

2024  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT  
AWARDS

Trumbull, CT

All award submissions are due by  
MAY 15, 2024

## **2024 DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**The plaques and Awards listed below are awarded for accomplishments, during the 2023-2024 Legion year. To ensure your award submissions will be accepted please use the correct form when submitting them.**

**For any questions, please contact Department HQ.**

### **AMERICANISM**

1. THE JAMES A. WEIR PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post doing the best work in Youth Activities as set up in the Americanism Program, (American Legion Boys' State; Oratorical Contest; Scouting; 4-H Club; Baseball; S.A.L.; and similarly sponsored work), with the total accomplishments in any or all these programs to govern the award. Information must be consistent with data on submitted CPR. The committee may opt to present two awards (large and small post).
2. THE JOHN P. GRIFFIN PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post judged as making the most outstanding endeavors in the field of Child Welfare.
3. THE JOHN N. ROBERTO PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which under Awards Committee rules shall be chosen as having shown the greatest participation and work on the promotion of Patriotic Observances and Americanism in the local schools and community. Information must be consistent with data on submitted CPR.
4. THE HENRY S. BIALOGLOWY PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the American Legion Post, which according to Department Awards Committee rules shall have made the greatest contribution to the display, promotion, presentation, and education on the American Flag.
5. THE WILLIAM MAGER PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post sponsoring the MOST UNUSUAL program in the field of Children & Youth. (Use General Form)
6. THE JOSEPH F. MARDU PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post sponsoring the most outstanding School Awards Program as an Americanism endeavor.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

7. THE ARTHUR J. KELLY - LEO M. HINDSLEY AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post showing the greatest accomplishment in community services to the benefit of the entire community. (Use General Form information needed – type of program, is it continuing, portion of community that benefits, post sole sponsor, or jointly sponsored)
8. THE LEWIS E. WALLER PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post having shown the greatest participation and work in caring for homeless veterans.
9. PAUL I. SPEDALIERE PLAQUE: Awarded annually to any individual(s) of a District, Post, Unit or Squadron that promotes the theme of "Unity and Teamwork, Build Our Future" by either

holding an event or creating a project which reflects the Four Pillars that embraces the entire American Legion Family.

### **INDIVIDUAL**

10. THE POST HISTORIANS AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post Historian who shall register in Department Headquarters the most outstanding Scrapbook record or Narrative of the current year's activities.

11. THE HERBERT L. EMANUELSON PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the individual Legionnaire who has rendered the most outstanding contributions to Community Service.

13. THE RICHARD W. ANDERSON PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that Legionnaire in the Department of Connecticut, who actively supports, promotes, and participates in The American Legion Americanism Program as sponsored by the Posts.

14. THE EDWARD J. CARNEY JR. PLAQUE: Awarded to the Legionnaire recruiting the most NEW Legionnaires in the current Legion year, (July 1- June 1), as verified by the Post and Department. (Use General Form and new members with ID numbers).

15. THE RICHARD Wm. ANDERSON PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the Legionnaire who, having the foresight to seek and implement solutions to the challenges facing the American Legion Post of tomorrow, prepares his/her post to accept the challenges today.

16. PETER LOUX "SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE YEAR" AWARD: Awarded to Post, District or Department Sgt.-at-Arms who, in the opinion of the awards committee, exemplifies the highest values of service to the American Legion, Community, State and Nation, along with excellence and leadership.

17. THE ARTHUR ST. JOHN PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the individual S.A.L. member who according to the Department Awards Committee has been chosen as the most Outstanding Son in a Squadron of The Sons of The American Legion for the current year. This is to be accomplished by each Squadron (or Post) submitting a nomination to the Department Awards Committee who shall judge such nominations on the outstanding way the S.A.L. member has contributed to the programs of the S.A.L. and The American Legion.

18. THE BOYD SAXTON PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the Post and/or District Chaplain who has exhibited spiritual guidance and performed the most duties of their office.

