designated Selection Committee.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Americanism Division to obtain and make available said award for presentation.
3. The plaque and citation remain the property of the recipient.

Recipients:

1949 Ray Herrera, Post 337, Oakland, CA
1950 J. W. Porter, Post 337, Oakland, CA
1951 Grover Jones, Jr., Post 135, White Plains, NY
1952 Russell Nixon, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
1953 Charles Lindstrom, Post 10, Winnetka, IL
1954 Billy Capps, Post 492, San Diego, CA
1955 Frank Birri, Post 216, Cincinnati, OH
1956 Jim Harri, Post 345, New Orleans, LA

1957 Fred Fox, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
1958 James Kiebler, Post 20, Greenwood, SC
1959 Fred Bowen, Jr., Post 187, Detroit, MI
1960 Richard R. Roniger, Post 125, New Orleans, LA
1961 James J. Gruber, Post 554, Cincinnati, OH
1962 William D. Matan, Jr., Post 299, St. Louis, MO
1963 Richard Allen Dash, Post 27, Long Beach, CA
1964 Roland G. Fingers, Post 73, Upland, CA
1965 Kenneth J. Fila, Post 1, Omaha, NE
1966 William C. Parker, Jr., Post 34, Tuscaloosa, AL
1967 Ray Lynn Larsen, Post 791, Northbrook, IL
1968 Donald Hardy Castle, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1969 John David Adeiny, Post 12, West Palm Beach, FL
1970 Carroll Wayne Watts, Post 1, Tulsa, OK
1971 Randolph Gregory Haas, Post 790, West Covina, CA
1972 Michael Charles Murphy, Post 611, Ballwin, MO
1973 Thomas Steven Ashford, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1974 Edwin C. Lopez, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
1975 David Delmar Edler, Post 36, Yakima, WA
1976 Gustavo Martin Malespin, Post 175, Metairie, LA
1977 William Floyd Schell, Post 50, South Bend, IN
1978 Ross Jones, Post 32, Hialeah, FL
1979 Patrick Scott Allen, Post 36, Yakima, WA
1980 Tomas Gil, Post 32, Hialeah, FL
1981 David Joseph Magadan, Post 248, West Tampa, FL
1982 Ivan S. Snyder, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1983 Michael Halloran, Post 471, Edina, MN
1984 Jorge Robles, Post 134, Guaynabo, PR
1985 Tris Lipscomb, Post 186, Midlothian, VA

(See note under Authority)

1986 Joe Grahe, Post 126, Jensen Beach, FL
1987 Wilbur Stout, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1988 Mike Kesster, Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
1989 Del Marine, Post 826, Woodland Hills, CA
1990 Mark Foster, Post 226, Mayo, MD
1991 Ryan Bee, Post 85, Newark, OH
1993 Ben Thomas, Post 22, Rapid City, SD
1994 Fernando Rodriguez, Post 346, Miami, FL
1995 Jason Adaro, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, HI
1996 Christian Bourgeois, Post 81, Gonzales, LA
1997 Nate Philo, Post 15, Medford, OR
1998 Chad Opel, Post 199, Edwardsville, IL
1999 Jeremy S. Roberts, Post 83, Rison, AR
2000 Joshua Zender, Post 86, Deming, WA
2001 Jewell Threet, III, Post 275, Adrian, MI
2002 Ty Henkaline, Post 217, Sidney, OH
2003 Jared Willis, Post 19, Logan WV
2004 Nolan Gallagher, Post 4, Red Lodge, MT
2005 Fernando Irizarry, Montero, PR
2006 Joseph Walsh, Post 79, Weymouth, MA
2007 Blaine T. Drozd, Post 263, Genoa, NE
2008 Patrick Singletary, Post 77, Hendersonville, NC
2009 Tyler Jacobson, Post 337, Pulaski, WI
2010 Brandon Drozd, Post 263, Genoa, NE
2011 Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie, MN
2012 Emerson Gibbs, Post 125, New Orleans, LA
2013 Anthony Harrold, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2014 Sean Breen, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
GEORGE W. RULON BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS (continued)

2015  Justin Hawkins, Post 193, Chapin, SC
2016  Will Smith, Post 58, Texarkana, AR
2017  Shane Spencer, Post 40, Henderson, NV
2018  Chris Ludman, Post 1, Wilmington, DE
THE HOWARD P. SAVAGE, JUNIOR TROPHY

Description:

In honor of Past National Commander Howard P. Savage, Jr.

General: Silver plated pedestal type trophy with individual figure mounted on top. Base of trophy carries etching of baseball team.

Inscription: “The Howard P. Savage Junior Baseball Trophy.”

Sponsored by:


Authority:

October 1928 report of Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards.

How Awarded:

By the Americanism Commission chairman and/or duly designated representative at the annual National Combined Americanism Conference.

Conditions:

1. Awarded annually to that department having within its jurisdiction the baseball team that becomes the champion as a result of playing in The American Legion World Series.

2. On February 5, 1953, the original trophy was donated to and currently remains at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Recipients:

- 1928 California, Post 5, Oakland, CA
- 1929 New York, Post 72, Saugerties, NY
- 1930 Maryland, Post 81, Baltimore, MD
- 1931 Illinois, Post 493, Chicago, IL
- 1932 Louisiana, Post 134, New Orleans, LA
- 1933 Illinois, Post 467, Chicago, IL
- 1934 Maryland, Post 13, Cumberland, MD
- 1935 North Carolina, Post 23, Gastonia, NC
- 1936 South Carolina, Post 28, Spartanburg, SC
- 1937 Massachusetts, Post 291, East Lynn, MA
- 1938 California, Post 6, San Diego, CA
- 1939 Nebraska, Post 1, Omaha, NE
- 1940 North Carolina, Post 76, Albermarie, NC
- 1941 California, Post 6, San Diego, CA
- 1942 California, Post 357, Los Angeles, CA
- 1943 Minnesota, Post 435, Minneapolis, MN
- 1944 Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
- 1945 North Carolina, Post 82, Shelby, NC
- 1946 Louisiana, Post 125, New Orleans, LA
- 1947 Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
- 1948 New Jersey, Post 93, Trenton, NJ
- 1949 California, Post 337, Oakland, CA
- 1950 California, Post 337, Oakland, CA
- 1951 California, Post 715, Los Angeles, CA
- 1952 Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
- 1953 Washington, Post 36, Yakima, WA
- 1954 California, Post 492, San Diego, CA
- 1955 Ohio, Post 216, Cincinnati, OH
- 1956 Missouri, Post 245, St. Louis, MO
- 1957 Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
- 1958 Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
- 1959 Ohio, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
- 1960 Louisiana, Post 125, New Orleans, LA
- 1961 Arizona, Post 1, Phoenix, AZ
- 1962 Missouri, Post 299, St. Louis, MO
- 1963 California, Post 27, Long Beach, CA
- 1964 California, Post 73, Upland, CA
- 1965 North Carolina, Post 9, Charlotte, NC
- 1966 California, Post 337, Oakland, CA
- 1967 Alabama, Post 34, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 1968 Tennessee, Post 1, Memphis, TN
- 1969 Oregon, Post 109, Portland, OR
- 1970 California, Post 790, West Covina, CA
- 1971 California, Post 790, West Covina, CA
- 1972 Missouri, Post 611, Ballwin, MO
- 1973 Puerto Rico, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
- 1974 Puerto Rico, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
- 1975 Washington, Post 36, Yakima, WA
- 1976 California, Post 123, Santa Monica, CA
- 1977 Indiana, Post 50, South Bend, IN
- 1978 Florida, Post 32, Hialeah, FL
- 1979 Washington, Post 36, Yakima, WA
- 1980 Hawaii, Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu, HI (Outside Sponsor)
- 1981 Florida, Post 248, West Tampa, FL
- 1982 Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
- 1983 Minnesota, Post 471, Edina, MN
- 1984 Puerto Rico, Post 134, Guaynabo, PR
- 1985 Virginia, Post 86, Midlothian, VA
- 1986 Florida, Post 126, Jensen Beach, FL
- 1987 Pennsylvania, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
- 1988 Ohio, Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
- 1989 California, Post 826, Woodlands, CA
- 1990 Maryland, Post 226, Mayo, MD
- 1991 New Jersey, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
- 1992 California, Newbury Park Oaks, Newbury Park, CA (Outside Sponsor)
- 1993 South Dakota, Post 22, Rapid City, SD
- 1994 Florida, Post 346, Miami, FL
- 1995 Hawaii, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, HI (Outside Sponsor)

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1996 Pennsylvania, Post 317, Yardley, PA
1997 Florida, Post 53, Sanford, FL
1998 Illinois, Post 199, Edwardsville, IL
1999 Minnesota, Post 513, New Brighton, MN
2000 California, Post 246, Danville, CA
2001 New Jersey, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2002 Mississippi, Post 212, West Point, MS
2003 Minnesota, Post 92, Rochester, MN
2004 Maine, Portland, ME (Outside Sponsor)
2005 Oklahoma, Post 4, Enid, OK
2006 Louisiana, Post 175, Metairie, LA
2007 Tennessee, Post 19, Columbia, TN
2008 Nevada, Post 76, Las Vegas, NV
2009 Michigan, Post 165, Midland, MI
2010 Oklahoma, Post 170, Midwest City, OK
2011 Minnesota, Eden Prairie, MN (Outside Sponsor)
2012 Louisiana Post 125, New Orleans, LA
2013 Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2014 Brooklawn Memorial Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2015 Chapin Post 193, Chapin, SC
2016 Texarkana Post 58, Texarkana, AR
2017 Henderson Post 40, Henderson, NV
2018 Wilmington Post 1, Wilmington, DE
Description:

General: Walnut plaque with metal plate scroll.

Inscription: Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award presented by The American Legion, Department of North Dakota.

Established By:

The American Legion, Department of North Dakota.

Authority:

Award was established in 1967. Awarded annually since established.

How Awarded:

By the Americanism Commission chairman and/or duly designated representative at the close of the annual World Series of American Legion Baseball.

Conditions:

1. Awarded annually to the manager and coach of the national championship team, as representative of the adult leadership Williams stressed during his lifetime.
2. The award, one (1) each, given to both the manager and coach of the championship team.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the National Americanism Division to obtain and make available said awards for presentation.
4. The award is to remain the property of the recipient.

Recipients:

1968 Manager: Tony Gagliaon, Post 1, Memphis, TN
Coach: John Camp

1969 Manager: Leo Wyans, Post 105, Portland, OR
Coach: Dick L. McClain

1970 Manager: Don L. Sealy, Post 790, West Covina, CA
Coach: Joe Opatkiewicz

1971 Manager: Don L. Sealy, Post 790, West Covina, CA
Coach: William Kagy

1972 Manager: Bill Bullock, Post 611, Ballwin, MO
Coaches: Donald J. Loehr and Bob Umfleet

1973 Manager: Rolando Bernacet, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
Coach: Alfredo Carlo Toro

1974 Manager: Rolando Bernacet, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
Coach: Alfredo Carlo Toro

1975 Manager: Dale L. Ehler, Post 36, Yakima, WA
Coach: Robert A. Garretson

1976 Manager: Al Montanari, Post 123, Santa Monica, CA
Coach: Tom McCaffrey

1977 Manager: Mel Machuca, Post 50, South Bend, IN
Coach: Bill Barcome

1978 Manager: Louis Reilly, Post 32, Hialeah, FL
Coach: James Trout

1979 Manager: Robert W. Garretson, Post 36, Yakima, WA
Coach: Robert A. Garretson

1980 Manager: Clyde Hayashida, Moiliili Legion Baseball, Honolulu, HI
Coach: Ronald Jacobs

1981 Manager: Frank Permuy, Sr., Post 248, W. Tampa, FL
Coach: Frank Permuy, Jr.

1982 Manager: Richard L. Ludy, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
Coach: David L. Specht

1983 Manager: Clifton Olsen, Post 471, Edina, MN
Coach: Bruce Barron

1984 Manager: Jose Centeno, Post 134, Guaynabo, PR
Coach: Javier Centeno

1985 Manager: Maurice O. Beck, Post 186, Miami, FL
Coach: David M. George

1986 Manager: Robert J. Shaw, Post 126, Jensen Beach, FL
Coach: Floyd J. Wilkes

1987 Manager: David Specht, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
Coach: Randy Koch

1988 Manager: Charles McMichean, Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
Coach: Tom Kilgore

1989 Manager: Gary Gibson, Post 826, Woodland Hills, CA
Coach: Don Hornback

1990 Manager: Bernard P. Walter, Jr., Post 226, Mayo, MD
Coach: Wilfredo Trinidad

1991 Manager: Joe Barth, Sr., Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
Coach: Joe Barth, Jr.

Coach: Wayne Smith

1993 Manager: Dave Ploof, Post 22, Rapid City, SD
Coaches: Steve Wolff and Carl Stonecipher

1994 Manager: Carlos Hernandez, Sr., Post 346, Miami, FL
Coach: Carlos Hernandez, Jr.

1995 Manager: Alan Higuichi, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, HI
Coaches: Garrett Mago and Garret Yukumoto

1996 Manager: Meade Tenaglia, Post 317, Yardley, PA
Coaches: Joe Ferraro and Paul Zavorski

1997 Manager: Rod Ferguson, Post 53, Sanford, FL
Coaches: Jack Diemer and Ken Birch

1998 Manager: Ken Schaake, Post 199, Edwardsville, IL
Coaches: Steve Haug, Keith Opel and Mike Schaake

1999 Manager: Jeff Larsen, Post 513, New Brighton, MN
Coaches: Mark Paone and Mike Maslowski

2000 Manager: Don Johns, Post 246, Danville, CA
Coaches: John McGough, John Rodrigues, Pat Evans and Andy Faria

2001 Manager: Joe Barth, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
Coaches: Dennis Barth and Tim Gunn
2002  Manager: Frank Portera, Post 212, West Point, MS
      Coach:  Tyler Bratton
2003  Manager: None
      Coaches: Tony Beck and Keith Kangas, Post 92, Rochester, MN
2004  Manager: None
      Coaches: Mike D’Andrea, Daniel MacDuffie and Chris Grant, Nova Seafood, Portland, ME (Outside Sponsor)
2005  Manager: Billy Mayberry, Post 4, Enid, OK
      Coaches: Chris Jensen and Butch Lingenfelter
2006  Manager: David Baudry, Post 175, Metairie, LA
      Coaches: Brady Benoit and Anthony Longo
2007  Manager: Mickey McKeel, Post 19, Columbia, TN
      Coaches: Eddy Alred and Jack Kercado
2008  Manager: Chris Sheff, Post 76, Las Vegas, NV
      Coaches: Scott Baker and Gino Campagna
2009  Manager: Dan Cronkright, Post 165, Midland, MI
      Coaches: Steven Cronkright and Patrick Dawson
2010  Manager: Doug Weese, Post 170, Midwest City, OK
      Coaches: Shane Hawk, Jerry Long and Derek Snell
2011  Manager: Scott Hackett, Eden Prairie, MN
      Coaches: Mike Halloran and John Buteyn (Outside Sponsor)
2012  Manager: Joey Latino, Post 125, New Orleans, LA
      Coaches: Kenneth Goodlett and Jeffery Chappuis
2013  Manager: Joe Barth, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
      Coaches: Dennis Barth, Michael Brown, Josh Copskey, William Gore, Steve Mondile and Michael Rucci
2014  Manager: Dennis Barth, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
      Coaches: Josh Copskey, William Gore, Steve Mondile and Michael Rucci
2015  Manager: Ken Minasian, Post 193, Chapin, SC
      Coaches: Daniel Gregory, David Coats, Marion Baker and Michael Robertson
2016  Manager: Dane Peavy, Texarkana, AR
      Coaches: Reid Peavy, Jonathan Boucher, Steve Goodheart, Jonathan Orr
2017  Manager: Scott Baker, Post 40, Henderson, NV
      Coaches: Tyler Baker, Essex Burton, Shawn Dickson and Roberto Persona
2018  Manager: Brent Treml, Post 1, Wilmington, DE
      Coaches: Stephen Lex, Mark Wihelm, Matthew Schubert and Dane Walter
Description:

General: Walnut plaque with metal plate for appropriate inscription.

Inscription: James F. Daniel, Jr., Memorial Sportsmanship Award presented to _[name of recipient]_ by National Americanism Commission, The American Legion. Year __________

Sponsored By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 29, May 5-6, 1965.

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

How Awarded:

By a duly designated American Legion Baseball representative at the conclusion of the World Series of American Legion Baseball.

Conditions:

1. Presented annually to The American Legion Baseball player participating in the World Series who best represent the principles of good sportsmanship emphasized by the program, as determined by a designated Selection Committee.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Americanism Division to obtain and make available said award for presentation.
3. The award remains the property of the recipient.

Recipients:

1956 Bill Oerding, Post 16, Roseburg, OR
1957 Karl Haag, Post 102, Portland, OR
1958 Scott Seger, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
1959 Hartwell Routten, Post 48, Hampton, VA
1960 Robert M. Fry, Post 4, Billings, MT
1961 Larry Staley, Post 1, Phoenix, AZ
1962 John Matias, Post 11, Honolulu, HI
1963 Oscar Brown, Post 27, Long Beach, CA
1964 Joseph F. Moody, III, Post 9, Charlotte, NC
(See note under Authority)
1965 William K. Oakley, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1966 Buddy LeRoy Plummer, Post 4, Enid, OK
1967 Randell Ryan, Post 34, Tuscaloosa, AL
1968 Lonnie Michael Young, Post 47, Timmonsville, SC
1969 William McKinley McComb, III, Post 105, Portland, OR
1970 Gil W. Stafford, Post 1, Phoenix, AZ
1971 Michael Leroy Curran, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, IA
1972 Robert Michael Umfleet, Post 611, Ballwin, MO
1973 Jose Ramon Lugo, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
1974 Glenn Heard, Post 92, Lake Oswego, OR
1975 Curtiss Dean Becker, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, IA
1976 Michael James Boddicker, Post 5, Cedar Rapids, IA
1977 Scott Benedict, Post 12, West Palm Beach, FL
1978 John Small Maner, Post 420, Springfield, MA
1979 Stephen Michael Petersen, Post 158, Barrington, IL
1980 Bob Melvin, Post 375, Palo Alto, CA
1981 Keith Eric Peterson, R.C. Winter Construction Co., Bellevue, WA
1982 Michael David Huthand, Post 6, Kokomo, IN
1983 John Ludy, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1984 John McGuffigan, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
1985 Bobby Jones, Carmichael Elks, Sacramento, CA
1986 Tom Griffen, Post 8, Las Vegas, NV
1987 Brett Blechschmidt, Post 176, Vancouver, WA
1988 Pete Rose, II, Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
1989 Larry Sheets, Post 81, Gonzales, LA
1990 Richard Otero, Post 48, Bayamon, PR
1991 Jason Williams, All Star Team (OS), Gonzales, LA
1992 John Klopp, Post 208, Arlington Heights, IL
1993 Chad Stevenson, Post 8, Las Vegas, NV
1994 Erick Gomez, Post 299, Chino, CA
1995 Woody Heath, Bellevue, WA (Outside Sponsor)
1996 Andy Hoffman, Post 165, Midland, MI
1997 Andy Neufeld, Post 53, Sanford, FL
1998 Ralph Roberts, Post 100, Cherryville, NC
1999 Timothy Brusseau, Jr., Post 39, Wood River, VT
2000 Matt Brown, Post 246, Danville, CA
2001 Julius Smith, Post 13, Lewiston, ID
2002 Ronny Woods, Post 12, Dothan, AL
2003 Michael Badger, Post 92, Rochester, MN
2004 Ryan Reid, Portland, ME (Outside Sponsor)
2005 Tyson Seng, Post 4, Enid, OK
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Post 346, Terre Haute, IN
2007 Holden Killen, Post 19, Columbia, TN
2008 Paul Sewald, Post 76, Las Vegas, NV
2009 Garret Yatch, Post 165, Midland, MI
2010 Blake Schmit, Eden Prairie, MN
2011 Brandon Woodruff, Post 49, Tupelo, MS
2012 Brent Tenuto, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2013 Robbie Podorsky, Post 81, Gonzales, LA
2014 Tanner Gross, Post 165, Midland, MI
2015 Ben Hess, Post 125, New Orleans, LA
2016 Logan Vidrine, Texarkana, AR
2017 Will Hanafan, Post 1, Omaha, NE
2018 Sam Goodman, Post 137, Dubuque County, IA
AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS TROPHY

Description:

General: Four walnut trophies with raised American Legion Emblem and enlarged wooden depiction of a .177 caliber air rifle pellet placed on center panel.

