

# ***WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION***

## **OUTSTANDING ENLISTED NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVIST AWARD PROGRAM**

***Deadline:*** Department Headquarters by **DECEMBER 31**

### **OFFICIAL GUIDELINES**

Pursuant to action taken by the Wisconsin American Legion Department Executive Committee, there was established the WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL GUARD/ RESERVIST AWARD PROGRAM. The award is to be given annually at the Department Convention to the "*Outstanding Enlisted National Guard/Reservist of Wisconsin.*"

#### **To determine the winner as the outstanding National Guard/Reservist**

1. Each Post within the Department of Wisconsin shall receive an entry blank on which the Post's recommendation for the award winner may be listed.
2. It shall be the duty of each District Commander to appoint a committee of Legion members of the District (one from a County whenever possible) including a District selection Chairman whose duty it will be to screen all applications and determine the District winner, each contestant to be identified by number whenever feasible. The District winner may then be endorsed by the District membership. The winning application in each District shall then be forwarded to Department Headquarters to the attention of the Department National Security Chairman.
3. The selection of District winners shall be completed and certified to Department Headquarters by **DECEMBER 31** of each year. The Department Committee will recognize only one (1) winner from each of the Legion Districts.
4. Upon certification of the District winners to the Department National Security Committee, said committee shall then determine the Department winner.
5. The judging and selection of the FINAL WINNER shall be made by the NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE at the Midwinter Conference and the award shall be made at the Annual Department Convention.
6. In making a recommendation, Posts should bear in mind the Guard/Reservist recommended need not have performed an outstanding feat during the year in order to be eligible. The award should go to the Guard/Reservist who, for a number of years, has turned in an outstanding performance of his or her duties. This does not rule out the possibility this same Guard/Reservist might, during the course of the current Legion year, have performed some feat which adds to his or her already impressive record.
7. Each of the District winners will be given recognition in the form of an appropriate citation by the Department National Security Committee. These citations are to be awarded by the District Commander.

8. The declared winner of the award will be invited to attend the Department Convention at reasonable expense to the Department.
9. A candidate for this award must be a living male or female active part-time Guard/Reservist attached to some Guard or Reserve Unit in the Department of Wisconsin, on the date of application, or is a resident of the Department of Wisconsin and through necessity serves in a unit outside of the Department.
10. A candidate for this award need not be a Legionnaire or veteran to qualify.
11. Any member of the District Selection Committee finding his or her name in competition on a District level shall immediately notify the District Commander by letter so that a replacement may be made on the District Selection Committee prior to judgment of the District application.
12. Any member of the National Security Committee for the Department, finding his or her name in competition on the department level, shall immediately notify the Department Commander by letter so that a replacement may be made on the Department Selection Committee prior to judgment of the District applications.
13. The committee will select the Outstanding Guard/Reservist, who in the opinion of Legionnaires of Wisconsin, best exemplifies the traits and characteristics of a good Soldier, Airman, Sailor, Marine, or Cost Guardsman. In making recommendations, only one person will be the eventual winner and the Department National Security Committee will make that selection. Applications should be as thorough as possible in the necessary information on the candidate before submitting it to the District.

**APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVIST AWARD**

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by Post Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in Guard/Reserve: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Position in Guard/Reserve: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendations:** (Use reverse side or attach your typewritten recommendations to this application.)

From applicant's superior, attach a resume of his or her other Guard/Reserve experience and include honors that have been bestowed upon him or her.

Biographical sketch of applicant including; education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organizations.

What, in your opinion, makes this candidate an outstanding Guard/Reservist? (INCLUDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OUTSIDE GUARD/RESERVE DUTIES.)

Above information should be "PERTINENT INFORMATION" to help the committee in making a final decision.

DO NOT SUBMIT ANY SCRAPBOOKS as judging will be on the above three (3) recommendations.

Applicant must be active part time in the Guard/Reserve and not retired.

Include a small photo of person nominated.

In the event this candidate should ultimately be declared the winner, will he or she be available for an appearance at our annual Department Convention?       YES       NO

**CERTIFICATION OF POST**

This recommendation is submitted by Post: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, located in the \_\_\_\_\_ District.

Post Adjutant: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Commander: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Selection Committee Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT WINNER**

The winner of the \_\_\_ District, of The Wisconsin American Legion, is the person whose name appears above.

District Adjutant: \_\_\_\_\_ District Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ District Selection Committee Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

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DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN  
NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVIST AWARD***

List of previous Guard/Reserve experience:

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Give a brief biographical sketch of Guard/Reservist nominated including; education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organization:

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What, in your opinion makes this candidate an outstanding Guard/Reservist?

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Has the Guard/Reservist ever been cited for outstanding Guard/Reservist before? If so, what honors have been bestowed upon him or her?

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List any pertinent information which may help the committee in making a final decision including outside activities of the Guard/Reservist beyond his or her official duties:

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