19. THE NEALE V. CABRAL PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the Post Adjutant who according to the Department Awards Committee has served in an outstanding manner in performing his or her duties.

20. HARRY R. "BUTCH" HANSEN JR. AWARD: Awarded to the individual transferring the most members from Post 200 (current or expired) into his or her Post during the current membership year, (1July – 1May) as verified by the Post and the Department Adjutant.

21. MEDIA RELATIONS AWARD: Awarded annually to that Legionnaire in the Department of Connecticut, who actively supports, educates, and participates in promoting The American

Legion Department of Connecticut's Media Relations Program, regardless of media (printed, copied or electronic). Support material must be attached.

### **POST ACTIVITIES**

22. THE CHARLES J. MAJEWSKI PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which according to Department Awards Committee rules is judged to have the most all-inclusive Post activities program between June 1st and the subsequent Memorial Day.

23. THE HUGH C. GRAHAM PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which is judged to have had the most outstanding and diversified Public Relations Program to promote the best interest of all-American Legion programs.

24. THE EUGENE W. FREEMAN PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which does the most toward encouraging interest and work on National Security at community and national levels.

25. THE GEORGE D. BARON PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the American Legion Post which prepares and sends to its members the most outstanding and newsworthy Post Publication (Bulletins, Newsletters, Newspapers, emailed file) regardless of media (printed, copied, electronic).

26. JAMES A. LACOURSIERE, JR. AWARD: Awarded to the Post that best involves itself in the Heroes to Hometown (H2H), the Troop Support Services (TS2), the Reconnect Program, Family Support, and/or Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW)

27. THE NATIONAL GUARD PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the post that makes the greatest per capita contribution to the Connecticut National Guard Foundation, Inc. Submit General Form with a copy of cancelled check. Tie breaker – goes to the post with the highest percentage of their membership goal as of June 1 of the award year.

28. THE FRANCIS G. GARRIS PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which according to the Department Awards Committee has been judged to have exhibited the greatest effort in promoting the Scouting Program (any & all elements of BSA)

29. THE CHET D. HIRSH/ THE SYDNEY P. SIMONS PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which sponsors the best program in environmental ecology.

30. THE REV. ROBERT G. KEATING PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which shall have shown the greatest accomplishment in religious emphasis of The American Legion during the current year, such as promotion of Religious Emphasis Week and Four Chaplains Sunday.

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION**

31. JOSEPH G. LEONARD - JOHN W. CLARKE PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the individual American Legion Post Service Officer who has excelled in service work by servicing veterans and their dependents in a manner that has brought outstanding records of achievement in securing claims and benefits.

32. THE RAYMOND R. BIGELOW PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the Post doing the most to promote the VAVS and RHVS programs in the VA Medical Centers and Rocky Hill.

33. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD: Awarded to a Veterans Affairs Physician who according to the Department of Connecticut Veterans and Rehabilitation Commission has provided extraordinary service to our nation's Veterans.

34. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Awarded to a Veterans Health-Care Provider who according to the Department of Connecticut Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission has provided extraordinary service to our Nations Veterans.

#### **“Automatic” DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

**For your information, the plaques listed below are ‘automatic’, i.e. determined by HQ or elsewhere. They are earned and can NOT be applied for. However, many are membership awards that you most certainly could strive for. They will be awarded for accomplishments during the 2023-2024 membership year (June 1 – May 31).**

35. THE LIONEL F. DUGAS PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion District which will stimulate the highest percentage of Posts submitting the Consolidated Post Report (CPR) by June 1st. \*(Awarded automatically)

36. THE EDWARD H. LYNCH, JR. PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the American Legion Post who is the sponsor of the Department Americanism Award recipient. \*(Awarded automatically)

37. THE W. FRAZIER BRINLEY PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the individual raising the greatest amount of money at the Annual Walk-A-Thon for Connecticut's Kids and our Children's Hospital. \*(Awarded automatically)