Inscriptions:
“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:

Authority:
NEC Resolution No. 9, May 9-10, 2001.

How Awarded:
By a duly designated national official of The American Legion at a time and place convenient to all parties concerned.

Conditions:

1. Awarded annually to the top performing individual and team in the Sporter and Precision categories competing in the annual USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Air Rifle Championship who are members of clubs and teams affiliated with The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program.

2. By action of the National Executive Committee, May 9-10, 2001, the original established trophies are to remain at National Headquarters.

Recipients:

2001

Precision Team: Langhorne Rod & Gun Club, Post 440, Levittown, PA – Jason Lere, Brian Kern, Lucy Jacobson and Erin Skeuse
Precision Individual: Ryan Tanoue, Puuloa Rifle & Pistol Club, Post 35, Honolulu, HI
Sporter Team: Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, LA – Logan Brouillette, Brandon Green, Brian Phillips and Brandon Applewhite
Sporter Individual: Logan Brouillette, Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, LA

2002

Precision Team: Palmyra Sportsman, Post 160, Hershey, PA – Jamie Beyerle, Vicki Goss, James Miller and Justin Sparks
Precision Individual: James Hall, Wolf Creek Young Shooters, Post 160, Carrollton, GA
Sporter Team: Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, LA – Brandon Applewhite, Cody Cleland, Brandon Green and Brian Phillips
Sporter Individual: Brandon Green, Bogalusa High School AJROTC, Post 24, Bogalusa, LA

2003

Precision Team: Palmyra Wrecking Crew II, Post 72, Palmyra, PA – Leslie Angeli, Cody Rutter, Justin Sparks, and Brad Stepp
Precision Individual: Daniel Belluzzo, Itasca County 4-H Shooting Sports, Post 60, Grand Rapids, MN
Sporter Team: Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE – Jace Bures, Micaela Jochum, Nathan Jochum and Clint Sejkora
Sporter Individual: Andrew Hahn, Humboldt Sharpshooters, Post 62, Humboldt, SD

2004

Precision Team: Wolf Creek Young Shooters, Post 160, Smyrna, GA – Jeremy Drennan, Jonathan Hall, Joseph Hall and Phillip Huckaby
Precision Individual: Joseph Hall, Wolf Creek Young Shooters, Post 160, Smyrna, GA
Sporter Team: Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE – Sarah Broeker, Jace Bures, Micaela Jochum and Clint Sejkors
Sporter Individual: Jace Bures, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE

2005

Precision Team: Du Bois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, Du Bois, PA – Christina Dutra, Michael Kulbacki, Justin Pentz and Kyle Smith
Precision Individual: Amanda Jeffries, McAlester Jr. Air Rifle Club, Post 79, McAlester, OK
Sporter Team: Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE – Jace Bures, Micaela Jochum, Sheena Mahloch and Clint Sejkora
Sporter Individual: Jace Bures, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE
2006  
**Precision Team:** Du Bois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, Du Bois, PA – Michael Kulbacki, Justin Pentz, Kyle Smith and Kyle Yebertmetsky
**Precision Individual:** Michael Kulbacki, Du Bois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, Du Bois, PA
**Sporter Team:** Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE – Cole Bures, Micaela Jochum, Alex Niefeldt and Alyssa Wolken
**Sporter Individual:** Micaela Jochum, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE

2007  
**Precision Team:** Du Bois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, Du Bois, PA – Aaron Holsopple, Michael Kulbacki, Justin Pentz and Kyle Smith
**Precision Individual:** Ethan Settlemires, Cross Roads Sport Shooting, Post 6, Corinth, MS
**Sporter Team:** R.L. Paschal High School JROTC, Post 569, Forth Worth, TX – Amanda Aguilera, Xentri Garza, Dean Harmon and Daniel Hilario, Jr.
**Sporter Individual:** Micaela Jochum, Homestead 4-H Shooting Club, Post 27, Beatrice, NE

2008  
**Precision Team:** Capitol City Junior Rifle Club, Post 2, Tacoma, WA – Brandon Hergert, Daniel Lowe, Josh Pagel and Kyle Rebillion
**Precision Individual:** Abigail Stanec, Ashland Eagles, Post 473, Copley, OH
**Sporter Team:** Ozark High School JROTC, Post 639, Springfield, MO – Jacob Edwards, Kelsea Hunt, Shawn Spradling and Rob Thompson
**Sporter Individual:** Kelsea Hunt, Ozark High School JROTC, Post 639, Springfield, MO

2009  
**Precision Team:** Lincoln Rifle Club, Post 264, Lincoln, CA – Jacob Carrillo, Dustin McQueary, Brett Morrison and Kaitlin Pennell
**Precision Individual:** Kaitlin Pennell, Lincoln Rifle Club, Post 264, Lincoln, CA
**Sporter Team:** Lafayette Gun Club of Virginia “White”, Post 273, Poquoson, VA – Hannah Black, Joshua Black, Matthew Brewer and Thomas Wheelless
**Sporter Individual:** William Eades, III, C.E. Byrd High School JROTC, Post 6, Shreveport, LA

2010  
**Precision Team:** Arlington Optimist Acorns, Post 177, Fairfax, VA – Ryan Anderson, Evelyn Holman, Cammille Latham and Morgan Lluy
**Precision Individual:** Matthew Martin, Borealis Bullseyes, Post 28, Anchorage, AK
**Sporter Team:** Lafayette Gun Club of Virginia “White”, Post 273, Poquoson, VA – Hannah Black, Joshua Black, Matthew Brewer and Thomas Wheelless
**Precision Individual:** Hannah Weatherford, North Little Rock High School JROTC, Post 40, North Little Rock, AR

2011  
**Precision Team:** Palmyra Junior Rifle Team, Post 72, Palmyra, PA – Nathan Brandeburg, Briann Derr, Elizabeth Emeck and Alyssa Gestl
**Precision Individual:** Daniel Lowe, Capital City Junior Rifle Team, Post 2, Olympia, WA
**Sporter Team:** Patriot Shooting Club, Post 233, Varina, VA – Joshua Black, Sarah Osborn, Timothy Teller and Thomas Wheelless
**Sporter Individual:** Maneva Gill, Pacifica 4-H, Post 238, Pacifica, CA

2012  
**Precision Team:** Sutter Union H.S. AJROTC, Post 122, Rayville, LA – Jayccee Carter, Justin Nissen, Greta Ochser, Lauren Zerkovich
**Precision Individual:** Colt Gross, North Augusta H.S., Post 705, Yuba City, CA
**Sporter Team:** Rayville H.S. AJROTC, Post 122, Rayville, LA
**Sporter Individual:** Cody Sanchez, Valencia County 4-H, Post 85, Los Lunas, NM

2013  
**Precision Team:** Walla Walla High School JROTC, Post 32, Walla Walla, WA – Sarah Jameson, Caitlyn Lasseigne, Allison Jurgensen, Andrew Jenkins
**Precision Individual:** Rachael Schoenrock, Homestead 4-H, Post 27, Beatrice, NE
**Sporter Team:** Franklin County High School AFJROTC, Post 6, Rocky Mount, VA – Cody Ashby, Jonathan Gove, Brantley Santrock, Michael Barton
**Sporter Individual:** Rachael Schoenrock, Homestead 5-H, Post 27, Beatrice, NE

2014  
**Precision Team:** Zion Benton NJROTC, Post 865, Zion, IL – Zachary Dumyahn, Justine Hamilton, Kevin Hamilton, Kayla Savage
**Precision Individual:** Isela Velazquez, R. L. Paschal JROTC, Post 569, Ft. Worth, TX
**Sporter Team:** Hardcore 4, Post 64, Monroe, GA – Dana Bowen, Maggie Mason, Mary Pratt, Brandon Thomas
**Sporter Individual:** Sarah Osborn, Patriot Shooting Club of VA, Post 233, Richmond, VA

2015  
**Precision Team:** Hardcore 4, Post 233, Loganville, GA – Dana Bowen, Rachel Kimbell, Mary Pratt and Dakota Spivey
**Precision Individual:** Sarah Sutton, Black Swamp Junior Rifle Club, Post 114, Oak Harbor, OH
**Sporter Team:** Zion Benton NJROTC, Post 865, Zion, IL – Justin Hamilton, Jaycie Hoenig, William Newman and Howard Norrish
**Sporter Individual:** Gabriel Palermo, Freeport High School NJROTC, Post 139, Freeport, IL
2016  **Precision Team**: Minnesota Centershots, Post 102, Anoka, MN – Abigail Buesseler, Elizabeth Ewert, Kamilla Kisch, Samantha Peterson  
**Precision Individual**: Sarah Osborn, Patriot Shooting Club of Virginia, Post 233, Varina, VA  
**Sporter Team**: Freeport HS NJROTC, Post 139, Freeport, IL – Alyssa Hornung, Lindsay Strohacker, Emma Thompson, Elizabeth Woitynek  
**Sporter Individual**: Levi Carlson, National Ford HS MCJROTC, Post 31, Lancaster, SC

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  
**Sporter Team**: Nation Ford HS MCJROTC, Post 31, Lancaster, SC – Marcus Stallings, Levi Carlson, Preston Jaeger, Donte Hayes  
**Sporter Individual**: Hailey Smith, Zion Benton Team Gold, Post 865, Zion, IL

2018  **Precision Team**: Ontelaunee Jr. 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  
**Sporter Team**: Des Moines North MCJROTC, Post 42, Des Moines, IA – Adrianna Campos, Kevin Nguyen, Sydney Krejci, Nicole Masteller  
**Sporter Individual**: Bailey Hoenig, Zion Benton HS NJROTC, Post 865, Zion, IL
THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SLUGGER TROPHY
(RENAMED FROM LOUISVILLE SLUGGER TROPHY)

Description:

General: Walnut plaque with metal plate for appropriate inscription.

Inscription: The American Legion Baseball Slugger Trophy presented to (name of recipient). Year ___________.

Sponsored By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Americanism Commission

Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 29, May 5-6, 1965; and amended by NEC Resolution No. 6, May 8-9, 2013 renaming the awards from “Louisville Slugger Trophy” to “The American Legion Baseball Slugger Trophy”. Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.

How Awarded:

By a duly designated official at the conclusion of The American Legion Baseball World Series.

Conditions:

1. To The American Legion Baseball player who established the highest batting average in regional tournament and World Series games.

2. The original trophy was donated to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York on February 5, 1953.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the Americanism Division to obtain and make available said award for presentation.

4. The plaque remains the property of the recipient.

Recipients:

1945  Lee Carrey, Post 7, Tucson, AZ
1946  Victor Kauffman, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
1947  George Moeller, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
1948  Don Hunter, Post 1, Omaha, NE
1949  J. W. Porter, Post 337, Oakland, CA
1950  W. Porter, Post 337, Oakland, CA
1951  Grover Jones, Jr., Post 135, White Plains, NY
1952  Horace Tucker, Jr., Post 364, San Diego, CA
1953  Charles Selinger, Post 10, Winnetka, IL
1954  Jim Galasso, Post 492, San Diego, CA
1955  Jack Hopper, Post 23, Gastonia, NC
1956  Richard Hergeraden, Post 3, Lincoln, NE
1957  Lawrence Goudy, Post 245, St. Louis, MO
1958  Fred Fox, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
1959  Kenneth Peters, Post 50, Cincinnati, OH
1960  Louis Webb, Post 1, Phoenix, AZ
1961  Robert M. Fry, Post 4, Billings, MT
1962  Kenneth McEwan, Post 1, Omaha, NE
1963  Fred C. Balmer, Post 1, Hampton, VA
1964  Jerry Mattingly, Post 8, Evansville, IN
1965  Roland G. Fingers, Post 73, Upland, CA
1966  Roland A. Goulet, Post 36, Berlin, NH
1967  Ronald N. Harris, Post 38, Washington, DC
1968  Joseph Cherico, Post 30, New Castle, DE
1969  Martin A. Domiguez, Post 235, San Antonio, TX
1970  John David Adeiny, Post 12, West Palm Beach, FL
1971  Rodney Davis Walton, Post 1, Phoenix, AZ
1972  Keith A. Kauuerz, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1973  Carlos S. Rodriguez, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
1974  Edwin C. Lopez, Post 146, Rio Piedras, PR
1975  Arnulfo Camacho, Post 113, San Juan, PR
1976  David Carl Stokes, Post 175, Metairie, LA
1977  William F. Schell, Post 50, South Bend, IN
1978  Douglas J. Palmer, Post 132, New Ulm, MN
1979  Steven P. Wolff, Post 22, Rapid City, SD
1980  Cedric Gray, Post 375, Palo Alto, CA
1981  Roger Hulse, Post 1, Tulsa, OK
1982  Ivan S. Snyder, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1983  Reynaldo “Chito” Martinez, Post 367, New Orleans, LA
1984  Jon D. Bradley, Post 1, Millington, TN
1985  Greg Olson, Post 1, Omaha, NE
1986  Steve Nelson, Post 1, Omaha, NE
1987  Bobby Jones, Carmichael Elks, Sacramento, CA
1988  Mitch Hannahs, Post 66, Maynard, OH
1989  Brad Dolejsi, Post 170, Midwest City, OK
1990  Scott Hughes, Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
1991  Del Marine, Post 826, Woodland Hills, CA
1992  Brett O’Dez, Post 226, Mayo, MD
1993  Bob Pailthorpe, Post 837, Union City, CA
1994  Brannon Weisel, Post 2, Fargo, ND
1995  Ryan Merritt, Post 22, Rapid City, SD
1996  Bob Barth, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
1997  Jason Adaro, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, HI
1998  Brian Gahlen, Post 176, Vancouver, WA
1999  Nate Philo, Post 15, Medford, OR
2000  Chad Opel, Post 199, Edwardsville, IL
2001  Kenny Judd, Post 111, Edmond, OK
2002  Matt Ryan, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2003  Richard Chinn, Post 246, Canville, CA
2004  Josh Sowell, Post 12, Dothan, AL
2005  Andy Console, Post 149, Haddon Heights, NJ
2006  Tommy Cauley, Post 6, Deland, FL
2007  Mike Tamsin, Post 83, Branford, CT
2008  Brandon Bass, Post 374, Omaha, NE
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Ralph T. O’Neil Education Trophy

Description:
In honor of Past National Commander Ralph T. O’Neil.

General: Silver plated trophy shield mounted on plaque with wood background on which is superimposed boys and girls school award medals.

Inscription: “Ralph T. O’Neil Education Trophy. Awarded annually to that department showing the greatest Americanism activity in use of The American Legion School Medal Awards.”

Sponsored By:
National Headquarters, The American Legion, Americanism Commission

Authority:
May 6, 1932 report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee; amended by Resolution No. 35, NEC, May 13-14, 1992.

How Awarded:
Announcement of the award is made at each annual National Convention of The American Legion. A customized plaque is shipped to the winning department.

Conditions:
1. Awarded annually to that department, in the United States, showing the greatest Americanism activity in use of The American Legion School Medal Awards.
2. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters, and a suitable laminated plaque containing a photograph of the trophy will be awarded to and retained by the winning department.
3. The winner of this trophy shall be determined by: a) the number of “American Legion School Medal Awards” recorded on the Consolidated Post Report form; b) the number of awards per department is then divided by the number of posts in the department; and c) the department with the highest percentage will be declared the winner of the Ralph T. O’Neil Education Trophy.
4. This award shall be confined to all departments within the United States.

Note: Prior to 1992, the winners of this trophy were determined by the number of orders for American Legion School Awards purchased from the National Organization’s Emblem Division and credited to each department by the close of business on that date which falls thirty days prior to the National Convention of The American Legion as compared with the total number of posts in the department concerned on December 31 of the immediate preceding year.

Recipients:

1932 Pennsylvania 1973 Arizona
1933 Pennsylvania 1974 Florida
1934 Pennsylvania 1975 Louisiana
1935 Pennsylvania 1976 Arizona
1936 Pennsylvania 1977 Florida
1937 Pennsylvania 1978 Dist. of Col.
1938 Pennsylvania 1979 Florida
1939 Pennsylvania 1980 Dist. of Col.
1940 Pennsylvania 1981 Mississippi
1941 Pennsylvania 1982 Dist. of Col.
1942 Pennsylvania 1983 Dist. of Col.
1943 Illinois 1984 Florida
1944 Pennsylvania 1985 Dist. of Col.
1945 Pennsylvania 1986 Dist. of Col.
1946 Pennsylvania 1987 Dist. of Col.
1947 Illinois 1988 Dist. of Col.
1948 Mississippi 1989 Dist. of Col.
1949 Illinois 1990 Florida
1950 Mississippi 1991 Florida
1951 Mississippi 1992 Florida
1952 Mississippi 1993 West Virginia
1953 Mississippi 1994 Florida
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1955 Mississippi 1996 Florida
1956 Mississippi 1997 Dist. of Col.
1957 Pennsylvania 1998 Wisconsin
1958 Arizona 1999 Wyoming
1959 Mississippi 2000 Arizona
1960 Pennsylvania 2001 Florida
1961 Mississippi 2002 Wyoming
1962 Arizona 2003 West Virginia
1963 California 2004 Florida
1964 Arizona 2005 Arizona
1965 Arizona 2006 Florida
1966 Mississippi 2007 Maryland
1967 Arizona 2008 Florida
1968 Arizona 2009 Vermont
1969 Mississippi 2010 Alaska
1970 None Awarded 2011 Maryland
1971 Arizona 2012 Hawaii
1972 Arizona 2013 New Mexico
2014  Pennsylvania
2015  Maryland
2016  Colorado
2017  Delaware
2018  New Mexico
THE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL “BIG STICK” AWARD
(RENAMED FROM RAWLINGS “BIG STICK” AWARD)

Description:

General: Trophy approximately two feet tall with three miniature wooden bats stacked in a pyramid on a base resembling home plate.