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

38. THE PHILO C. CALHOUN AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post of the Department, which is the first to equal its previous year's membership. \*(Awarded automatically)

39. THE CLARENCE W. SEYMOUR AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which makes the greatest percentage gain in membership over the previous year. \*(Awarded automatically)

40. THE MORGAN B. HAVEN PLAQUE: Awarded to that American Legion Post which has the greatest percentage of its previous year's membership renewed by January 1st. \*(Awarded automatically)

41. THE HOWARD I. JACOBS PLAQUE (1): Awarded annually to that American Legion Post with a membership goal of 50-100, 101-300 and 301 and above which on December 31st has the numerical membership percentage in the Department of Connecticut. \*(Awarded automatically)
42. THE LEROY B. BUTLER PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post having the greatest numerical advance in membership for the new year on Veterans Day, November 11th. \*(Awarded automatically)
43. THE JOHN F. SPAIN PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post with a membership of 300 to 500 members, which shall have five (5) consecutive years or more of Quota membership. \*(Awarded automatically)
44. THE JOSEPH W. TARRANT, JR. PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which enrolled the most NEW MEMBERS for the current membership year. \*(Awarded automatically)
45. THE ELIOTT N. MORRIS PLAQUE (1): Awarded annually to that American Legion Post with a goal of over 500 members which on the closing day of the Mid-Winter Conference has the greatest percentage of Quota into Department. \*(Awarded automatically)
46. THE ELIOTT N. MORRIS PLAQUE (2): Awarded annually to that American Legion Post with a goal of 200 to 500 members which on the closing day of the Mid-Winter Conference has the greatest percentage of Quota into Department. \*(Awarded automatically)
47. THE D. JOSEPH JACKSON PLAQUE: Awarded annually to the American Legion Post, which is the first to achieve ALL-TIME HIGH status in membership in the current membership year. \*(Awarded automatically)
48. THE FRANK H. BUTTERWORTH PLAQUE: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post showing the greatest numerical gain in membership over the previous year. \*(Awarded automatically)

### **SPECIALTY AWARDS**

**ANNUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Awarded annually to that Volunteer, Call or Paid Fire Department of any town or city that while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty brings credit to that Fire Department and the Community for performance in the field of public safety, Children & Youth, Community Awareness Projects, and participation in Patriotic Observances.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR:** Awarded annually to that Police Department of any town or city, or State Police Barracks, that brings credit to that Police Department for performance in the field of Children and Youth, Drug Education, Community Awareness Projects, and participation in Patriotic Observances.

**JOHN C. LAFONTAINE PLAQUE** to the “Emergency Services Person of the Year”: Awarded annually to that member of any Volunteer, Call or Paid Fire Department who while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty has brought credit to their Fire

Department, the Community and to themselves during the current year and by conducting themselves in this manner has earned the highest respect of The American Legion, Department of Connecticut.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR:** Awarded to the Law Enforcement Officer meeting the criteria specified on list following application (enclosed with this awards package or found at: <http://www.legion.org/security/officeraward>). If documentation requirements are met, then the Department winner will be forwarded to National for consideration of National Award.

**FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR:** Awarded annually to that member of any Volunteer, ON Call or Paid Certified Fire Fighter who while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty has brought credit to their Fire Department, the Community and to themselves during the current year and by conducting themselves in this manner has earned the highest respect of The American Legion, Department of Connecticut. The winner of the Fighter of the Year Award will be forwarded to The American Legion National Head Quarters to be considered for the National Fire Fighter of the Year.

**THE LOUIS E. MOLINARO PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to the Post commander who according to the Department Awards Committee has been chosen as the most outstanding Post Commander of the current year.

**THE E. GUY MILLER PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to the District Sr. Vice-Commander who has been most active within their District, particularly with respect to promoting membership.  
\*(Awarded automatically)

**THE HENRY MAYER PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to the District Commander selected as “District Commander of the Year” based on a point system, which is on file in the Department Adjutant’s office. \*(Awarded automatically)

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Three (3) nominations are preferred by the Awards Committee for the award to be made. Award is based on activities of nominee and outstanding and unusual service performed by the nominee to The American Legion during the year ending since last convention.

**DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE YEAR:** Awarded annually to that Legionnaire who has recruited more new members than any other Legionnaire for the Department.

**NATIONAL GOLD BRIGADE AWARD:** Awarded annually by the National American Legion to that Legionnaire who successfully recruits 50 or more new members.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Awarded to a Veterans Health-Care Provider who according to the Department of Connecticut Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission who has provided extraordinary service to our Nations Veterans.

## RETIRED AWARDS

\*\*These awards may be reinstated at any time they are deemed to be once again relevant.

**THE JOHN R. SILVAY PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which is judged to have presented the most outstanding program in the field of Law-and-Order pertaining to juvenile delinquency and the control of drugs. (Use General Form).

**THE SYDNEY P. SIMONS PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which is judged to have sponsored and activated within its community the most outstanding program of environmental beautification, improvement, and betterment. (Use General form – information needed - # of people benefited, type of beautification, what was improved, cost of project – attach pictures or other enclosures

**THE MORRIS L. ROBIN PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which has contributed the most through its membership or the Post itself to the promotion and recognition of law enforcement in its community or state.

**THE DISTRICT HISTORIANS AWARD:** Awarded annually to the District Historian, who shall register in Department Headquarters with the most outstanding Scrapbook record, or Narrative of the current year's activities.

**THE C. RUSSELL DAY PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to the American Legion Post, which is the second Post in the Department to equal its previous year's membership. \*(Awarded automatically)

**THE WILLIAM J. RICH PLAQUE:** Awarded to the District Senior Vice-Commander whose dedication and performance led his District to the most target dates to reach the District Goal. \*(Awarded automatically)

**THE JAMES H. STEINSON PLAQUE:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which shall reach 1,000 members for the current year. This Plaque is to be awarded to the Post, which shall comply with the rule governing the award before the close of the current year. \*(Awarded automatically)



GENERAL AWARD FORM

The American Legion  
Department of Connecticut  
269 Main Street  
Cromwell, CT 06416

Award # : \_\_\_\_\_

RE: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Award applied for)

SIMPLE OUTLINE OF FACTS

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Additional pages of the same size paper (8 ½ x 11) may be used.  
This form may be copied.

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

JAMES A. WEIR PLAQUE

BASIS OF AWARDS: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post doing the best work in Youth *Activities* as set up in the Americanism Program (American Legion Boys State, Oratorical Contest, Scouting, 4-H Club, Baseball, Jr. Shooting Program, S.A.L., Junior sponsored music and similarly sponsored work) with the total accomplishment in any or all of these programs to govern the award. Information must be consistent with data on submitted CPR. *(May award Large & Small Post)*

DO YOU SPONSOR?

- Scouting ..... No. of youths..... Amount \$.....
- Name of Leader/Contact.....
- State Police Youth Week..... No. of youths..... Amount \$.....
- Name of Leader/Contact: .....
- American Legion Baseball..... No. of boys..... Amount \$.....
- Name of Leader/Contact.....
- Sons of The American Legion..... No. of boys..... Amount \$.....
- Name of the Leader/Contact .....
- Junior Sponsored Musical Units..... No. of youths..... Amount \$.....
- Name of Leader/Contact .....
- American Legion Boys' State..... No. of boys..... Amount \$.....
- Name of Leader/Contact.....
- Oratorical Contest ..... No. of participants..... Amount \$.....
- Name of Leader/Contact.....
- Jr. Shooting Program..... No. of participants..... Amount \$.....
- Name of Leader/Contact.....
- Other ..... No. of participants..... Amount \$.....

How many members are involved in Youth Programs? .....

Outline major events of the year in Youth Programs

Total number of youths accommodated by all programs.....

Total Post membership.....

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

**JOHN P. GRIFFIN PLAQUE**

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post judged to have had the most outstanding endeavors in the field of *Child Welfare*. **Provide documentation.**

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Was Consolidated Post Report submitted to Department? Y  N

Did Post contribute to or sponsor any of the following:

Child Welfare Foundation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Walk (# Walkers) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kids Walk Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Halloween Safety \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Miracle Network: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Operation Military Kids (OMK) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Welfare Foundation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other programs \_\_\_\_\_

Does the Post sponsor any town wide program for teenagers? Y  N  Please provide details:

List type of program offered and give number of children involved:

What major event is sponsored by the Post in the interest of children:

How many members are on your posts Children & Youth Committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**2024  
NOMINATION FORM  
FOR  
JOHN N. ROBERTO PLAQUE**

**BASIS OF AWARD:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which shall be chosen by the Department Awards Committee as having shown *the greatest participation and work in promotion of Patriotic Observances and Americanism in local schools and community* during the current year.

1. Did your Post hold or participate with your community in observing:

EVENTS May 2023 - April 2024	Date of Event	Number of Members Involved	Level of Community Involvement
Armed Forces Week			
Memorial Day			
Nathan Hale Day			
Flag Day			
Independence Day			
Labor Day			
Patriot Day			
POW / MIA Recognition Day			
Election Day			
Pearl Harbor Day			
Martin Luther King / Civil Rights Day			
President's Day			
American Legion Birthday Celebration			

2. Has your Post conducted any of the following programs in schools or the community?

- a. Distribution of Flag Codes or information on the U.S. Flag. \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Oratorical Contest on the U.S. Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ # Of Participants \_\_\_\_\_
- c. School Award Medals for better citizenship and Americanism \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Distribution and promotion of Blue Star Banner Program \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

If necessary, use a blank page for additional remarks.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

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2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

**HENRY S. BIALOGLOWY PLAQUE**

**BASIS OF AWARD:**           Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which according to Department Awards Committee rules shall have made *the greatest contribution in the display, promotion, presentation and education on the American Flag.*  
Awarded to Small and Large Posts

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Under proper categories list all occasions your Post has participated in the following (Please quantify):

1. Display of the American Flag - Patriotic Observances held - Parades, etc.
2. Promotion of the American Flag: sales to individuals and groups, Veterans graves, etc.
3. Presentation of American Flags - Youth Groups - Community - Individuals.
4. Credit from Emblem Sales Flag Reward Program: \$\_\_\_\_\_
5. Flag education programs - Flag Code pamphlets distributed - talks before Civic and Community groups, etc.
6. Flag disposal ceremonies (How many? When?).

REMARKS: (List additional or other details using a blank page if necessary).

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

**JOSEPH F. MARDU PLAQUE**

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post sponsoring *the Outstanding School Awards Program* as an Americanism endeavor.

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1. Number of schools in Town or City \_\_\_\_\_

2. Grades covered by program \_\_\_\_\_

3. Number of School Medals presented \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of School Certificates presented \_\_\_\_\_

5. How was presentation made:

School Assembly \_\_\_\_\_

Special Program \_\_\_\_\_

6. Cost of program: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What qualities are the Award of Medals, Certificates based on?

Courage \_\_\_\_\_

Honor \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

Patriotism \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Service \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is there anything else unique to your program?

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

**THE LEWIS E. WALLER PLAQUE**

**BASIS OF AWARD:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post having shown *the greatest participation and work in caring for homeless veterans*. Supporting material must be attached.

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Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ of (town/city) \_\_\_\_\_

List of programs and type of help provided in which Post participated:

<b><u>PROGRAM/TYPE OF HELP</u></b>	<b><u>NO. OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING</u></b>	<b><u>\$ COST</u></b>
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Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Post Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2024  
NOMINATION FORM  
FOR**

**ARTHUR J. KELLY - LEO M. HINDSLEY PLAQUE**

**BASIS OF AWARD:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post having the *best overall Community Service Program in their Community*. Information must be consistent with data on submitted CPR. Descriptive material is recommended.