Inscription: “(year) The American Legion Big Stick Award, Presented to (name of recipient)”

Presented By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 18, May 3, 1972; and amended by NEC Resolution No. 7, May 8-9, 2013 renaming the award from “Rawlings “Big Stick” Award to “The American Legion Baseball “Big Stick” Award”.

How Awarded:

By a duly designated official at the conclusion of the American Legion Baseball World Series.

Conditions:

1. To be awarded annually to that American Legion Baseball player having the highest total number of bases as determined by the official scorers of the respective regional tournaments and World Series of American Legion Baseball.

2. The award is to become the property of the recipient.

3. It shall be the responsibility of the National Americanism and Children & Youth Division to see said award is obtained and available for presentation.

(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.)

Recipients:

1972 Keith Andrew Kauerz, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1973 Thomas Steven Ashford, Post 1, Memphis, TN
1974 Gregory Tooley, Post 254, Rockport, IN
1975* David Edler, Post 36, Yakima, WA
1975* Dennis Duncanson, Post 142, Fullerton, CA
1976 Gus Malespin, Post 175, Metairie, LA
1977 Doug Roberson, Post 12, West Palm Beach, FL
1978 Ivan Mesa, Post 32, Hialeah, FL
1979 Juan Cruz, Post 36, Yakima, WA
1980 Thomas Gill, Post 32, Hialeah, FL
1981 Kevin Sickinger, Post 361, Richmond, VA
1982 Ronald DeLucchi, Post 517, Lafayette, CA
1983 Reynaldo “Chito” Martinez, Post 367, New Orleans, LA
1984 Joe Marzan, Post 134, Guaynabo, PR
1985 Mike Musolino, Carmichel Elks, Sacramento, CO
1986 Dan Opperman, Post 8, Las Vegas, NV
1987* Jeff Seymour, Post 471, Boyertown, PA
1987* Tad Thompson, Post 176, Vancouver, WA
1988 Scott Hughes, Post 507, Cincinnati, OH
1989 Del Marine, Post 826, Woodland Hills, CA
1990 Ricardo Otero, Post 48, Bayamon, PR
1991 Bob Pailthorpe, Post 837, Union City, CA
1992 Josh Pailthorpe, Post 837, Union City, CA
1993 Allen Layman, Post 88, Norman, OK
1994 Esteban Barrios, Post 346, Miami, FL
1995 Jason Adaro, Aiea Legion Baseball, Inc., Aiea, HI
1996 James Jarreau, Post 81, Gonzales, LA
1997 Nate Philo, Post 15, Medford, OR
1998 Ralph Roberts, Post 100, Cherryville, NC
1999 Brian Paone, Post 513, New Brighton, MN
2000* Al Smith, Post 1, Omaha, NE
2000* Mark Michael, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2000* Ryan Lymangrover, Post 246, Danville, CA
2001 Nate Martin, Post 13, Lewiston, ID
2002* Josh Sowell, Post 12, Dothan, AL
2002* Corey Carter, Post 212, West Point, MS
2003 Joey Briggs, Post 11, Corvallis, OR
2004 Steve Marquardt, Post 34, Kennewick, WA
2005 Zac Berg, Post 4, Enid, OK
2006 Brady Shoemaker, Post 346, Terre Haute, IN
2007 Marc Damon, Post 7, Tucson, AZ
2008 Max Garrett, Post 34, Pasco, WA
2009 Kyle O’Boyle, Post 165, Midland, MI
2010 Matt Halloran, Eden Prairie, MN (Dept Sponsor)
2011 Tony Skjefte, Eden Prairie, MN (Dept Sponsor)
2012 Evan Ryan, Post 1, Omaha, NE
2013 Anthony Bender, Post 28, Petaluma, CA
2014 Sean Breen, Post 72, Brooklawn, NJ
2015 Justin Hawkins, Post 193, Chapin, SC
2016* Zach Luckey, Omaha, NE
2016* Angelo Bortolin, San Mateo, CA
2017 Jack Thomas Wold, Post 40, Henderson, NV
2018 Austin Colmery, Post 1, Wilmington, DE
Description:

In honor of Past National Commander Edward E. Spafford.

General: Metal plaque mounted on walnut panel; spread eagle on top; feminine figure in center holding Constitution of the United States scroll; phalanx of young persons on each side.

Inscription: “For God and Country. The Spafford Oratorical Award. Awarded annually to that department sponsoring the winner of the National High School Oratorical Contest.”

Sponsored by:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Americanism Commission

Authority:

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

How Awarded:

Announcement of the award is made at the Americanism Commission meeting at each annual National Convention of The American Legion. A customized plaque is shipped to the winning department.

Conditions:

1. To that department of The American Legion having within its jurisdiction the winner of the National High School Oratorical Contest.

2. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the originally established trophy is to remain at National Headquarters and a suitable laminated plaque containing a photograph of the trophy will be awarded to and retained by the winning department.

Recipients:

1944 Nebraska – Brent Bozell, Omaha, NE
1945 New Jersey – Robert Kelly, Jersey City, NJ
1946 California – William O. Wollin, Los Gatos, CA
1947 California – Roy F. Greenaway, Fresno, CA
1948 Florida – James Grant, Orlando, FL
1949 Missouri – Paul T. Hoyne, Concordia, MO
1950 Oklahoma – Jim Robinson, Blackwell, OK
1951 Virginia – Jeanne-Mann Dickinson, Roanoke, VA
1952 Kansas – Cliff Thompson, Kansas City, KS
1953 New York – Joel M. Bernstein, Buffalo, NY
1954 Kansas – Jack McNees, Kansas City, KS
1955 California – Michael Miller, Los Angeles, NY
1956 Tennessee – Daniel A. Duckworth, Cleveland, TN
1957 California – Dan Elliott McCall, Modesto, CA
1958 Indiana – Reed Stewart, Brazil, IN
1959 Illinois – Roger R. Majak, Lansing, IL
1960 Kansas – Lanny Unruh, Newton, KS
1962 Oklahoma – Patricia Turner, Muskogee, OK
1963 New Jersey – Stephen Alan Oxnman, Short Hills, NJ
1964 Wisconsin – David B. Marth, Wausau, WI
1965 California – James Franklin Kay, Fullerton, CA
1966 Arizona – Ronald Timothy McCoy, Nogales, AZ
1967 Texas – Alan Lee Keyes, San Antonio, TX
1969 California – Benjamin Gene Davidian, Jr., Tracy, CA
1970 Massachusetts – Michael P. Gallagher, Somerville, MA
1971 Texas – William H. White, San Antonio, TX
1972 South Carolina – Thomas W. Joiner, Rock Hill, SC
1973 Illinois – John W. Frost, Peoria, IL
1974 Indiana – Steven L. Zeller, Columbus, IN
1975 Maryland – Michael B. Begley, Baltimore, MD
1976 Hawaii – Robert Halvorson Maus, Honolulu, HI
1977 Illinois – Mark R. Thompson, Glen Ellyn, IL
1978 Oklahoma – Debra Annette Morris, Lawton, OK
1979 Pennsylvania – Fernando Buch, Jr., Lafayette Hill, PA
1980 Oklahoma – Laura M. Vance, Lawton, OK
1981 Michigan – Marlene Van Dyke, Grand Rapids, MI
1982 Colorado – Dean Clancy, Denver, CO
1983 Illinois – William Kephart, Jr., Chillicothe, IL
1984 Wisconsin – Gwen Connolly, Cedarburg, WI
1985 Pennsylvania – Arthur Jordan, Pittsburgh, PA
1986 Iowa – Jennifer J. Demmon, Marshalltown, IA
1987 Massachusetts – Mary Agness Barbier, West Quincy, MA
1988 Maryland – Philip Paliath, Baltimore, MD
1989 Maryland – Martin Kelly, Jr., Hydes, MD
1990 Kentucky – Joshua E. Boyd, Ft. Thomas, KY
1991 California – Jack L. White, Walnut, CA
1992 Maryland – Kerri Ruttenberg, Columbia, MD
1993 Georgia – Cedric L. Ollison, Quitman, GA
1994 Texas – Lisa Tsai, Houston, TX
1995 New York – Aron Egner, Ballston Lake, NY
1996 Arizona – Kaleen Love, Mesa, AZ
1997 New Hampshire – Alexander Henlin, Dracut, MA
1998 Maryland – Erin Plettenberg, Parkton, MD
SPAFFORD NATIONAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS (continued)

1999  Texas – Kevin Sladek, San Marcos, TX
2000  Iowa – Max Miller, Ankeny, IA
2001  Texas – Caleb Williams, Lewisville, TX
2002  Alabama – Candace Neal, Eva, AL
2003  Minnesota – Henry Shea, IV, Wayzata, MN
2004  Georgia – Philip Bishop, Albany, GA
2005  California – Daniel Berring, Orinda, CA
2006  Tennessee – Nicholas Elledge, Knoxville, TN
2007  Florida – Co’Relous Bryant, Jacksonville, FL
2008  Maryland – Spencer Harjung, Elkton, MD
2009  Indiana – Andrew Dykstal, Lafayette, IN
2010  South Carolina – Victoria Black, Iva, SC
2011  Missouri – Anisha Gururaj, Chesterfield, MO
2012  Indiana – Rebecca Frazer, Morgantown, IN
2013  Missouri – Agnes Rieger, MO
2014  Missouri – Ashwath Kumar, MO
2015  Florida – Geeta Minocha, FL
2016  Washington – Benjamin Crosby, Burlington, WA
2017  Massachusetts – Andrew Steinberg, Newton, MA
2018  Kentucky – Carlissa Frederich
FRANCIS M. REDINGTON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Description:


General: 12” x 21.25” x 7.5” walnut beveled edge base with one 10.5” x 5” brass portrait plate etched; brass description plate and twenty 4” x 1” brass nameplates screwed into a base.

Recipient plaque: 8” x 10” x 7.5” walnut beveled edge base with brass portrait plate photo etched and brass description plate.

Inscription: “Francis M. Redington Sportsmanship Award”.

Sponsored By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 33, May 4-5, 2005.

How Awarded:

By duly designated national official of The American Legion at the annual Junior Air Rifle National Championship Tournament of The American Legion.

Conditions:

1. To the athlete competing in The American Legion Junior Air Rifle National Championship who best exemplifies good sportsmanship and fair play as selected by contest staff.

Recipients:

2005 Matthew Pueppke, Amenia, ND – Buffalo Sharpshooters, Post 223, Erie, ND  
2006 Christina Dutra, Grampian, PA – Du Bois Rifle and Pistol Club, Post 17, Du Bois, PA  
2007 Kaitlyn Martin, Peralta, NM – Valencia County 4-H Shooting Sports, Post 85, Los Lunas, NM  
2008 James Keith, Albuquerque, NM – La Cueva High School Marine Corps JROTC, Post 49, Albuquerque, NM  
2009 Courtney Bates, Geneva, FL and Shayna Thompson, Sims, FL – Oviedo High School Navy JROTC, Post 112, Goldenrod, FL  
2010 Shane Russell, Mendon, MI – St. Joseph County 4-H Straight Shooters, Post 170, Three Rivers, MI  
2011 Dahkota Hayes, Superior, MT – Mineral County 4-H Shooting Club, Post 13, Superior, MT  
2012 Samantha Migliori, Post 151, Middletown, NY  
2013 Casey Lutz, Post 113, Meridian, ID  
2014 Ryan Lowe, Post 134, Clearfield High School, Clearfield, UT  
2015 Howard Norrish, Post 865, Zion Benton High School NJROTC, Winthrop Harbor, IL  
2016 Jimmy Ellefson, Post 374, Des Moines North MCJROTC, Des Moines, IA  
2017 Grace Taschuk, Post 334, Junior Rifle Club, Andover, MD  
2018 Kaylene Castillo, Post 49, Eldorado HS MCJROTC, NM
**Description:**


A large gold plated trophy.

**Sponsored by:**

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Americanism Commission

**Authority:**


**How Awarded:**

By the National Commander and/or Americanism Chairman, or duly appointed representatives, at each annual National Convention of The American Legion.

**Conditions:**

1. Awarded annually to that department selected from among the top three departments attaining the greatest number of percentage points which are derived from the activities reported on the Consolidated Post Report form and which submits the best narrative statement supporting the claim of points shown.

2. The Americanism Commission shall determine the top three departments achieving the greatest number of credit points based upon a review of all Consolidated Post Reports submitted to National Headquarters.

3. A Certification by the department as to the number of active posts is required.

4. The winner shall be selected from the aforementioned three departments based on the best narrative statement supporting the claim of points determined from the Consolidated Post Report. Such narrative statement is to be no less than 200 words and not more than 500 words.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION AND SCOUTING “SQUARE KNOT” AWARD

Description:

General: The Award consists of a gold and purple square knot, which may be worn on the Scout uniform and a suitable certificate.

This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting programs. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize dedication and work required by an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.

It is expected that American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members will work to provide the maximum impact to The American Legion’s support of the Scouting program and to achieve maximum visibility.

Sponsored By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 34, May 7-8, 2003.

How Awarded

Once award recipients have been selected, those respective departments arrange for presentation at an appropriate time and place.

Conditions:

A. Service

Be registered in a Scouting position at the District or Council level; or a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or a District/Council Member-at-Large; or a Unit Commissioner. (The department scouting chairman can help in obtaining this registration.)

B. Training

Complete at least two of the following:

1. Attend a National Community Relationships Scouting training seminar.

2. Participate in a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR) training course.

3. Complete a BSA District staff-training course.

4. Attend a Woodbadge training program.

C. Tenure

Serve a total of three consecutive years as a member of a post, district or department Scouting committee.

D. Performance

While serving as a member of a post, district or department Scouting committee must complete a minimum of five of the following:

1. Service a minimum of two years as a Post Chartered Organizational Representative for Scouting and demonstrate success with units in terms of growth in program.

2. Assist the post, district or department to raise funds to support Scouting. Participate with a local BSA District or Council Friends of Scouting fundraising effort.

3. Participate as member of a BSA District or Council Membership/Relationships committee and represent The American Legion.

4. Assist in organizing or reorganizing a Cub Pack, Scout Troop or Venture Crew chartered by an American Legion post.

5. Participate in the Eagle Scout of the Year program at the post, district or department level.

6. Make contact with Scout Troops and Venture Crews in the area through visits, roundtables or other means and solicit their participation in the National High School Oratorical Contest, Junior Shooting Sports Program, Boys State, American Legion Baseball, Youth Law Cadet and other Americanism programs and document the results of the efforts.

7. Recruit manpower from the post or district to support a Scout activity such as a camporee, bicycle rodeo, merit badge day or other related event to help further American Legion recognition in support of the Scouting program.

8. Develop and carry out or participate in an American Legion program to recognize the leaders of Scouting programs in the post, district or department.

9. Promote and coordinate the development of a network of Department American Legion Scouting Team members to assist in the development of Scouting within The American Legion.
E. Approval

1. Submit appropriate documentation in support of the requirements outlined in sections A, B, C and D.

2. Obtain the written endorsements of the department scouting chairman, department adjutant and department commander that the requirements for this award have been satisfactorily completed.

3. Submit the appropriate documentation and written endorsements to the National Americanism Commission, The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Recipients:

2003 None Awarded


THE AMERICAN LEGION AND SCOUTING “SQUARE KNOT” AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)


2013 Larry E. Wittmayer, William H. Greenleaf, DeYoung
(con’t)
THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD

Description:

General: 10” x 12” walnut shadow box plaque with metal etched plate inscribed with award citation.

Inscription: “The American Legion (year) National Education Award presented to (name of winner) in recognition and appreciation of (brief reason for recognition)”.

Presented By:


Authority:

The American Legion National Education Award was first awarded in 1980 to annually honor that person, group or organization, which in the judgment of the National Committee on education, has conducted the best all-around promotion of the educational programs of The American Legion, education programs that correspond to the goals of The American Legion or education goals at the national level; amended by NEC Resolution No. 6, October 12-13, 2011.

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.

Conditions:

1. An individual, group or organization that has promoted the education programs of The American Legion.
2. An individual, group or organization that has promoted education programs that correspond to the goals of The American Legion.
3. An individual, group or organization that has promoted or advanced education programs at the national level.
4. The American Legion will provide one roundtrip 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 National Convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the awardee.

Recipients:

1980 Patricia McCormick, Education writer for UPI
Joyce Lain Kennedy, Author, Syndicated Columnist
1981 Dr. Kenneth B. Hoyt, Director, Division of Career Education, U.S. Department of Education
1982 None Awarded
1983 Dr. Herm Davis, Education Director, President of National College Services, Ltd.
1984 Dr. Robert Billings, White House Liaison, U.S. Office of Education
1985 Senator Theodore F. “Ted” Stevens, Alaska
1986 Senator Claiborne De Borda Pell, Rhode Island
1987 Bruce L. Christensen, President Public Broadcasting Service
James Duffy, President of Communications, American Broadcasting Companies
1988 William J. Bennett, Secretary of Education
1989 Barbara Pierce Bush, First Lady
1990 Lauro Fred Cavazos, Secretary of Education
1991 Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado
1992 Dr. William M. Suttles, President Emeritus, Executive Vice President and Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus
1993 None Awarded
1994 Dr. W. Firman Haynie, Chairman, NCOE from 1981-1983
1995 The Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program, Sponsored by The National Rifle Association, Inc.
1996 None Awarded
1997 Dr. Frances Kelly, Director of Voluntary Programs, Department of the Navy, Office of the Chief of Naval Personnel
1998 Educational Communications, Inc.
1999 None Awarded
2000 Jack Mercier, 52-year member of The American Legion, Wisconsin
2001 Tom Brokaw, NBC News, Journalist and Author
2002 Mr. Fred Rogers, Children’s TV personality
2003 William C. Plowden, Jr.
2004 Laura D. Slayton, Illinois
2005 Laura Bush, First Lady
2006 Dr. Charles L. Vawter, Jr., Chairman NCOE from 1994-2005
2007 Bob Keeshan, Captain Kangaroo
2008 Frances A. Swensen, Improving the lives of our nation’s children
2009 Sesame Street Workshops, DVD “When Daddy Comes Limping Home”
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<td>Martha Cothren, Educator, Joe T. Robinson High School, Little Rock, AR</td>
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<td>Mrs. Nesse Godin, Holocaust Survivor, Silver Spring, MD</td>
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<td>Sidney T. Ellington, Ph.D.</td>
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<td>Mr. David Azerrad, The Heritage Foundation</td>
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THE AMERICAN LEGION CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AWARD

Description:

General: Suitable citation (as authorized in NEC Resolution) and medal (authorized by administrative decision).

Inscription: Both citation and medal bear wording: “Canadian Friendship Award” plus seal of The American Legion.

Presented By:

Authority:

How Awarded:
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.

Conditions:
1. It shall be awarded to specific individuals who shall be war veterans within the accepted meaning of the term and members of authentic veterans’ organization in Canada.
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 their veterans’ organization and The American Legion.
3. Nominations for such awards may be made by any member of The American Legion 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 an approved nomination form may be obtained from the National Adjutant.)
4. Between meetings of the Internal Affairs Commission, the National Executive Committee and the National Commander with the advice of the Advisory Committee is 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 National Executive Committee at its first meeting following the presentation, and the report shall be made a part of the proceedings of that meeting.
5. The Internal Affairs Commission is charged with the administration of this award.

Recipients:
1970 Hugh Gillis, W. B. Morden, E. J. Potter, Mel Rogers, Frank S. Slater, Russel Ward, Frank Washbrook
1971 Mary C. Driscoll, Berrien Eaton, Alexander Donald Grant, William Albert Johns, Robert Kohaly
1975 Alex Cairns, Edward Doyle Dinsdale, Howard Goldrup, Oliver Hrynychuk, Sgt. William A. Lorette, Robert McChesney
THE AMERICAN LEGION CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)

1979  Dennis Joseph Patrick Phillips, Tom Graham, Joseph Lacasse, Rupert V. McCabe
1983  Charles James Breech, Richard Kirby, R. Norman McLaren, Donald Pirie, Ivan Spate, Walter Williams, Roderick G. Winter
1987  Frederick T. Appleby, Tom Reynolds, Harold George Bowles, James E. Buffam
1991  Jack Bridges, Sandy Butler, Glenn Canning, Kenneth Clinton Fulford, Frank Helden, Peter Landy, Cecil Magrath, Ernie Noyse
THE AMERICAN LEGION CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)


1999  Allan Babcock, Donald L. Gallant, Roderick K. Johnston, Roger Ouellette, Ronald Rivard, Thomas Arthur Snell, Boyd Story


2001  Byrne Turner, Rick Wallington, Norman Williams, Joe Woodhuck

2002  Victor Clifford, Cuthbert Jackson Diamond, Don McAlister

2003  Walter Crummell, Bob Gray, Mrs. Elfreda Hesketh

2004  Steve Ackerman, Charles Albers, Shirley Aldridge, Leo Barron, George Beaulieu, Ruth Bond, Norman Briscoe, Roger Chabot, Edward Emerick, Keith Flight, Rhea Francoeur, 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

2005  Gary Littlewood, Joyce Couturier, Wayne Shaw, Frank Petras

2006  Edward Huittema, Edith Bourgoin

2007  Harvey Shevalier, Don Wood, Omer “Turk” Brunet


2009  None Awarded

2010  Edward 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

2011  Pat Varga, Dick Tasuki


2013  Clarence Morrow


2015  Omer J. Brunet

2016  Duncan Anderson, John Bartlett, Almer Boyce, Shendon Clupp, John DeWitt, Johanna Emerick, Dennis Kelly, Rene LaQuerre, Sheldon MacDonald, Kevin MacIver, Audrey McInnes, Heather McTavish, David Pich, Ian Sinclair,
THE AMERICAN LEGION CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)

2016  Lillian Symonds, Beryl Torgasows (con’t) 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” 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 (Ret.)
DEPARTMENT AWARD FOR 100% POST CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORTING

**Description:**
A certificate signed by the National Commander, National Adjutant, Americanism Chairman and Committee on Children & Youth Chairman.

**Sponsored By:**

**Authority:**

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

**Conditions:**
1. Achieve 100% of posts indicating Children & Youth activity on Consolidated Post Report forms.
2. Submit its Department Children & Youth Report to National Headquarters by the deadline date.
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 in 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.

**Recipients:**
1963 North Dakota, Panama and Rhode Island
1964 North Dakota, Panama and Rhode Island
1965 North Dakota, Panama and Rhode Island
1966 Delaware, North Dakota, Panama and Rhode Island
1967 Delaware, North Dakota, Panama and Rhode Island
1968 Delaware, North Dakota, Panama and Rhode Island
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1970 Delaware, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Vermont
1971 Delaware, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Vermont
1972 Colorado, Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah and Vermont
1973 Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah and Vermont
1974 Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah and Vermont
1975 Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, North Dakota, Vermont and Utah
1976 North Dakota, Utah and Vermont
1977 Arizona, Maine, Maryland, North Dakota, Utah and Vermont
1978 Arizona, District of Columbia, New Mexico, North Dakota and Vermont
1979 Delaware, Maine, North Dakota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Vermont
1980 Maine, Maryland, North Dakota and Vermont
1981 Florida, North Dakota and Vermont
1982 Delaware, Florida, France, Maryand, North Dakota and Vermont
1983 Arkansas, France, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Vermont
1984 Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, North Dakota and Vermont
1985 Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Maryland, North Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and Vermont
1986 Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Maryland, North Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and Vermont
1987 Delaware, Florida, Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Vermont
1988 Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Mexico, North Dakota, Utah and Vermont
1989 Delaware, Florida, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Utah and Vermont
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1996 Delaware, Florida, New Mexico, North Dakota, Vermont and Virginia
1997 Florida
1998 Delaware, France, North Dakota, Vermont and Virginia
1999 California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Pennsylvania
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Description:
An attractive plaque including the emblem of The American Legion and a plate bearing the recipient’s name and category of the award and the facsimile signatures of the National Commander and National Adjutant.

Presented By:

Authority:
NEC Resolution No. 19, October 8-9, 1969; amended by NEC Resolution No. 19, May 13-14, 1992; amended by NEC Resolution No. 11, October 12-13, 2011 renaming the award from “Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans” to “National Employer of Veterans Award”.

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).
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, said nominations to be accompanied by documentation of 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 his appointed representative at the National Convention.
5. The American Legion will provide one roundtrip 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 National Convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.

NOTE: Prior to May 1992, only two categories were recognized; Category I for over 200 employees and Category II for 200 or fewer employees.

Recipients:

1969
Category I – American Enka Corporation, Enka, NC
Category II – Dayton Tire and Rubber Company of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, OK

1970
Category I – Detroit Steel Corporation, New Boston, OH
Category II – Fred W. Beal, Inc., Ellsworth, ME

1971
Category I – Geo. A. Hormel & Company, Austin, MN
Category II – A.B. & R.R. Hodgkins, Bar Harbor, ME

1972
Category I – Sperry Vickers Aerospace-Ordnance-Marine Division, Jackson, MS
Category II – General Electric Corporation, Elkhart, IN

1973
Category I – Noyes Tire Company, Westbrook, ME
Category II – Southern Guard Service, Inc., Youngstown, OH

1974
Category I – ITT Continental Baking Co., Inc., Youngstown, OH
Category II – Fleischmann Distilling Corporation, Owensboro, KY

1975
Category I – ITT Federal Electric Corporation, Paramus, NJ
Category II – Purolator Courier Corporation, San Antonio, TX

1976
Category I – Cincinnati Time Recorder, Co., Cincinnati, OH
Category II – Carls Drug Warehouse, Rome, NY

1977
Category I – Delese Company, Oklahoma City, OK
Category II – Blackmon Oil Company, Inc., Columbus, GA

1978
Category I – Maine Central Railroad, Portland, ME
Category II – Oelwein Iowa Plant of The Donaldson Co., Inc., Oelwein, IA

1979
Category I – Babbitt Division Reserve Mining Co., Babbitt, MN
Category II – Abex Corporation-Amco Division, Anderson, IN

1980
Category I – Hays International Corp., Birmingham, AL
Category II – National Standard Perforated Metals Division, Carbondale, PA

1981
Category I – Pope and Talbot, Inc., Eau Claire, WI
Category II – Inland Manufacturing Company, Omaha, NE

1982
Category I – Fraser Paper Ltd., Madawaska, ME
Category II – Stratagraph, Inc., Lafayette, LA

1983
Category I – Kansas City Power & Light, Kansas City, KS
Category II – Hopper Paper Division of Georgia Pacific Corporation, Taylorville, IL
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<td>All Veterans Auto Parts, Incorporated, Phoenix, AZ</td>
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<td>John Manville, Defiance, OH</td>
<td>TRW, Killeen, TX</td>
<td>ACS State and Local Solutions, Lake City, FL</td>
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<td>Alutiiq-Wackenhut Security Services, Fort Bragg, NC</td>
<td>Employment Source Projects with Industry (PWI), Fayette, NC</td>
<td>Alutiiq-Wackenhut Security Services, Redstone Arsenal, AL</td>
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<td>Nielsen Ford/Mercury, Bloomer, WI</td>
<td>CSX Transportation, Jackson, FL</td>
<td>ProLogistix, Sanford, NC</td>
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<td>Robert J. Albert Printing Services, Inc., Clearwater, FL</td>
<td>Millennium Security Services, LLC, Roswell, GA</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>Lear Siegler (LSI) EG&amp;G Division of URS Corporation, New Boston, TX</td>
<td>Industrial Maintenance Services, Inc., Wells, MI</td>
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<td>BNSF Railway Company, Fort Worth, TX</td>
<td>Regent Security Services, Inc., Augusta, GA</td>
<td>Millennium Security Services, LLC, Roswell, GA</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Eagles Systems and Services, LLC, Lawton, OK</td>
<td>Millennium Security Services, LLC, Alpharetta, GA</td>
<td>Georgia Vietnam Veterans Alliance, Doraville, GA</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>Smith and Wesson, MA</td>
<td>Alpha Protective Services, NC</td>
<td>Burditt Trucking, GA</td>
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2012  Category I – L-3 STRAITS, Fayetteville, NC
     Category II – Strategic & Homeland Defense Division, Colorado Springs, CO
     Category III – CIAN, Inc., Peoria, IL
2013  Category I – North Carolina Food Service, Fayetteville, NC
     Category II – L-3 Communications ASD, Ft. Bragg, NC
     Category III – M1 Support Services, Abilene, TX
2014  Category I – The Home Depot, Atlanta, GA
     Category II – Frito-Lay, Austin, TX
     Category III – Veteran Energy, Houston, TX
2015  Category I – Operation: Job Ready Veterans, Indianapolis, IN
     Category II – Stresscon Corporation, Colorado Springs, CO
     Category III – New York Shipping Association, Inc., Edison, NJ
2016  Category I – Precision Moulding & Woodworks, Inc., New Bern, NC
     Category II – Lowe’s Home Improvement Center, Inc., Rapid City, SD
     Category III – Sansone Auto Mall, Avenel, NJ
2017  Category I – Allied Universal Security Services, Rowlett, TX
     Category II – Gallery Furniture, Houston, TX
     Category III – Southwest Airlines, Dallas, TX
2018  Category I - Reported at 2019 National Convention
     Category II – Reported at 2019 National Convention
     Category III – Reported at 2019 National Convention
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD

Description:
An attractive 11 ¾: x 14 ¾” shadow box plaque, including the emblem of The American Legion, a plate bearing the recipient’s name, category of the award and the facsimile signatures of the National Commander and National Adjutant.

Presented By:

Authority:
NEC Resolution No. 16, May 13-14, 1992; amended by NEC Resolution No. 12, October 12-13, 2011 renaming the award from “Employment Service Award” to “National Employment Service Award”.

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; 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 by the department commander, or his/her appointed representative, at each winner’s department convention.
5. The American Legion will provide one roundtrip 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 National Convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.

Recipients:
1992 LVER – James E. McCormick, Pasco, WA
DVOP – Barry I. Souders, Sanford, NC
ES – Claremont New Hampshire Employment Security Office, Claremont, NH
1993 LVER – Gary Bjorkquist, Escanaba, MI
DVOP – Heywood Bell, El Centro, CA
ES – Du Bois Jobs Center, Du Bois, PA
1994 LVER – Joseph A. Monday, Hudson, FL
DVOP – Jerry A. Work, Dade City, FL
ES – Charles City Workforce Center, Charles City, IA
1995 LVER – Bill Kaufman, Fort Wayne, IN
DVOP – Jerry E. Fitzgerald, Killen, TX
ES – Lawton Local Office, Lawton, OK
1996 LVER – John L. Multer, San Angelo, TX
DVOP – Mary O’Connell, Atlanta, GA
ES – Monroeville State Employment Service, Monroeville, AL
1997 LVER – Joseph LeClair, St. Albans, VT
DVOP – Ron Coleman, Minot, ND
ES – St. Marys Job Center, St. Marys, PA
1998 LVER – Max Niesar, Minot, ND
DVOP – Robert E. Loter, Des Moines, IA
ES – Fayetteville Job Link Career Center, Fayetteville, NC
1999 LVER – Kent Phelps, Blackfoot, ID
DVOP – Willie R. Griffin, Sumter, SC
ES – Oklahoma City Metro South, Oklahoma City, OK
2000 LVER – Michael E. Daugherty, Ponca City, OK
DVOP – Jon H. Cone, Sr., Fayetteville, NC
ES – Cumberland County Job Link Career Center, Fayetteville, NC
2001 LVER – Barbara Phillips, Fort Payne, AL
DVOP – Ronald Mullen, Tulsa, OK
ES – Fayetteville Local Employment Security Commission, Fayetteville, NC
2002 LVER – Alonzo Philmore, Lake City, FL
DVOP – Richard Perez, Yuma, AZ
ES – Lewis Boren, Office Manager, Central Texas Workforce Center, Killeen, TX
2003 LVER – Claud Miller, Anniston, AL
DVOP – Jim Balog, Helena, MT
ES – Sarah Jackson, Office Manager, Pocatello Job Service Office, Pocatello, ID
2004 LVER – Ronald P. Piercy, NC
DVOP – Jon H. Cone, NC ES – Alabama Career Center, Al
2005 LVER – Walter A. Pollock, Jr., Columbus, GA
DVOP – Jerry Roehl, Boise, ID
ES – Escarosa Career Center Veterans’ Programs, Pensacola, FL
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)

2006  LVER – Walter A. Pollock, Jr., Columbus, GA
       DVOP – James E. Warren, Tyler, TX
       ES – Idaho Commerce and Labor, Coeur d’Alene
            Local Office, Coeur d’Alene, ID

2007  LVER – Gerard Donnelly, Pathogue, NY
       DVOP – Don Collins, Lubbock, TX
       ES – Worksource Career Center of Lubbock,
           Lubbock, TX

2008  LVER – Michael Dembowski, Birmingham, NY
       DVOP – Steve Lord, Meridian, ID
       ES – Worksource (Southside) Career Center,
           Jacksonville, FL

2009  LVER – Kathy Y. Ford, Aurora, CO
       DVOP – Kenneth E. Kempf, Raleigh, NC
       ES – Cumberland County Job Link, Cumberland
           County, NC

2010  LVER – Robert E. Shoeman, Coeur d’Alene, ID
       DVOP – Johnny Moreno, Twin Falls, ID
       ES – Gwinnett Career Center, Norcross, GA

2011  LVER – Anthony Medina, CO
       DVOP – Willetta E. Hilliard-Walker, AL
       ES – Workforce Solutions Panhandle Office 0601, TX

2012  LVER – Bobby Bryant, Stillwater Workforce Center, OK
       DVOP – Jerome A. Billups, Fargo, ND
       ES – Ottawa One Stop Center, Ottawa, IL

2013  LVER – Robert R. O’Keefe, Columbus, OH
       DVOP – Roy M. Fillion, Grand Forks, ND
       ES – Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions, Bryan, TX

2014  LVER – Frankie Billingsley, Fort Wayne, IN
       DVOP – Linda “Michele” Scuito, Lufkin, TX
       ES – Ohio Means Jobs Columbus-Franklin County
           Center, Columbus, OH

2015  LVER – Nancy Brown, Wausau, WI
       DVOP – Dwight A. Butler, Fayetteville, NC
       ES – Fargo Customer Service Office, Fargo, ND

2016  LVER – Reginald Parker, Houston, TX
       DVOP – Bradley J. Aune, Fargo, ND
       ES – Eau Claire Job Center, Eau Claire, WI

2017  LVER – John J. Irvine, Atlanta, GA
       DVOP – Samuel L. Denson, Pensacola, FL
       ES – IDES Sterling Office, Peoria, IL

2018  LVER – Reported at 2019 National Convention
       DVOP – Reported at 2019 National Convention
       ES – Reported at 2019 National Convention
ENHANCE THE LIVES OF DISABLED PERSONS AWARD

Description:

General: Engraved 11 ¾” x 14 ¾” shadow-box plaque at the American Legion National Convention.

Presented By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 1, October 14-15, 1987. Each year since 1987, American Legion posts have competed for cash awards through the National Organization on Disability Joint Awards Program, first in partnership with the J.C. Penney Company and now with Aetna. The purpose of the competition is to confer national recognition on organizations, such as The American Legion, for their involvement in enhancing the lives of disabled persons by providing opportunities for their participation in community services; amended by NEC Resolution No. 13, October 13-14, 2011.

How Awarded:

Prior to November 30 of each year, the Chairman of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission will appoint an awards committee that will be made up of members of national staff of The American Legion. Their decision shall be final. The names of the winning posts will be announced at the annual Washington Conference.

Conditions:

1. Any 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 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 disability community.
4. All nomination entries for a given year must be submitted by October 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, DC, 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 roundtrip 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 National Convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expense incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.

Recipients:

1990 Post 6, San Diego, CA
    Post 78, Milton, FL
    Post 371, Wellston, OH
    Post 1052, Chicago, IL
    Post 526, Fairborn, OH
    Post 45, Hartville, MI
1991 Post 176, Springfield, VA
    Post 135, Cookeville, TN
    Post 78, Milton, FL
1992 Post 78, Milton, FL
    Post 41, Syracuse, NY
1993 Post 17, Gallatin, TN
    Post 6, San Diego, CA
    Post 396, Geneva, NY
1994 Post 12, Yankton, SD
    Post 70, Oshkosh, WI
    Post 129, Toms River, NJ
1995 Post 17, Gallatin, TN
    Post 144, Williston, NY
    Post 74, Saint Edward, NE
1996 Post 325, Danville, VA
1997 Post 6, San Diego, CA
    Post 45, Hartville, MO
    Post 252, Breese, IL
1998 None Awarded
1999 None Awarded
2000 None Awarded
2001 None Awarded
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<td>Association for Retarded/Disabled Person, Deland, Florida</td>
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<td>Reach of Denton, Denton, TX</td>
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<td>Black Hills Service, Inc., Ellsworth AFB, SD</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Madison, Wisconsin</td>
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<td>Veterans Employment Development Center, Beverly Hills, FL</td>
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<td>Nancy L. Smith, TX</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>Precinct 2, Harris County, Highlands, TX</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>Sioux Steel Company, Inc., Sioux Falls, SD</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>Bobby Dodd Institute, Atlanta, GA</td>
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<td>Outdoor Freedom Network, Broaddus, TX</td>
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NATIONAL EMPLOYER OF OLDER WORKER AWARD

Description:

General: Engraved 11 ¾” x 14 3/4” shadow-box plaque at National Convention.

Presented By:


Authority:

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

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

How Awarded:

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 and commitment to the hiring of America’s older workers.
3. The American Legion will provide one roundtrip 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 National Convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expense incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.

Recipients:

2006 Columbus Hospice, Columbus, GA
2007 Holophane Company, Newark, OH
2008 Maule Air, Inc., Moultrie, GA
2009 Allen Corporation of American, Inc., Fairfax, VA
2010 Point Security Company, Inc. Youngwood, PA
(See note under Authority)
2011 Burditt Trucking, Columbus GA
2012 AARP Foundation, South Atlanta, GA
2013 The Society of St. Vincent de Paul North Idaho, Coeur d’Alene, ID
2014 Sturdevants Auto Parts, Sioux Falls, SD
2015 First Transit, Houston TX
2016 Ken’s Super Fair Foods & Shell Express, Abeerdeen, SD
Description:

General: Plaques and certificates awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Certificates of Honorable Mention awarded at the discretion of the National Historian and Certificates of Participation are awarded to all other entries.