**3 Awards will be given:**

**Small (Under 150) Medium (Under 250) Large (Over 250)**

**DO NOT OVER ESTIMATE STATISTICS**

**HOW DOES YOUR POST ENGAGE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES?**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>Number members involved</b>	<b>Number of hours</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>	<b>Dollars Expended / Donated</b>
Blood Donor Program				
Christmas for the needy				
Toys for underprivileged				
Observance of Patriotic Holidays				
Care for Community property				
Youth Activities				
Food Pantry				
Color Guard				
Scouting				
Parties and Dances				
School Awards				
Oratorical Contest				
Emergency Shelter				
Athletics				
Community activities in Legion Home				
Community recreation program				
Disaster relief				
Education week				
Flag Education				
Senior Citizens Assistance				
Sons of The American Legion Participation				
Other Community Activity (Please List)				
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>				

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



2024

**NOMINATION FORM  
FOR  
FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR**

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to that Volunteer, On Call or Paid Fire Department of any town or city that while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty brings credit to that Fire Department and the Community for performance in the field of public safety, Children & Youth, Community Awareness Projects, and participation in Patriotic Observances.

American Legion \_\_\_\_\_

Post# \_\_\_\_\_

Nominates \_\_\_\_\_ for Fire Department of the Year

Authorized Post Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Fire Chief or Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination:

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2024

**NOMINATION FORM  
FOR  
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR**

**BASIS OF AWARD:** Awarded annually to that Police Department of any town or city, or State Police Barracks, that brings credit to that Police Department for performance in the field of Children and Youth, Drug Education, Community Awareness Projects, and participation in Patriotic Observances.

The American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Nominates \_\_\_\_\_ for the Police Department of the year.

Authorized Post Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Police Chief or Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination:

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**2024**  
**NOMINATION FORM**  
**FOR**  
**PAUL I. SPEDALIERE PLAQUE**

**Basis of Award:** Awarded annually to any individual(s) of a District, Post, Unit, or Squadron that promotes the theme of “Unity and Teamwork, Build Our Future” by either holding an event or creating a project which reflects the Four Pillars that embraces the entire American Legion Family.

**Background:** Based on the American Legion Family Bowling Tournament and the American Legion & VFW Family Bowling Tournaments of 2015, which brought organizations together building “esprit de corps.” *(The common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, and strong regard for the honor of the group.)*

**Criteria for award:**

1. Names of Legion Family member(s), Post, Unit or Squadron involved deserving of the Award:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. List event(s) and location(s) that brought the Legion Family together:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Were new members acquired at the event? If so, which organization(s) and number of new member(s)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Give brief description of the event and why it was important to you? (Use additional paper if needed)

Attach any other documentation, newspaper articles, awards, recognition or data you feel the Awards Committee should look at in its determination of your nomination.

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

**The Pete Loux “Sergeant-at-Arms of the Year” Award**

Presented to that Post *SERGEANT-AT-ARMS*, who, exemplifies the highest values of service to the American Legion, community, State, and Nation, along with excellence and leadership.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years a member of The American Legion: \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Years serving as a Sgt – at - Arms: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Legion Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe (min. 3 paragraphs) why this individual should be recognized (above and beyond job description).

Include programs and events participated in, level of support

Authorized Post / District Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing Post or District No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**2024  
NOMINATION FORM**

**FOR**

**NEALE V. CABRAL PLAQUE**

**BASIS OF AWARD:** Awarded annually to the American Legion Post ADJUTANT who is chosen as having performed his or her duties in an outstanding manner.