Inscriptions: National Historian’s Contest – Department Narrative History or National Historian’s Contest – Department Yearbook History.

Presented By:


Authority:

The National Department History Contest was authorized on November 13, 1930 by the National Executive Committee. Beginning with the 1952 contest, regulations were changed to include two types of entries. The first type (Type I) includes histories covering the entire period from the inception of the department to any time subsequent to the 1948 National Department History Contest. The second type (Type II) was restricted to a supplement to a history already issued, provided it included the period where the earlier history ended and covered at least ten years, thus bringing the entire series to date. Beginning with the 1979 contest, the previous types of contests were discontinued and regulations were changed to establish a One-Year National Department Narrative History Contest and a One-Year National Department Yearbook History Contest (Term “Scrapbook” also used). Both the narrative and yearbook histories begin with the installation of officers and include the period up to and including the department convention. Department history contests were held every fifth year until 1985 when both department and post history contests began being held annually.

How Awarded:

1. To be awarded annually at the Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee to those contestants entered in the National Department History Contest deemed by a duly authorized panel of judges to have submitted the One-Year History Narrative or One-Year Yearbook History of the department which best meets the standards established for that particular competition. Complete rules and description of the standard for judging may be found in the Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies.

2. Announcement of awards is to be made during the National Historian’s report read on the last day of the Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee following the judging of the contest.

Conditions:

Said awards to be made only to those departments whose entries comply with the “National Department History Contest” rules.

*Contest conducted in 1969 to coincide with observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of The American Legion.

First Place Recipients:

1931 North Carolina
1936 Hawaii
1940 Indiana
1944 Texas
1948 Alabama and New Jersey
1952 Type I – Texas Type II – No Eligible Entries
1956 Type I – Tennessee Type II – North Carolina
1960 Type I – Florida Type II – No Entries
1964 No eligible entries (1 entered – no winners)
1969 Type I – Montana Type II – Florida
1974 Type I – Minnesota Type II – Maryland
1979 Narrative – Wisconsin Yearbook – Minnesota
1984 Narrative – Virginia Yearbook – Kentucky
1985 Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Wisconsin
1986 Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Florida
1987 Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Wisconsin
1988 Narrative – Florida Yearbook – Florida
1989 Narrative – Montana Yearbook – Wisconsin
1990 Narrative – Vermont Yearbook – Wisconsin
1991 Narrative – Vermont Yearbook – Wisconsin
1992 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook – Texas
1993 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook – Wisconsin
1994 Narrative – Georgia
Yearbook – Wisconsin
1995 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook – Hawaii
1996 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook – Washington
1997 Narrative – Maine
Yearbook – West Virginia
1998 Narrative – Georgia
Yearbook – Ohio
1999 Narrative – Vermont
Yearbook – South Dakota
2000 Narrative – Vermont
Yearbook – Ohio
2001 Narrative – None Awarded
Yearbook – Wisconsin
2002 Narrative – South Dakota
Yearbook – South Dakota
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Yearbook – Ohio
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2005 Narrative – South Dakota
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Yearbook – Ohio
2013 Narrative – Pennsylvania
Yearbook – North Carolina
2014 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook - Florida
2015 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook – Nebraska
2016 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook - Nebraska
2017 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook – Nebraska
2018 Narrative – North Carolina
Yearbook – North Carolina
NATIONAL POST HISTORY CONTEST AWARDS

**Description:**

*General:* Plaques and certificates awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Certificates of Honorable Mention awarded at the discretion of the National Historian and Certificates of Participation are awarded to all other entries.

*Inscriptions:* National Historian’s Contest – Post Narrative History or National Historian’s Contest – Post Yearbook History.

**Presented By:**


**Authority:**

May 1928 National Executive Committee approval of National Historian’s report; revised by National Historian in December 1948 to establish two categories of competition; revised by NEC Resolution No. 29, October 18-19, 1972, establishing the competition to encompass one-year post histories; amended by NEC, October 11, 1984, National Historian Report. From 1949 through 1972 the competition encompassed complete post histories in two types: posts charted before 1944 (Type I) and posts charted in 1944 or later years (Type II). Contests conducted in 1969 coincided with observance of the 50th Anniversary of The American Legion. Contests in 1976 included a Bicentennial Scrapbook and beginning in 1977 both Narrative and Scrapbook/Yearbook contests were held. 1980 was the first and only District/County History Contest. Department history contests held every fifth year until 1985 when both department and post history contests began being held annually.

**How Awarded:**

1. To be awarded annually to those contestants entered in the National Post History Contest deemed by a duly authorized panel of judges to have submitted the One-Year Narrative History or One-Year Yearbook History which best meets the standards established for the competition. Complete rules and description of the standards for judging may be found in the *Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies.*

2. Announcement of awards is to be made during the National Historian’s report read on the last day of the Fall meeting of the National Executive Committee following the judging of the contest. Since 1985 plaques and certificates are given as awards instead of money.

**Conditions:**

Said awards to be made only to those posts whose entries comply with the “National Post History Contest” rules.

**First Place Recipients:**

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<td>Oscar B. Nelson Post 3, Ottumwa, IA</td>
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<td>Dorsey-Liberty Post 14, Lawrence, KS</td>
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<td>Panama Canal Post 1, Ancon, Canal Zone</td>
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<td>Binghamton Post 80, Binghamton, NY</td>
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<td>Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1, Denver, CO</td>
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<td>1941</td>
<td>Euclid Post 343, Euclid, OH</td>
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<td>1942</td>
<td>Shades Valley Post 134, Homewood, AL</td>
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<td>1943</td>
<td>Walter L. Bennett Post 71, Lamar, CO</td>
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<td>1945</td>
<td>Gary Memorial Post 17, Gary, IN</td>
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<td>Murray-Trott Post 262, Audubon, NJ</td>
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<td>Elmhurst-Jackson Heights Post 298, Elmhurst, NY</td>
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<td>Type I – John Low-Joe Smartt Post 53, Dallas, TX</td>
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<td>Type I – McDonough County Post 6, Macomb, IL</td>
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<td>Type II – Fifield Post 532, Fifield, WI</td>
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<td>Type II – Grant-Staples Post 183, Brooks, ME</td>
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<td>Type I – Jane A. Delano Post 344, New York, NY</td>
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<td>Type I – Joseph M. Neel, Jr. Post 3, Macon, GA</td>
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<td>Type II – Stolley-Anderson Post 1022, Chicago, IL</td>
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<td>Type II – Arthur Leonard Johnson, Jr. Post 172, Warner Robins, GA</td>
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<td>Type I – Wayne G. Austin Post 2, Newton, KS</td>
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<td>Type I – Lyle-Brester Post 50, College Park, GA</td>
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<td>Type II – Churchmens Post 235, San Antonio, TX</td>
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<td>Type I – Cedar Falls Post 237, Cedar Falls, IA</td>
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<td>Vogel-Lee Post 47, Lake Worth, FL</td>
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<td>David Wisted-Zenith City Post 28, Duluth, MN</td>
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       Yearbook – Carroll Post 143, Carrollton, GA  
2016  Narrative – Pony Express Post 359, Saint Joseph, MO  
       Yearbook – Julius L. Shryer Post 430, Durant, IA  
2017  Narrative – Pony Express Post 359, Saint Joseph, MO  
       Yearbook – Mukwonage Community Post 375, Mukwonago, WI  
2018  Narrative – Frierson-Nichols Post 8, Winter Haven, FL  
       Yearbook – Women Veterans of Southwest Missouri Post 1214, Ozark, MO
INTERNATIONAL AMITY AWARD

Description:

General: Suitable citation (as authorized in NEC Resolution) and medal (authorized by administrative decision).

Inscription: Both citation and medal bear wording: “International Amity Award” plus seal of The American Legion.

Presented By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 21, October 25-26, 1961, amended by NEC Resolution No. 9, October 12-13, 1966.

How Awarded:

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.

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 an approved 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 his Advisory Committee, is 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 National Executive Committee at its first meeting following the presentation.

4. The Internal Affairs Commission is charged with the administration of this award.

Recipients:

1962 Raymond Triboulet, France; Jean Louis Bonet-Maury, France; Robert A. Vivien, France; Major General Sir Richard Howard Vyse, Great Britain; General 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

1963 Antoine Ginee, Belgium; Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, Poland; Jean Sainteny, France; Donald S. McTavish, Canada; Maj. Gen. Lucien Truyers, Belgium

1964 Gen. Ruben 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

1965 Maj. Gen. Julien Bouhon, Belgium; General of the Armies Martial Valin, France; Gen. Jacques P. L. De Gancey, France; Henry I Harvey, Canada; Fred T. O’Brecht, Canada; Ian Beresford, Canada

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

1967 Hamilton Mitchell, New Zealand; The Right Honorable Lord Carew, Ireland (United Kingdom); Thomas D. Bailey, Canada; Leonard Hall Turner, Canada; Montague Herbert Hurst, Canada

1968 General 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
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<td>Brg. Gen. Agustin Marking, Philippines; Honorable Henry Brown, United Kingdom; Guy Cudell, Belgium</td>
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<td>Chris S. Murphy, England; General Yang Tching, Republic of China (Taiwan); Francisco B. Quesada, Philippines</td>
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DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Description:

General: An attractive bronze plaque, including the emblem of The American Legion bearing the recipient’s name and suitable citation and facsimile signatures of the National Commander and National Adjutant.

Presented By:


Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 29, May 5-6, 1965. 
Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award.

How Awarded:

By the National Commander with the advice and the consent of the Commander’s Advisory Committee at the time of the annual Washington Conference or at such times and places as may be consistent and appropriate.

Recipients:

1962 None Awarded
1963 Representative Carl Vinson, GA
1964 None Awarded
(See note under Authority)
1965 None Awarded
1966 Representative Olin Teague, TX
1967 Senator Everett Dirksen, IL
1968 Representative John McCormack, MA
1969 None Awarded
1970 None Awarded
1971 None Awarded
1972 Representative Leslie Arends, IL
1973 Representative George Mahon, TX
1974 Representative F. Edward Hebert, AL
1975 Senator Strom Thurmond, SC
1976 None Awarded
1977 Senator Henry “Scoop” Jackson, WA
1978 Representative Joe Waggonner, LA
1979 Representative Ray Roberts, TX
Senator Alan Cranston, CA
1980 Representative Thomas “Tip” O’Neill, MA
1981 Representative Jack Kemp, NY
1982 Senator John Tower, TX
1983 Representative Bob Michel, IL
1984 Senator Howard Baker, TN
1985 Representative Jim Wright, TX
1986 Representative Neal Smith, IA
1987 Representative Jamie Whitten, MS
1988 Representative Edward Boland, MA
1989 Representative G. V. “Sonny” Montgomery, MS
1990 Representative Bob Traxler, MI
1991 Senator Sam Nunn, GA
1992 Senator Arlen Specter, PA
1993 Senator John Glenn, OH
1994 Senator Barbara Mikulski, MD
1995 Representative Bob Livingston, LA
Senator Orrin Hatch, UT
Representative Gerald “Terry” B. H. Solomon, NY
1997 Representative Henry J. Hyde, IL
1998 Senator Olympia J. Snowe, ME
1999 Senator John W. Warner, VA
2000 Senator Larry E. Craig, ID
Senator Robert C. Byrd, WV
2001 Representative Robert “Bob” L. Stump, AZ
2002 Representative Benjamin “Ben” A. Gilman, NY
2003 Representative Randy “Duke” Cunningham, CA
Representative John P. Murtha, PA
2004 Representative Christopher H. Smith, NJ
2005 Senator Harry Reid, NV
Representative Michael Bilirakis, FL
2006 Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, TX
2007 Senator Dianne Feinstein, CA
2008 Representative Chet Edwards, TX
2009 Senator Charles “Chuck” Grassley, IA
2010 Representative C. W. “Bill” Young, FL
2011 Senator Daniel K. Akaka, HI
2012 Congressman Bob Filner, CA
2013 Senator Jim Webb, VA
2014 Representative Jeff Miller, Chairman, House
Veterans Affairs Committee, FL
2015 Ashton B. Carter, Secretary of Defense
2016 Senator Johnny Isakson GA
2017 Honorable John McCain, United States Senate, AZ
2018 Honorable Phil Roe, M.D., U.S. House of
Representatives (TN)
THE ARTHUR D. HOUGHTON SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION TROPHY

Description:

General: Sun-metal trophy; spread eagle at top; mounted on composition ivory base; 23” in height.


Presented By:

National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion, on state, at the National Convention.

Authority:

May 1941 report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee, as approved by the National Executive Committee, as amended by Resolution No. 15, NEC, October 6-7, 1976.

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to that Detachment in each of three membership categories (Category I – 200-1,000 members; Category II – 1,001-3,000 members; Category III – 3,001 members or more), which on January 1 of each year has attained the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year’s total membership.

Conditions:

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters and 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 the Sons of The American Legion in each of three membership categories (Category I – 200-1,000 members; Category II – 1,001-3,000 members; Category III – 3,001 members or more), which on January 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.)

*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

*Previously awarded to that Detachment attaining the highest percentage of membership over preceding year’s membership.

Recipients:

1941 Utah
1942 Hawaii
1943 Rhode Island
1944 France
1945 Washington
1946 France
1947 Louisiana
1948 Montana
1949 Oklahoma
1950 Indiana
1951 Oklahoma
1952 Texas
1953 New Jersey
1954 Illinois
1955 Maryland
1956 Illinois
1957 Indiana
1958 Indiana
1959 Ohio
1960 Massachusetts
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1962 Philippines
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Category IV – California  
Category V – Pennsylvania

2011 Category I – Montana  
Category II – Tennessee  
Category III – Wisconsin  
Category IV – California  
Category V – Florida

2012 Category I – Montana  
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Category IV – California  
Category V – Florida

2013 Category I – Montana  
Category II – Louisiana  
Category III – Iowa  
Category IV – California  
Category V – Florida

2014 Category I – Utah  
Category II – Oregon  
Category III – Iowa  
Category IV – Arizona  
Category V – Florida

2015 Category I – Oklahoma  
Category II – Wyoming  
Category III – Massachusetts  
Category IV – Minnesota  
Category V – Florida

2016 Category I – Nevada  
Category II – North Carolina  
Category III – Missouri  
Category IV – New Jersey  
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
GENERAL HENRI GOURAUD TROPHY

Description:

General: Sterling silver trophy cup with handles of urn design with top piece.

Inscription: “Le Representant du Gouvernement de la Republique Francaise a L’American Legion, Boston, 8 October 1930, General Gouraud.”

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Membership and Post Activities Committee, at the Membership Awards Banquet at National Convention.

Authority:

November 1930 report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee, as amended by Resolution No. 15, NEC, May 1-2, 1974.

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to that department in each of six (effective with 1987 membership year) categories established by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee, each of said departments having been the first in its respective category to attain or exceed its nationally assigned membership quota (effective with the 1975 membership year). (Previously awarded to that department first exceeding its nationally assigned membership quota.)

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 that department in each of five categories established by the National Membership and Post Activities Committee, each of said departments having been the first in its respective category to attain or exceed its nationally assigned membership quota.*
3. All departments outside the continental limits of the United States, 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.

Recipients:

1931 Rhode Island
1932 Hawaii
1933 Tennessee
1934 Nevada
1935 North Dakota
1936 Delaware
1937 Georgia
1938 Wisconsin
1939 Georgia
1940 Arkansas
1941 Arkansas
1942 Arkansas
1943 Alabama
1944 North Carolina
1945 North Carolina
1946 North Carolina
1947 Nevada
1948 North Dakota
1949 North Dakota
1950 North Dakota
1951 North Dakota
1952 North Dakota
1953 Louisiana
1954 North Dakota (tie)
Louisiana (tie)
1955 North Dakota
1956 North Dakota
1957 North Dakota
1958 North Dakota
1959 North Dakota
1960 North Dakota
1961 North Dakota
1962 North Dakota (tie)
South Dakota (tie)
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1966 North Dakota
1967 North Dakota
1968 North Dakota
1969 North Dakota
1970 North Dakota
1971 North Dakota
1972 North Dakota
1973 North Dakota
1974 North Dakota
GENERAL HENRI GOURAUD TROPHY RECIPIENTS (continued)

1975 Category I – Minnesota
Category II – Nebraska
Category III – North Dakota
Category IV – Vermont
Category V – Nevada
1976 Category I – Minnesota
Category II – Nebraska
Category III – North Dakota
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Wyoming
1977 Category I – Minnesota
Category II – Nebraska
Category III – South Dakota
Category IV – Vermont
Category V – Idaho
1978 Category I – Minnesota
Category II – Nebraska
Category III – North Dakota
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Idaho
1979 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Florida
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Arkansas
1980 Category I – Minnesota
Category II – Florida
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Arkansas
1981 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Florida
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Maine
Category V – Arkansas
1982 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Florida
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Vermont
Category V – Arkansas
1983 Category I – None Qualified
Category II – Maryland
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Vermont
Category V – Arkansas
1984 Category I – Florida
Category II – Maryland
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Vermont
Category V – Arkansas
1985 Category I – Florida
Category II – Maryland
Category III – Washington
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Nevada
1986 Category I – Florida
Category II – Maryland
Category III – Arizona
1986 Category IV – Maine
(con’t) Category V – District of Columbia
1987 Category I – None Qualified
Category II – Florida
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – North Dakota
Category V – Alabama
Category VI – Philippines
1988 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Wisconsin
Category III – Nebraska
Category IV – Maine
Category V – South Carolina
Category VI – District of Columbia
1989 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Maryland
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Puerto Rico
Category VI – Delaware
1990 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Florida
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Maine
Category VI – Delaware
1991 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Wisconsin
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Vermont
Category VI – Connecticut
1992 Category I – Florida
Category II – Wisconsin
Category III – Kansas
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Puerto Rico
Category VI – Delaware
1993 Category I – Ohio
Category II – Wisconsin
Category III – Arizona
Category IV – Vermont
Category V – Maine
Category VI – Delaware
1994 Category I – Indiana
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – None Qualified
Category V – Idaho
Category VI – Delaware
1995 Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – None Qualified
Category V – None Qualified
Category VI – None Qualified
GENERAL HENRI GOURAUD TROPHY RECIPIENTS (continued)

1996
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Idaho
Category VI – Delaware

1997
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Rhode Island
Category VI – Utah

1998
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Rhode Island
Category VI – Nevada

1999
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – Virginia
Category IV – Kentucky
Category V – South Carolina
Category VI – Nevada

2000
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – Georgia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Alaska and Nevada (tied)
Category VI – None Qualified

2001
Category I – Florida
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – Georgia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Alabama and Colorado (tied)
Category VI – None Qualified

2002
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – Georgia
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Alabama and Colorado (tied)
Category VI – None Qualified

2003
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – Georgia and Arizona (tied)
Category IV – Arizona
Category V – Delaware
Category VI – None Qualified

2004
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – None Qualified
Category V – Delaware
Category VI – None Qualified

2005
Category I – None Qualified
Category II – None Qualified
Category III – None Qualified
Category IV – None Qualified
GENERAL HENRI GOURAUD TROPHY RECIPIENTS (continued)

2015  Category I – None Qualified
       Category II – None Qualified
       Category III – Georgia
       Category IV – None Qualified
       Category V – None Qualified
       Category VI – None Qualified

2016  Category I – None Qualified
       Category II – None Qualified
       Category III – Georgia
       Category IV – None Qualified
       Category V – None Qualified
       Category VI – None Qualified

2017  Category I – None Qualified
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       Category VI – Idaho

2018  Category I – None Qualified
       Category II – None Qualified
       Category III – Wisconsin
       Category IV – None Qualified
       Category V – West Virginia
       Category VI - France
General John J. Pershing Honor Award

Description:

General: Blue silk banner with gold lettering.

Inscription: “General John J. Pershing Honor Award – American Legion.”

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Membership and Post Activities Committee, at the Membership Awards Banquet at National Convention.

Authority:

November 1948 report of National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee, as approved by the National Executive Committee.

How Awarded:

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters, and 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 banner to be awarded annually to that department thereof that has the greatest number of its posts receiving the Honor Ribbon for having 100 percent or more of the post’s previous year’s membership enrolled for the coming year by December 31 and having reported such achievement to National Headquarters no later than January 31.

3. All departments outside the continental limits of the United States, 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.

Recipients:

1949 Mississippi 1956 Iowa
1950 Alaska 1957 Louisiana
1951 Mississippi 1958 North Dakota
1952 Iowa 1959 Louisiana
1953 Iowa 1960 Louisiana
1954 Iowa 1961 North Dakota
1955 Iowa 1962 Louisiana

1963 North Dakota
1964 Iowa
1965 Iowa
1966 Mississippi
1967 Iowa
1968 Iowa
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1972 Louisiana
1973 Louisiana
1974 Louisiana
1975 Kansas
1976 West Virginia
1977 Louisiana
1978 Idaho
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1981 California
1982 California
1983 Kansas
1984 Wisconsin
1985 Wisconsin
1986 Mississippi
1987 Alaska
1988 Utah
1989 Louisiana
1990 Mississippi
1991 Puerto Rico
1992 Oklahoma
1993 Utah
1994 Idaho
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2000 New Hampshire
2001 New Hampshire
2002 Utah
2003 Wisconsin
2004 Tennessee
2005 Kentucky
2006 Wyoming
2007 Texas
2008 Nevada
2009 Wyoming
2010 North Dakota
2011 Vermont
2012 Kentucky
2013 Minnesota
2014 South Dakota
2015 South Dakota
2016 North Dakota
2017 Kentucky
2018 Dist. Of Columbia
HENRY D. LINDSLEY TROPHY

**Description:**

*General:* Silver plated trophy cup with handles mounted on base.

*Inscription:* “Henry D. Lindsley Trophy.”

**Presented By:**

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Membership and Post Activities Committee, at the Membership Awards Banquet at National Convention.

**Authority:**

January 1924 report of the Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards as amended by Resolution No. 46, NEC, May 2-3, 1962.

**How Awarded:**

To be awarded annually to the department attaining the highest percentage of membership as compared with the preceding year’s membership by March 31.

**Conditions:**

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29-May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters, and 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 December 31 of the preceding year. (This condition became effective in 1963…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 date’s foresaid.
4. The Departments of Mexico, France and Philippines shall not be eligible for the Lindsley Trophy unless their membership shall be greater than the membership of that department of the remaining departments having the least membership.

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2017 None Awarded  
2018 None Awarded
THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Description:**

*General:* An engraved 11 ¾” x 14 ¾” shadow-box plaque.

*Inscription:* “National Membership Recruiter of the Year, *(Year)*, *(Recipient’s Name)*, Department of *(Department Name)*.”

**Presented By:**

The National Commander, on stage, at the National Convention, and at the Membership Awards Banquet at National Convention.

**Authority:**

Recommended by the Membership and Post Activities Committee in 1987; amended by NEC Resolution No. 3, October 12-13, 2011.

**How Awarded:**

1. The individual certified with the highest number of new members recruited from among all of the departments will be declared “National Recruiter of the Year.”

2. The American Legion will provide one roundtrip 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 National Convention.

3. The American Legion will provide roundtrip coach airfare for one guest but will provide no incidental expenses or expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.

4. The Membership and Post Activities Committee will continue to be fully authorized to develop appropriate eligibility criteria, application procedures and deadlines and selection guidelines for department submissions.

**Recipients:**

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

General: Silver plated trophy cup with handles mounted on a square base.

Inscription: “Jerry L. Hedrick Membership Award, presented by the Department of North Carolina American Legion to the department outside of the United States attaining the highest percentage of membership over its preceding year’s membership.”

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Membership and Post Activities Committee, at the Membership Awards Banquet at National Convention.

Authority:

January 1924 report of the Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards and as later amended by action of the NEC, April 29-May 1, 1953. National Convention Resolution No. 226, August 30-September 1, 2016, Cincinnati, Ohio, renamed The North Carolina Trophy to Jerry L. Hedrick Membership Award.

How Awarded:

The Jerry L. Hedrick Membership Award is to be awarded annually to that department thereof not included in the several state departments or the Department of the District of Columbia, that has the highest percentage of increase over its previous year’s final membership, by the close of business March 31 each year.

Conditions:

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29 – May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters, and 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. The Jerry L. Hedrick 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 the close of business March 31 each year as compared with the total number of members in the department on December 31 of the preceding year.

3. 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.

4. No department having fewer than forty members on December 31 of the preceding year shall be eligible to receive the award of this trophy.

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O. L. BODENHAMER TROPHY

Description:

General: Silver plated trophy cup with handles, top piece and mounted on a base.

Inscription: O. L. Bodenhamer Trophy. Awarded annually to that department designated to lead the parade at the time of the ensuing National Convention.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Membership and Post Activities Committee, at the Membership Awards Banquet at National Convention.

Authority:

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

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to that department designated to lead the parade at the time of the ensuing National Convention.

Conditions:

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29 – May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters, and 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. 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 ensuing 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.

3. This award shall be confined to the fifty-two departments within the continental limits of the United States. (Puerto Rico also included.)

4. The membership of the department to be used in the calculation above referred to 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.

Recipients:

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

Description:

General: Eagle and fledgling sculpture to be given annually to the Air Force Academy to be presented to a graduating cadet under terms and conditions prescribed by the Academy.

Inscription: The gift selected by the Air Force Academy will be suitably inscribed and will indicate that it has been donated by The American Legion.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, for presentation by appropriate service academy representative.

Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 25, May 9-10, 2018

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to a graduating cadet of the Air Force Academy selected by the Academy Faculty.

Conditions:

1. The Air Force Academy has proposed and The American Legion has approved the sponsorship of the General Muir S. Fairchild Award. This award is presented annually to that graduating cadet who demonstrates the highest proficiency in all academic subjects.
2. The award is to become the property of the recipient and shall be presented to the cadet by the National Commander of The American Legion or by his delegate at a public ceremony designated annually by the Superintendent of the Academy, near the close of the academic year.
3. The National Headquarters will forward to the representative of the Superintendent of The Air Force Academy a sum of money not to exceed $600 either annually or in multi-year terms, 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.

Recipients:

1959   Louis L. Kingsland, Jr., Midland Park, NJ
1960   David B. Luce, Orland, CA
1961   John D. Sullivan, Jr., Worcester, MA
1962   Peter Dodd Robins, Ann Arbor, MI
1963   Kent E. Harbaugh, Manson, IA
1964   Robert L. Sansom, Knoxville, TN
1965   Victor L. Genez, San Pedro, CA
1966   Charles M. Koliner, Broomall, PA
1967   Daniel I. Twomey, Los Angeles, CA
1968   Ansfrid L. Kolbe, Walla Walla, WA
1969   Steven R. Sturm, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL
1970   William F. Rowell, Danvers, MA
1971   Larry Dale Autry, Athens, GA
1972   Donald A. Peppers, Herculaneum, MO
1973   Clay A. Stewart, Ogden, UT
1974   Robert H. Gibbs, Schofield, WI
1975   William K. Davis, Downey, CA
1976   Luckey M. Dunn, Daytona Beach, FL
1977   Richard A. Lucal, Martinsburgh, WV
1978   Richard A. Searfoss, Akron, OH
1979   William P. Doyle, Jr., Simi Valley, CA
1980   William A. Ehrenstrom, La Plata, MD
1981   Daniel O. Wyman, Las Vegas, NV
1982   Glenn E. James, Budd Lake, NJ
1983   Silvia Ann Beatty
1984   Keith Heien, St. Charles, MO
1985   Robert A. Kaucic, Jr., Newark, DE
1986   Keith Kudla, Dayton, OH
1987   Hoand N. Tran, Rohnert Park, CA
1988   Ron Simmons, Midlothian, IL
1989   Kenneth Plaks, Moorpark, CA
1990   Brittany J. Thurber, Portland, OR
1991   James P. Dutton, Jr., Eugene, OR
1992   Paul J. Fronapfel, Arvada, CO
1993   Gina L. Hilger, Troutville, VA
1994   Scottie L. Zamzow, Victoria, TX
1995   Douglas P. Wickert, Beavercreek, OH
1996   George N. Schwartz
1997   James E. Smith
1998   Nikolas W. Stengle
1999   Jeffry D. Moffitt
2000   Nicholas J. Sweeney
2001   Andrew S. Malin
2002   Paul J. Calhoun
2003   Tyler W. Robarge
2004   James M. Valpiani
2005   Andrew Sellers
2006   Brady M. Cillo
2007   Anthony J. Stinton
2008   Brian J. Pascuzzci
2009   Alicia M. Stirewalt
2010   Thomas R. Stuart
2011   Bradley R. Dewees
2012   Austin B. McKinney
2013   Eric J. Robinson
2014   Frederick W. Fiegel
2015   Zebulon J. Hanley
2016   Blake Abrecht
2017   Rebecca A. Esselstein
2018   Jeffrey R. Herrala
2017    Young Wu
2018    Ryan I. Silva
THE AMERICAN LEGION COAST GUARD ACADEMY AWARD

Description:

General: A watch and remainder cash to be given annually to the Coast Guard Academy to be presented to a graduating cadet under terms and conditions prescribed by the Academy.

Inscription: The gift selected by the Coast Guard Academy will be suitably inscribed and will indicate that it has been donated by The American Legion.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, for presentation by appropriate service academy representative.

Authority:

May 5-6, 1938 report of National Trophies and Awards Committee; amended by Resolution No. 46, NEC, April 29 – May 1, 1959; amended by Resolution No. 6 by the NEC, May 4-5, 2011.

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to that cadet of the graduating class at the United States Coast Guard Academy who is considered to have excelled personally in athletics.

Conditions:

1. The award is to become the property of the recipient. It shall be presented to him/her by a representative of The American Legion, delegated by the National Commander, at a public ceremony to be designated annually by the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy 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 Coast Guard Academy who is considered to have excelled personally in athletics.

3. National Headquarters shall purchase the award, not to exceed $500.00, elected by the recipient at the cadet store of said Academy, if possible, and shall arrange for the making of the inscription.

Recipients:

1938 Robert Walron, Bethlehem, PA
1939 Robert W. Goehring, Somerville, NJ
1940 Joseph J. McClelland, Seattle, WA
1941 John F. Thompson, Jr., Tilton, NH (Feb)
1942 Charles E. Norton, Lawrenceburg, TN (June)
1943 Frank B. Carter, Pasadena, CA (June)
1944 John M. Dorsey, New London, CT
1945 Harbert J. Lynch, Jr., Meadville, PA
1946 John L. Wright, San Francisco, CA
1947 None Awarded
1948 Thomas T. Wetmore, III, New London, CT
1949 George M. Rynick, III, Upper Darby, PA
1950 Sidney B. Vaughn, St. Petersburg, FL
1951 Lambert J. Larson, Bellevue, WA
1952 Olin A. Lively, Abilene, TX
1953 William Russell, San Rafael, CA
1954 William J. Tille, Sioux City, IA
1955 Bobby F. Hollingsworth, Delray Beach, FL
1956 Ernest C. Allen, South Hadley Falls, MA
1957 Thomas D. Combs, Jr., Oceanside, NY
1958 Frank R. Grundman
1959 William B. Howland, Wallingford, CT
1960 James H. Parent, Greeneville, ME
1961 Pete N. Thurman, Fallbrook, CA
1962 James H. Lightner, Alexandria, PA
1963 Richard A. Walsh, Baltimore, MD
1964 William G. MacDonald, Princeton, IL
1965 Robert W. Christiansen, Bellmore, NY
1966 William A. Kucharski, Jersey City, NJ
1967 Robert E. Long, Novelty, OH
1968 Robert B. Streeter, Greenwood, NY
1969 Gregory H. Magee, Yorktown, VA
1970 Philip E. Sherer, Crestline, OH
1971 Bruce W. Platz, Jr., Virginia Beach, VA
1972 Gary M. Heil, Rockville, MD
1973 Dennis G. Bohlayer, Honey Brook, PA
1974 Steven G. Hein, Tustin, CA
1975 Allen B. Hughes, Huntington Beach, CA
1976 George A. Capacci, Seneca Falls, NY
1977 James F. Murray, Falls Church, VA
1978 Scott E. Hartley, Long Beach, CA
1979 Michael P. Butler, Wilmington, DE
1980 Alex O. Simonka, Flordeva, NJ
1981 David W. Staters, Rockville, MD
1982 Kurt J. Colletta
Timothy M. Henry
1983 Kevin M. O’Day, Greenville, RI
1984 Kenneth K. Moore
James E. Rendon
1985 John T. Hardin, New Castle, DE
1986 Kevin P. Crawley, Largo, FL
1987 Daniel Pippenger, Culver, IN
1988 Glenn L. Gebele
1989 Jesse Karl Moore, Laramie, WY
1990 Susan L. Gregg, Verona, PA
1991 Lane D. Johnson
1992 Edward St. Pierre
1993 Kevin E. Wirth
1994 William Carter
1995 Aaron E. Waters, Stringtown, PA
1996 Blake L. Novak, New London, CT
1997 Drew Orsinger
THE AMERICAN LEGION COAST GUARD ACADEMY AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)

1997  Christian A. Lee
1998  Joshua Fant
1999  Michael Sharp
2000  Kyle S. Gahan
2001  Christopher Fertig
2002  Jason W. Haag
2003  Darby Schlaht
2004  James Conner
2005  Jonathan Tillman
2006  T. S. Crowley
2007  Michael L. Flint
2008  Robert J. Brown
2009  Craig Johnson
2010  Justin P. Brooks
2011  Carl Luxhoj
2012  Hayley Feindel
2013  Tyler Vieira
2014  Adam Scalesse
2015  Christian Brindamour
2016  Meghan Fornaro
2017  Nikole Bareuther Barnes
2018  Dana Rohde
THE AMERICAN LEGION MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY AWARD

Description:

General: $500.00 to be given annually to the Merchant Marine Academy to be presented in the form of a gift to a graduating midshipman, under terms and conditions prescribed by the Academy.

Inscription: The gift selected by the Merchant Marine Academy will be suitably inscribed and will indicate that it has been donated by The American Legion.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, for presentation by appropriate service academy representative.

Authority:

NEC Resolution No. 14, May 6, 1993; amended by Resolution No. 6 by the NEC, May 4-5, 2011.

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to a graduating midshipman of the Merchant Marine Academy selected by the Academy Commandant.

Conditions:

1. The award is to become the property of the recipient. It 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 Superintendent of the Academy, 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 United States Merchant Marine Academy, who has contributed most to the success of the Color Guard of the Academy and shall be reported by the Superintendent thereof, to the National Adjutant. The selection of the recipient will be made by the Academy.
3. The National Headquarters shall forward to the Superintendent of the Merchant Marine Academy, a sum of money, not to exceed $500.00 annually, with which a United States Savings Bond will be purchased.

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
THE AMERICAN LEGION MILITARY ACADEMY AWARD

Description:

General: Pewter pitcher and base presented to a graduating cadet under terms and conditions prescribed by the Academy.

Inscription: The gift selected by the Military Academy will be suitably inscribed and will indicate that it has been donated by The American Legion.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, for presentation by appropriate service academy representative.

Authority:

May 3, 1935 report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee. Amended by Resolution No. 9: Cadet Awards Program of The United States Military Academy, NEC, May 10-11, 2017.

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to that cadet of the graduating class at the United States Military Academy with the highest standing in Chemistry.

Conditions:

1. The award is to become the property of the recipient. It 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 Superintendent of the Academy 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 United States Military Academy who shall be reported by the superintendent thereof to the National Adjutant as having the highest standing in Chemistry.

3. NEC Resolution No. 6, Armed Services Academy Awards Update, May 4-5, 2011, and US Army Regulation 672-2 limit the USMA Award to a value not to exceed $250.00.

Recipients:

1935  John D. Bristol, Passaic, NJ
1936  Oliver G. Haywood, J., Conchas, NM
1937  Campbell H. Snyder, Vicksburg, MS
1938  Rober A. Breitweiser, Denver, CO
1939  Edmund Kirby-Smith, Sewanne, TN
1940  John A. Graf, Erie, MI
1941  Elmer Parker, Yakes, ME
1942  Irving R. Obenchain, Jr., Birmingham, AL
1943  Edward L. Sheley, Jr. (Jan)
1944  James F. Scoggin, Jr. (June)
1945  None Awarded
1946  Milton A. Strain, Fort Benning, GA
1947  Robert M. Montague, Jr., Fort Bliss, TX
1948  Arthur L. Whitley
1949  Richard T. Carvolth, III, Peckyville, PA
1950  Robert M. Wilson, Kingston, RI
1951  William L. Lemmitzer, Fort Campbell, KY
1952  Leslie Van Trees, Jr., Kansas City, KS
1953  Alvin L. Hayes, Hartford, CT
1954  Ames S. Albro, Jr., Tucson, AZ
1955  John T. Hamilton, Eudowood Sanitorium, Towson 4, MD
1956  Frederick S. Holmes, Riviera Beach, FL
1957  John H. Vickers, Fairfield, CT
1958  Dan A. Brookhart, River Edge, NJ
1959  Jack M. Warren, Chattanooga, TN
1960  Charles P. Olstott, Dallas, TX
1961  James E. Jenz, Ripon, WI
1962  James W. Durnmyer, Wilmington, DE
1963  John P. Bell, Euclid, OH
1964  David L. Ugland, Minneapolis, MN
1965  Jerald P. Eichelberger, New Cumberland, PA
1966  Bruce M. Wilson, Spokane, WA
1967  John R. Hadorn, Aberdeen, SD
1968  Robert L. Merritt, Des Moines, IA
1969  Robert P. Jones, Tulsa, OK
1970  Dean J. Nickles, Wheeling, WV
1971  Dennis A. Wenker, Lock Haven, PA
1972  Sterling G. West, St. Petersburg, FL
1973  Thomas E. Wiswell, Tioga, PA
1974  David A. Bosse, Breenham, TX
1975  Paul S. Schaefter, Buffalo, NY
1976  Michael R. Morris, St. Petersburg, FL
1977  Mark B. Mengel, Edmond, OK
1978  Thoams D. Hook, Moraga, CA
1979  Scott R. Duffin, Cinnaminson, NJ
1980  Michael R. Schaub
1981  Mark T. Marino, West Point, NY
1982  James H. North, Jr., Hazelton, PA
1983  William B. Reece
1984  John R. Rowe, Old Fields, WV
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THE AMERICAN LEGION NAVAL ACADEMY AWARD

Description:

General: A plaque and savings bond valued up to $500 with the remainder of the money after the purchase of the plaque to be given annually to the Naval Academy to be presented to a graduating midshipman under the terms and conditions prescribed by the Academy.

Inscription: The gift selected by the Naval Academy will be suitably inscribed and will indicate that it has been donated by The American Legion.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, for presentation by appropriate service academy representative.

Authority:

May 3, 1935 report of the National Trophies and Awards Committee; amended September 1941 and again by Resolution No. 46, approved by the NEC; amended by Resolution No. 6 by the NEC, May 4-5, 2011.

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to that graduating midshipman at the United States Naval Academy who stands highest in those English, History and Government Department courses taken to complete a Foreign Affairs major.

Conditions:

1. The award is to become the property of the recipient. It 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 Superintendent of the Academy, 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 United States Naval Academy who shall be reported by the Superintendent thereof to the National Adjutant as standing highest in those English, History and Government Department courses taken to complete a Foreign Affairs major.

3. The Academy shall prepare a plaque, suitably inscribed to indicate that it has been donated by The American Legion.

4. The balance of the monies will be presented to the midshipman in the form of a United States Savings Bond(s).

Recipients:

1935 Gould Hunter, U.S.S., PA
1936 Jack A. Obermeyer, New York, NY
1937 John E. Dacey, Biloxi, MS
1938 Thomas C. Gurley, Glens Falls, NY
1939 Joseph T. Materi, Aberdeen, SD
1940 John W. Crawford, Jr., Tilton, NH
1941 Archie L. Julian, Washington, DC
1942 William C. Chapman, Cadillac, MI
1943 Carvel H. Blair, Annapolis, MD
1944 Chandler L. Beach, Huron, SD
1945 William R. Porter, Santa Ana, CA
1946 Robert C. Olson, Omaha, NE
1947 Charles E. Reid, Jr., Greenville, MS
1948 Ted W. Isles, Cranford, NJ
1949 William D. Shaughnessy, Waltham, MA
1950 Thomas A. Julian, Hollywood, CA
1951 Rodney L. Borum, High Point, NC
1952 Fred A. Hull, Concord, NC
1953 James P. Eadie, II, Long Island, NY
1954 Kyran M. O'Dwyer, Landover Hills, MD
1955 Arthur A. Aronson, New York, NY
1956 Lowell D. Hupp, Tipton, IN
1957 Timothy H. Marvin, Madeira, OH
1958 Alton K. Thompson, Dallas, TX
1959 James J. Connell, Wilmington, DE
1960 Roy N. Wallace, Los Angeles, CA
1961 Edward L. Warner, III, Okemos, MI
1962 Perry W. Miles, Danville, VA
1963 Barry M. Plott, Scottsdale, AZ
1964 Craig M. Rasmussen, Sanger, CA
1965 John S. Redd, Sidney, IA
1966 Leonard H. Passmore, McAllen, TX
1967 Otis K. Earle, Wallingford, PA
1968 Neil G. Mathison, Seattle, WA
1969 Carl A. Gaines, Jr., Dallas, TX
1970 James A. Babb, USNA, Annapolis, MD
1971 Stanley B. Weeks, Jacksonville, FL
1972 Richard M. Gutekunst, Gwynned, PA
1973 Jack E. Owne, Jr.
1974 James R. Fitzsimonds, Trumbull, CT
1975 George W. Croner, Fairview, PA
1976 John Gahan, Huntsville, AL
THE AMERICAN LEGION NAVAL ACADEMY AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)

1980  Carl W. Barbour, Richmond, VA
1981  Timothy S. MacGregor, Binghamton, NY
1982  Doman O. McArthur, Riverside, CA
       Kevin A. Boreen, Oak Harbor, WA
1983  David A. Radi
1984  Maarten Vermaat, Beloit, WI
1985  Eric W. Olson, Orofino, ID
1986  James Addison, Scotia, NY
1987  Michael Tobin, Florence, SC
1988  William W. Burkhart, Weir, MS
1989  Devon M. Burr, Washington, DC
1990  James M. Greene, Charlottesville, VA
1991  Stephen F. Murphy, Baltimore, MD
1992  Erik P. Bethel, Coral Gables, FL
1993  Scott A. Cooper, Casper, WY
1994  Paul G. Prokopovich, Pittsburgh, PA
1995  Benjamin A. Shupp, Houston, TX
1996  Jean-Paul Chretien
1997  Christopher J. Mandernach
1998  Jason T. Berg
1999  Jeffrey M. Monghan
2000  Elizabeth Anne McQuinn
2001  Phillip K. Sprincin
2002  Timothy E. Steigelman
2003  Joshua J. Lostetter
2004  Nathan Williams
2005  Douglas A. Robb
2006  Paul J. Angelo
2007  Joseph B. Hess
2008  Eric D. Gardiner
2009  Cory M. F. Kampf
2010  William N. Murray
2011  Nicholas R. Birger
2012  Nicholas A. Denney
2013  Michael DeLong
2014  Justin Chock
2015  Andrea Howard
2016  Ethan Dalton
2017  Jacob Wirz
2018  Nathan Bermel
NATIONAL COMMANDER’S BLOOD DONOR AWARDS

Description:

General: Winning departments are awarded with a congratulatory recognition letter of appreciation certified by the National Commander’s Signature.

Inscription: “The American Legion National Commander’s Award is presented to (name of winning department) for actively participating in The American Legion’s Blood Donor Program.”

Presented By:


Authority:

The criteria for the National Commander’s Blood Donor Awards for Post and Individual Participation is based on Resolution No. 14, adopted at the Spring meeting, May 8-9, 1985 of the National Executive Committee.

How Awarded:

Announced during The American Legion National Convention and 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.

Conditions:

Department adjutants are requested to complete the Commander’s Annual Blood Donor report as contained in the Department Adjutant’s Administrative Manual and to forward it no later than July 15 to the Director of National Security Division.

Category I – Departments with 70,000 or more members.
Category II – Departments with 40,000 to 69,999 members.
Category III – Departments with 25,000 to 39,999 members.
Category IV – Departments with 10,000 to 24,000 members.
Category V – Departments with less than 10,000 members.

Note: In 1988 a sixth category was added and changed the size of categories.

Recipients:

1985
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Individual – Illinois
Category II – Post – Nebraska
Individual – Nebraska
Category III – Post – Arizona
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Category IV – Post – Montana
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Category V – Post – Rhode Island
Individual – Rhode Island

1986
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Individual – Illinois
Category II – Post – Nebraska
Individual – Massachusetts
Category III – Post – Arizona
Individual – Arizona
Category IV – Post – Montana
Individual – New Hampshire
Category V – Post – Wyoming
Individual – Wyoming

1987
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Individual – Nebraska
Category III – Post – Arizona
Individual – Tennessee
Category IV – Post – Montana
Individual – New Hampshire
Category V – Post – Rhode Island
Individual – Rhode Island

1988
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Individual – Illinois
Category II – Post – Florida
Individual – Wisconsin
Category III – Post – Nebraska
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Category IV – Post – Kentucky
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Category V – Post – Montana
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Category VI – Post – Rhode Island
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THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
OF THE YEAR AWARD

Description:

General: An engraved 11 ¾” x 14 ¾” shadow-box bronze plaque mounted on a red background.

Inscription: “The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award presented to (name of recipient) for (brief reason for recognition).”

Presented By:

At the discretion of The National Commander, at the annual National Convention, upon the recommendation of the Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee of the National Security Commission.

Authority:

Recommended by the National Security Commission and adopted by the National Executive Committee as Resolution No. 24 during its Fall meeting, October 18-19, 1995; amended by NEC Resolution No. 5, October 12-13, 2011.

How Awarded:

Awarded annually by the National Commander at the National Convention of The American Legion to the national winner; signed by the National Commander.

Conditions:

1. The award shall recognize an outstanding law enforcement officer as selected from Department Law Enforcement Officer winners for distinguished on- and-off-duty service.
2. The accomplishments for which the award is presented shall have been in accordance with, or in furtherance of, established American Legion policies or programs and it shall have contributed to the preservation of law and order as well as the American way of life.
3. 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.
4. The American Legion will provide roundtrip 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 National Convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
5. 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”.

Recipients:

1997 Corporal William T. Rhodes, Huntingdon, PA
1998 Deputy Sheriff Earl P. McDonald, Jr., Point A La Hache, LA
1999 Police Officer Ronald Tookes, Miami-Dade, FL
2000 Chief Deputy Sheriff Thomas W. Little, Decatur, AL
2001 Corporal Jeffrey D. Goldsmith, Hutchinson, MN
2002 Deputy Casey R. Nelms, Sutherland, NE
2003 Police Officer 1st Class Timothy C. Wiley, Howard County Department of Police, MD
2004 Officer 1st Class Patrick W. Eckley, Howard County Police Department, Ellicott City, MD
2005 Detective Mark S. Cottom, Springfield Township Police Department, Springfield, NJ
2006 Officer Charles Roessler, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee, WI
2007 Police Sergeant Julie A. Asmus, Willmar State Police Department, Willmar, MN
2008 Chief Judith A. Bradshaw, Des Moines Police Department, Des Moines, IA
2009 Officer Christopher Biron, Manchester Police Department, Manchester, NH
2010 Captain Michael LaVine, Metro Transit Police Department, Minneapolis, MN
2011 Officer Scott P. Womack, Raleigh Police Department, Raleigh, NC
2012 Chief Paul Doucette, Bennington Police Department, Bennington, VT
2013 Deputy Miste M. Strickland, Nash County Sheriff’s Office, Middlesex, NC
2014 Detective Sgt. Andrew D. Aninsman, Bensalem Township Police Department, Bensalem, PA
2015 Deputy Sheriff Ben Adams, Marion County Sheriff’s Office, Ocala, FL
2016 Sheriff David J. Mahon, Effingham County Sheriff’s Office, Effingham, IL
2017 Sgt. Joe Rowley, Michigan State Police Tri-City Post, Gladwin, MI
2018 Brett Walsh, Fuquay-Varina, N.C. Police Department, Fuquay-Varina, NC
THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Description:**

*General:* An engraved 11 ¾” x 14 ¾” shadow-box bronze plaque mounted on a red background.

*Inscription:* “The American Legion National Firefighter of the Year Award is presented to (name of recipient) for (brief reason for recognition).”

**Presented By:**

At the discretion of The National Commander, at the annual National Convention, upon the recommendation of the Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee of the National Security Commission.

**Authority:**

NEC Resolution No. 44, May 6-7, 2009; amended by NEC Resolution No. 4, October 12-13, 2011.

**How Awarded:**

Awarded annually by the National Commander at the National Convention of The American Legion to the national winner signed by the National Commander.

**Conditions:**

1. The award shall recognize an outstanding firefighter with an appropriate award.
2. The accomplishments for which the award is presented shall have been in accordance with, or in furtherance of, established American Legion policies or programs and it shall have contributed to the preservation as well as the American way of life.
3. Department submissions may include nominees who are full-time and a sworn firefighter and a National Fire Fighter of the Year Award would be a fitting recognition of ‘America’s Bravest’. The American Legion annually recognize a National Fire Fighter of the Year with an appropriate award which shall be presented at National Convention or other American Legion settings as deemed appropriate.
4. The American Legion will provide one roundtrip 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 National Convention. The American Legion will not provide for any incidental expenses or any expenses incurred by guests accompanying the award recipient.
5. 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”.

**Recipients:**

- **2010** Marcus Haynes, Valdosta Fire Department, Valdosta, GA
- **2011** Captain Brian S. Michel, Pike County Emergency Services, Zebulon, GA
- **2012** Lieutenant Tom Christensen, Waukegan Fire Department, Waukegan, IL
- **2013** Deputy Chief Lisa Young, Mahoning Township Fire Department, Danville, PA
- **2014** Sara A. Shaffer, Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department, Prince George’s County, MD
- **2015** Steven Brune, West Point Rescue, West Point, NE
- **2016** Matt Brown, Lakeland Fire Department, Lakeland, FL
- **2017** Asst. Fire Chief Darren O. Ware, Prince George’s Fire/EMS Department, Waldorf, MD
- **2018** Damon Faust, Estacada, OR, Rural Fire District 69, Estacada, OR
PAUL H. GRIFFITH ROTC TROPHY

**Description:**

*General:* A laminated plaque containing a photograph of the trophy.

**Presented By:**


**Authority:**

NEC Resolution No. 21, October 8-9, 1975, amended by NEC Resolution No. 17, May 7-8, 2014.

**How Awarded:**

Announced during The American Legion National Convention and congratulatory recognition letter of appreciation are mailed to the winning departments' adjutants as appropriate.

**Conditions:**

Department adjutants are requested to complete the Paul H. Griffith Annual ROTC Report as contained in the Department Adjutant’s Administrative Manual and to forward it to the Director of the National Security Division no later than July 15.

**Recipients:**

1976 Arizona, Delaware, Maine, Minnesota, Panama–Canal Zone
1977 Delaware, Maine, Minnesota
1978 Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada and Panama-Canal Zone
1979 Minnesota, Nevada
1980 Minnesota, Maine
1981 Alaska, Minnesota
1982 Alaska, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Dakota, Puerto Rico
1983 Delaware, Minnesota, North Dakota
1984 Delaware, Minnesota, North Dakota
1985 Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota
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1988 Minnesota
1989 Florida
1990 Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota
1991 Alaska, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota
1992 Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Minnesota, Puerto Rico
1993 Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota
2001 Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont
2002 Alaska, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota
2003 Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana
2004 Alaska, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Virginia
2005 Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana
2006 Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Tennessee
2007 Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Minnesota, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee
2008 Alaska, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee
2009 Florida, Minnesota, Michigan, Montana, Hawaii
2010 None Awarded
2011 Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia
2012 Alaska, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana
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2014 Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota
2015 Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Tennessee
2016 Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota
2017 Alaska, Connecticut, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota
2018 Connecticut and Maryland
THE AMERICAN LEGION SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

Description:

General: An engraved glass and marble award trophy, not exceeding the cost of $350, adjusted as needed for inflation.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, National Commander.

Authority:


Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award October 12-13, 2011.

How Awarded:

To be awarded annually to representatives of the five branches of the United States military, including their reserve components, and one from the National Guard Bureau, including the Air National Guard, during the annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Conditions:

1. The National Security Division, working with the Department of Defense and the various military departments and the National Guard Bureau, identifies the most outstanding men and women each year to receive this distinguished recognition.

2. 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 home town publications.

3. Spirit of Service Award recipients will forever carry with them rewarding experiences of their association with their American Legion comrades at National Convention and serve as positive voices among their peers for the organization.

4. Up to six service members participate in National Convention activities and will showcase the professionalism and dedication of today’s armed forces.

5. The American Legion shall provide no more than six Spirit of Service Award recipients each year with one roundtrip 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. In addition, the national commander will provide each of the recipients their first year membership in The American Legion, if not already a member.

Recipients:

2000
Army – Laura Jernigan
Navy – Annette French
Marine Corps – Evella “Eva” Smith
Coast Guard – Corey Kiing
Air Force – Billy Fly

2001
Army – Jousette Durkop
Navy – Anjail Weaver
Marine Corps – Charles Crossfield
Coast Guard – Charles Martin
Air Force – Joseph Cormier

2002
Army – Eric Hall
Navy – Jesse Givens
Marine Corps – Charles Cloud
Coast Guard – Francine Sak
Air Force – Christopher Calbreth

2003
Army – Jacob White
Navy – Alysha Haran
Marine Corps – Joseph Shamay
Coast Guard – Rick Carroll
Air Force – Daniel Shipley

2004
Army – Russell Burnham
Navy – Luciana Rodrigues
Marine Corps – Clinton Firstbrook
Coast Guard – Patricia Johnson
Air Force – Catherine Lammon

2005
Army – Megan McCartney
Navy – Elizabeth Avalos
Marine Corps – Jeffrey Caraway
Coast Guard – Erik Relford
Air Force – Roland Kearney

2006
Army – Renee E. Drause
Navy – Dempsey Tomblin
Marine Corps – Kristiana Huntington
Coast Guard – Katie S. Anthony
Air Force – Edward Slavik

2007
Army – Korey Chandler
Navy – Gaurav Patel
Marine Corps – Matthew W. Stone
Coast Guard – David Edelson
Air Force – Robb Hulet

2008
Army – Jeffrey Jenkins
Navy – Kedrick Thorn
Marine Corps – Kerri Frost
Coast Guard – James A. Abels
Air Force – Jeffrey S. Rees
THE AMERICAN LEGION SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)

2009  Army – Michael Ross  
Navy – Matthew Stroup  
Marine Corps – Nickoli Atkinson-Pettigrew  
Coast Guard – Stephen Diggs  
Air Force – Tony Jacobsmeier

2010  Army – Chelsey Billing  
Navy – Thomas Lothridge  
Marine Corps – Avery Washington  
Coast Guard – David Downham  
Air Force – Edward Perez

2011  Army – Stephen D. Alder  
Navy – Megan Donnell  
Marine Corps – Omar A. Caraballo Pietri  
Coast Guard – Jacob Lowery  
Air Force – Brandyn M. Walter

2012  Army – Joshua J. Boudreaux  
Navy – Alvin Balthazar  
Marine Corps – Juan Vallejomunoz  
Coast Guard – Tyler T. Arrowood  
Air Force – Chris T. Pearson

2013  Army – Edwin Garcia  
Navy – Komlan Agbagba  
Marine Corps – Man T. Chan  
Coast Guard – Shawn Pugmire  
Air Force – Beau Vore

2014  Army – Cassandra Rousayne  
Navy – Porfirio Pimentel  
Marine Corps – Ricardo Gonzalez  
Coast Guard – Jessica M. Day  
Air Force – Kristina L. Manson

2015  Army – Danielle M. Salley  
Navy – Fredelyne Dolores  
Marine Corps – Stephen k. Little  
Coast Guard – Casey B. Lawrence  
Air Force – Richard L. Baskerville

2016  Army – Bryce T. Wolford  
Navy – Levetina S. King  
Marine Corps – David M. Jenks  
Air Force – Russell H. Taylor  
Coast Guard – Geneva L. Cornelius  
Air National Guard – Igor A. Karlov

2017  Army – Virginia Constable  
Navy – Robin Stephens  
Marine Corps – Justin Ahasteen  
Air Force – Kalyn Mitchell  
Coast Guard – Jordan Suchon  
Air National Guard – Allanesha Smith

2018  Army – Drew Hunnicutt  
Navy – Sha’nae Wilson  
Marine Corps – Molly Hampton  
Air Force – Robert P. Andrews  
Coast Guard – Brian Gogo  
Air National Guard – Heather J. Hyon
THE AMERICAN LEGION FOURTH ESTATE AWARD

Description:

General: Bronze plaque mounted on a 15” walnut pylon.

Inscription: “The American Legion (Year) Fourth Estate Award For Outstanding Achievement In The Field Of Journalism Presented To (Name of Recipient), for (Title of Winning Work).”

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, Media & Communications Commission.

Authority:

Resolution No. 30, National Executive Committee, April 30-May 1, 1958, known as The American Legion Fourth Estate Award and subsequently changed to The American Legion Mercury Award. Digest of Minutes of Executive Session of the Public Relations Commission, Friday, March 3, 1961, name of American Legion Mercury Award changed to The American Legion Fourth Estate Award. (Memo of June 15, 1965 from James C. Watkins to R. E. Lyngh.); amended by Resolution No. 8, approved by the National Executive Committee, October 12-13, 2011.

How Awarded:

Fourth Estate entries may be submitted by an individual, publication, website or broadcast organization. All necessary documentation and supporting evidence for the entry is the responsibility of the entrant.

Members of The American Legion may nominate a qualified individual, publication, website or broadcast organization by sending a letter containing the name and address of the nominee and the information on the accomplishment or activity for which they are being nominated to the Media and Communications Division. The Division will inform the individual or organization of the nomination and entry procedures.

Conditions:

1. The National Executive Committee in the above named resolution authorized formerly by the National Public Relations 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 or other communications media; to associations of the same; to owners, executive heads or staff members; such awards 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. 2. Under the above cited authority, the former National Public Relations Commission established The American Legion Fourth Estate Award and adopted, with the approval of the National Adjutant, rules providing:

   (1) that the awards will be confined to the communications media and will be made for an activity or accomplishment which is national in scope or in its impact; (2) 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; (3) there will be no grades or classifications of the award.

3. The American Legion will provide each of the three media Fourth Estate Award Recipients of the Year with a $2,000 stipend (total of $6,000) to cover transportation, lodging and incidental expenses for their representatives’ acceptance trip to National Convention, one ticket for the National Commander’s Banquet if they choose to arrive early.

*Award known as The American Legion Mercury Award.

Recipients:

1958  Jim Lucas
1959* Advertising Council, Inc.
1959* Chicago Tribune
      U.S. News & World Report
1960* Hearst Newspapers
1961 Scripps-Howard Newspapers
      Jack L. Warner, President, Warner Brothers Pictures
1962 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
1963 The Copley Press, Inc.
      This Week Magazine
1964 The Chicago Tribune
      Mississippi Publishers Corp.
1965 Clark Mollenhoff, Cowles Publications
      Paul Harvey, American Broadcasting Company
      Golden West Broadcasters
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<td>Mutual Broadcasting System</td>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Laurie Stein, WFOR-TV, Miami, FL</td>
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<td>The Booth Newspapers</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>The Post-Crescent, Appleton, WI</td>
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<td>The Columbus Dispatch</td>
<td>2007</td>
<td>Jennifer Kraus, News Channel 5, Nashville, TN</td>
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<td>1967</td>
<td>St. Louis Globe-Democrat</td>
<td>2008</td>
<td>KRIV-TV Channel 5, Houston, TX</td>
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<td>1968</td>
<td>William S. White</td>
<td>2009</td>
<td>USA Today</td>
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<td>1969</td>
<td>George W. Healy, Jr.</td>
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<td>ABA Journal</td>
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<td>Raymond J. McHugh</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Pittsburgh, PA (Newspaper)</td>
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<td>Jenkin Lloyd Jones, The Tribuen, Tulsa, OK</td>
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<td>Alex Quade, Freelance War Reporter, The Daily Caller (Internet)</td>
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<td>1971</td>
<td>Anheuser Busch, Inc.</td>
<td>2013</td>
<td>USA TODAY, McLean, VA (Newspaper)</td>
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<td>John Wayne</td>
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<td>Alex Quade, Freelance Report, Fayetteville, NC (Internet)</td>
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<td>1973</td>
<td>Clare Boothe Luce</td>
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<td>Investigative Reporter – Mark Flatten, Washington Examiner, Washington, DC (Online Category)</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>James J. Kilpatrick, Jr.</td>
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<td>WRC-TV, Washington, DC, Investigative Reporters – Tisha Thompson, Rick Yarborough and Jeff Piper (Broadcast Category)</td>
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<td>1975</td>
<td>Jim Bishop</td>
<td>2015</td>
<td>USA Today (Newspaper), CNN (Broadcast), CBSNews.com (Internet)</td>
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<td>Thomas P. Chisman, Bicentennial Radio Network, Ltd.</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Dennis Wagner, The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, AZ (print), Simone Aponte, KTVU FOX2, Oakland, CA (broadcast), Jerry Mitchell, The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, MS (online)</td>
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<td>1977</td>
<td>The Columbus Dispatch</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Jess Gorkin, Parade Magazine</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1978</td>
<td>Milton Caniff</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1979</td>
<td>Mort Walker</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>National Public Radio</td>
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<td>1981</td>
<td>Hy Rosen-Albany, NY, Times-Union</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1982</td>
<td>N. LaVerl Christensen, Editor Emeritus of the Daily Herald, Provo, UT</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Newsweek Magazine</td>
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<td>C-Span</td>
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<td>Life Magazine</td>
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<td>KMOX Radio, St. Louis, MO</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>ABC Radio News, New York, NY</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Billy Cox, Florida Today</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>Mary Beth Pheiffer, The Poughkeepsie Journal</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>Margaretta A. Downey, The Poughkeepsie Journal, Poughkeepsie, NY</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Michael Trihey, Tamara Welch, The Bakersfield Californian</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Philip Dine, The St. Louis Post Dispatch</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Ms. Ann M. Morrison, Fortune Magazine</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Ted Lewis, KSNW-TV, Wichita, KS</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1996</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>James C. “Denny” Crimmins, Chairman, High Road Productions, Palo Alto, CA</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>1998</td>
<td>Alyssa Lenhoff &amp; Ed Simpson, Tribune Chronicle, Warren, OH</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Kirk Mitchell, Reporter, The Tribune, Mesa, AZ</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>Jerry Mitchell, Reporter, The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, MS</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>Colleen Halpin, Producer, Dateline NBC</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Tammy Pearson, Assistant Managing Editor, Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, IN</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Russell Carollo, Christine Willamsen, Mike Wagner and Doug Harris, Reporters, Dayton Daily News, Dayton, OH</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>Norman Sinclair, Investigative Reporter, The Detroit News</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>Mark Benjamin, UPI Investigations Editor</td>
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<td>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Milwaukee, WI (print), Minneapolis NBC-affiliate KARE-TV, Minneapolis, MN (broadcast), The War Horse, Richlands, NC (online)</td>
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THE AMERICAN LEGION PATRIOT AWARD

Description:

General: A black plaque with The American Legion gold emblem, gold eagle and a copy block on black glass printed in gold offset containing the name of the recipient.

Inscription: Brief description of the reason the individual is being honored.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, National Commander.

Authority:

Resolution No. 177, 2007 National Convention; amended by the National Executive Committee, Resolution No. 10, October 12-13, 2011.

How Awarded:

To be awarded to outstanding citizens who have demonstrated a profound and exceptional commitment to military personnel and their families.

Conditions:

1. Presented on an as-needed basis for outstanding service or actions that are far above the norm in supporting American service men and women veterans.
2. All nominations must be presented by department action or by the National Commander.
3. The American Legion shall provide to the Patriot Award Recipient of the Year with one roundtrip coach airfare or vehicle mileage in accordance with its employee mileage reimbursement rates within the Continental United State 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.

Recipients:

2007  Michael G. Reagan and Kaziah Hancock
2008  The Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Clinical Pastoral Division
2009  Lieutenant Colonel Michael Strobl, USMC (Ret)
2010  Major David Howell, Lance Orton and Duane Jackson
2011  Colonel Gregory Gadson, US Army, Director, Wounded Warrior Program
2013  Samsung North America
2014  The Honorable Bernard Sanders, United States Senate, Washington, DC
       The Honorable Jeff Miller, United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC
2015  The Oak Ridge Boys
2016  Bernard L. Marie
2017  Honorable Robert Gates
2018  Diane Carlson Evans
ARCH M. CANTRALL TROPHY

Description:

General: Banner of red and orange lettering with “National Champion Band, The American Legion.”

Inscription: On metal plate attached to staff indicating winning post and department each year.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, National Commander.

Authority:

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

How Awarded:

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.

Conditions:

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29 – May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters and 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 American Legion band winning first place in competition with all other American Legion bands during the annual National Convention of The American Legion.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.”

Recipients:

1947 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1948 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1949 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1950 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1951 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1952 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1953 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1954 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1955 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1956 Olympia Post 3, Olympia, WA
1957 Charles H. Carey Post 56, Salem, OH
1958 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1959 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1960 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1961 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1962 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1963 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1964 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1965 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1966 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1967 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
ARCH M. CANTRALL TROPHY RECIPIENTS (continued)

1968 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed
1969 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1970 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1971 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1972 Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
1973 No Contest Conducted
1974 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1975 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1976 No Contest Conducted
1977 Oconomowoc American Legion Band, Post 91, Oconomowoc, WI
1978 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1979 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1980 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1981 No Contest Conducted
1982 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1983 Kansas City American Legion Band, City Central Executive Committee, Post of Kansas City and the 5th District, Kansas City, MO
1984 No Contest Conducted
1985 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1986 The Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
1987 Stephen Sikora Post 1322, North Tonawanda, NY
1988 The Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
1989 The Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
1990 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
1991 Oconomowoc American Legion Band Post 91, Oconomowoc, WI
1992 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1993 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
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2002 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
2003 Joliet Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, IL
2004 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
2005 The Kansas City American Legion Band, Kansas City, MO
2006 St. Josephs Park Post 1080, Joliet, IL
2007 St. Josephs Park Post 1080, Joliet, IL
2008 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, NY
2009 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, NY
2010 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, NY
2011 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, NY
2012 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, NY
2013 American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City, Missouri, Post 21
2014 None Awarded
2015 None Awarded
2016 American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City, Independence, MO
2017 None Awarded
2018 American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, NY
GLEN R. HILLIS TROPHY

Description:

General: Bronze replica of Pro Patria mounted on a square base.

Inscription: “Pro Patria, the National Champion Color Guard of The American Legion. Presented by Glen R. Hillis, Department of Indiana.

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, National Commander.

Authority:


Note: Recipients received this award prior to it becoming an official award in 1953.

How Awarded:

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.

Conditions:

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29 – May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters, and 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. 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.

Recipients:

1937  Henry H. Houston Post 3, Philadelphia, PA
1938  East Orange Post 73, Irvington, NJ
1939  Harvey W. Seeds Post 29, Miami, FL
1940  Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, IL
1941  Harvey W. Seeds Post 29, Miami, FL
1942  None Awarded
1943  None Awarded
1944  None Awarded
1945  None Awarded
1946  Aqueduct Post 342, Los Angeles, CA
1947  Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, IL
1948  Capt. Harry B. Doremus Post 55, Hackensack, NJ
1949  James DeArmond Golliday Post 8, Kokomo, IN
1950  Capt. Harry B. Doremus Post 55, Hackensack, NJ
1951  Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, IL
1952  Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, IL (See note under Authority)
1953  Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, IL
1954  Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, IL
1955  Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, IL
1956  Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, IL
1957  Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, IL
1958  Kankakee Post 85, Kankakee, IL
1959  Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, IL
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1964  The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago, IL
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1968  The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago, IL
1969  Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, NJ
1970  Commonwealth Edison Post 118, Chicago, IL
1971  Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, NJ
1972  Greece Post 468, Rochester, NY
1973  None Awarded
1974  Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, NJ
1975  Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, NJ
1976  Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, NJ
1977  Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield Park, NJ
1978  The First National Bank of Chicago Post 985, Chicago, IL
1979  Jersey Chevrons Post 468, Rochester, NY
1980  Double D’s, Post 180, Milwaukee, OR
1981  None Awarded
1982  Jersey Chevrons Post 40, Ridgefield, NJ
1983  Highlanders Post 201, Louisville, KY
1984  Highlanders Post 201, Louisville, KY
1985  Lakeside Post 137, Jacksonville, FL
1986  Chevery Troopers Senior Color Guard, Chevery Post 108, Brentwood, MD
1986  Springfield Rifles Senior Color Guard, Clark Post 362, Springfield, OH
1987  Chevery Troopers Senior Color Guard, Chevery Post 108, Brentwood, MD
1988  Chevery Troopers Senior Color Guard, Chevery Post 108, Brentwood, MD
GLEN R. HILLIS TROPHY RECIPIENTS (continued)

1989  Mason-Dixon Color Guard, Morris Frock Post 42, Hagerstown, MD
1990  The Rifles Senior Color Guard, Post 6, Springfield, OH
1991  Highland Guard Color Guard, Post 201, Louisville, KY
1992  Pure Heaven Color Guard, Unit 37, Ames, IA
1993  Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, IN
1994  Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, IN
1995  Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard, Speedway, IN
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1999  Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, MD
2000  Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, MD
2001  Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, MD
2002  Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, MD
2003  Henderson-Smith-Edmonds Post 86, Rockville, MD
2004  2nd District, Portage, IN
2005  2nd District, Portage, IN
2006  Whiteman-Davidson Post 49, Tilton, NH
2007  Whiteman-Davidson Post 49, Tilton, NH
2008  Whiteman-Davidson Post 49, Tilton, NH
2009  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
2010  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
2011  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
2012  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
2013  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
2014  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
2015  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
2016  Newport Beach Harbor, Post 291, Newport Beach, CA
2017  Newport Beach Harbor, Post 291, Newport Beach, CA
2018  Harrisburg Post 472, Houston, TX
THE LEMUEL BOLLES TROPHY

Description:

General: Silver-plated trophy cup, pedestal type, with music lyre mounted on top piece.

Inscription: “The Lemuel Bolles Trophy, awarded annually to that band winning first place in competition with all other bands during the annual National Convention of The American Legion.”

Presented By:

National Headquarters, The American Legion, National Commander.

Authority:

January 1928 report of Subcommittee on National Trophies and Awards.

How Awarded:

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.

Conditions:

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29 – May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters and 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 that band winning first place in competition with all other bands during the annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Recipients:

1927 Monahan Post Band, Sioux City, IA
1928 Thomas Hopkins Post Band 4, Wichita, KS
1929 Electric Post 228, Milwaukee, WI
1930 Electric Post 228, Milwaukee, WI
1931 Electric Post 228, Milwaukee, WI
1932 Chicago Board of Trade Post 304, Chicago, IL
1933 Blatz Post 373, Milwaukee, WI
1934 Franklin Post 1, Columbia, OH
1935 Chicago Board of Trade Post 304, Chicago, IL
1936 Musicians Post 394, St. Louis, MO
1937 Musicians Post 394, St. Louis, MO
1938 Zane-Irwin Post 93, San Francisco, CA
1940 Monahan Post Band, Sioux City, IA
1941 Musicians Post 662, Chicago, IL
1942 None Awarded
1943 None Awarded
1944 None Awarded
1945 None Awarded
1946 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
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1949 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
1950 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
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1956 Olympia Post 3, Olympia, WA
1957 Charles H. Carey Post 56, Salem, OH
1958 A. R. McAlester Memorial Band, Harrowed Post 5, Joliet, IL
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THE LEMUEL BOLLES TROPHY RECIPIENTS (continued)

1971  Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1972  Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
1973  None Awarded
1974  Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
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1976  None Awarded
1977  Oconomowoc American Legion Band, Post 91, Oconomowoc, WI
1978  Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
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1980  Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1981  None Awarded
1982  Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1983  Kansas City American Legion Band, City Central Executive Committee, Post of Kansas City and the 5th District, Kansas City, MO
1984  None Awarded
1985  Joliet Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, IL
1986  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
1987  American Legion Band of the Stephen Sikora Post 1322, North Tonawanda, NY
1988  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
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1991  Oconomowoc American Legion Band, Post 91, Oconomowoc, WI
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2003  Joliet Legion Band, Post 1080, Joliet, IL
2004  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Tonawanda, NY
2005  The Kansas City American Legion Band, Kansas City, MO
2006  St. Josephs Park Post 1080, Joliet, IL
2007  St. Josephs Park Post 1080, Joliet, IL
2008  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Williamsville, NY
2009  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Williamsville, NY
2010  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Williamsville, NY
2011  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas Post 264, Williamsville, NY
2012  None Awarded
2013  American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City, Missouri, Post 21
2014  None Awarded
2015  None Awarded
2016  American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City, Independence, MO
2017  None Awarded
2018  American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Williamsville, NY
WILLIAM F. LENKER NATIONAL SERVICE TROPHY

**Description:**

*General:* Large silver shield mounted on wood wall plaque.

*Inscription:* “William F. Lenker National Service Trophy, Annual Departmental Award for Services Rendered Veterans of the World War”.

**Presented By:**

Announcement and presentation of the trophy is to be made at each National Convention.

**Authority:**


**How Awarded:**

The William F. Lenker National Service Trophy is to be awarded annually to that department of The American Legion excelling in welfare and rehabilitation work for war veterans and their dependents. The Trophy remains the property of The American Legion and will remain at the national headquarters.

**Conditions:**

1. By action of the National Executive Committee, April 29 – May 1, 1953, the original trophy is to remain at National Headquarters and 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 and the winning departments shall be formally advised by a letter from the National Commander.

2. 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 Commission, together with any other two the National Commander sees fit to designate.

3. The National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission shall furnish each Department a “Statement of Rehabilitation Activities” questionnaire annually. 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 15th.

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

Description:

General: 11” x 14” walnut shadow box plaque with metal-etched inscribed plate.

Inscription: “Department of Veterans Affairs Physician of the Year Award”.

Presented By:

The American Legion’s National Commander annually at the Commander’s Call during the Washington Conference.

Authority:


How Awarded:

To be awarded annually at the Washington Conference to one outstanding non-physician direct patient care provider in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), nominated and selected under such conditions as the Internal Affairs Commission should from time to time select as necessary and consistent with the effective administration of such an award.

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. Legion members making recommendations for this award must send the nomination through their Post Adjutant who will submit the nominations to their 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, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division by July 30 of each year. 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 National Convention Sunday Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee Joint Meeting at which time 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 Fall National Executive Committee meeting.
5. The American Legion will provide the award recipient with one roundtrip 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.

Recipients:

2018 – Nurse Jillene Sroczynski, Oklahoma City VA Health Care System
**Description:**

General: 11” x 14” walnut shadow box plaque with metal-etched inscribed plate.

Inscription: “Department of Veterans Affairs Physician of the Year Award”.

**Presented By:**

The American Legion’s National Commander annually at the Commander’s Call during the Washington Conference.

**Authority:**

Resolution No. 8, National Executive Committee, May 10-11, 2017.

**How Awarded:**

To be awarded annually at the Washington Conference to one outstanding physician in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), nominated and selected under such conditions as the Internal Affairs Commission should from time to time select as necessary and consistent with the effective administration of such an award.

**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.
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**Recipients:**

2018 – Dr. Amy Candy Heinlein, Minneapolis VA Health Care System
APPENDIX

OTHER OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL TROPHIES AND AWARDS

These certificates, authorized by Resolution No. 13, NEC, May 6-7, 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 program and activity areas of The American Legion. Such recognition is made in areas that include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- American Legion Baseball
- American Legion Membership
- American Legion Uniformed Groups
- American Legion Legislative Program
- American Legion Blood Donor Program
- American Legion Children & Youth Program
- American Legion Economic (Employment) Program
- American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program
- American Legion National Security & Foreign Relations Program

Recipients of such types of recognition are reported to the National Executive Committee by the National Commission or Committee within whose purview they reside.

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