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1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Previous offices held in Post \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Total number of years as a Post Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Is a permanent record of Post Minutes maintained? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Which Post records are current and accessible to officer's Y  N
  6. Are Department Bulletins read or highlighted at meetings? Y  N
  7. Has Consolidated Post Report been submitted? Y  N
  8. Is information from District, Dept. & National redistributed to members? \_\_\_\_\_. HOW?
  9. Is there a post newsletter to all members? \_\_\_\_\_. How often is it produced? \_\_\_\_\_.  
How many are distributed of each format? Email: \_\_\_\_\_ & Printed /Copied: \_\_\_\_\_
  10. Does Post Adjutant Attend District Meetings? \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_
  11. Did the Post submit a Post Data Form on time? Y  N  National Post/Adjutant Form Y  N
  12. Did the Post submit a Post Officer Certification Form to Department Headquarters? Y \_\_\_ N \_
  13. Does the Post use myLegion.org? \_\_\_\_\_ How many members are registered? \_\_\_\_\_
  14. Did Adjutant attend Mid-Winter Conference Training? Y  N  Take the ALEI Basic Training? Y  N
  15. Briefly describe what outstanding contributions the Adjutant has made to the Post in performing his or her duties and why he or she is outstanding.

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**2024  
NOMINATION FORM  
FOR  
LOUIS E. MOLINARO PLAQUE**

**BASIS OF AWARD:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post COMMANDER shall be chosen as the Outstanding Post Commander of the current year.

American Legion Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut does hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as Outstanding Post Commander for the current year (June through May).

Post final membership for preceding year: \_\_\_\_\_ Post membership March 18th of the current year: \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWER "Yes" or "No" or fill in required number for each of the following:

1. How many members attend meetings (average) # \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did the Post reach membership quota by May 1st. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did Post participate in Legion Birthday observance? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are new members initiated and welcomed into the Post? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How many new members this year? # \_\_\_\_\_
- 5a. How many transfers from Post 200? # \_\_\_\_\_
6. Are regular meetings conducted per The American Legion Manual? # \_\_\_\_\_
7. For each of the following programs for which the Post has an active committee, note the number of members involved:  

Boys' State _____	School Awards _____
Oratorical Contest _____	Flag Education _____
Scouting _____	Education & Scholarship _____
Baseball _____	Program _____
8. Does the Post actively participate in Community Service? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is all District and Department correspondence read at meetings? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Does the Post have an active Service Officer? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are the Post Home and grounds kept neat and attractive? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many District Meetings did Commander attend? # \_\_\_\_\_
13. Has Commander introduced new ideas or created any new interest in Post? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Has Commander created an Esprit de Corps under their leadership? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Has Commander created a good public image for The American Legion? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Does Commander have a high regard in the community? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Did CDR attend the Mid-Winter Conference Training? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_
18. Did CDR attend the Department Convention? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_
19. Has Commander completed The American Legion Extension Course? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_
20. Does Commander use myLegion.org? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_
21. Specify any other outstanding traits of leadership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use a blank page to further cite qualifications for the award, give details on the above or cite additional reasons for selection, as appropriate.**

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR**

**IT IS PREFERRED THAT NOMINATIONS FOR AT LEAST THREE (3) DIFFERENT  
LEGIONNAIRES BE RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Medals, Citations: \_\_\_\_\_

Date entered service: \_\_\_\_\_ where: \_\_\_\_\_

Date discharge: \_\_\_\_\_ where: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years a member of The American Legion Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Legion Offices Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Veterans Organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

Any Public Offices held: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief biography of Legion service (use other side if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REASON FOR NOMINATION:** Please give brief but complete history of this nominee's activities in The American Legion and his/her contributions to the Community, State and Nation. Explain why this Legionnaire should be recognized as *Legionnaire of The Year*. Use other side of this sheet or attachment for this information.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The person nominated should not be a current DEPARTMENT OFFICER, except Asst. Sgt-at-Arms, Sgt-at-Arms or Dept. Executive Committeemen. A person **CANNOT NOMINATE HIMSELF OR HERSELF**. The nominee should have performed outstanding or unusual service to The American Legion.

Authorized Post Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**2024  
NOMINATION FORM  
FOR  
JOHN C. LaFONTAINE PLAQUE**

**“Emergency Services Person of The Year”**

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to that member of any Volunteer, On-Call, C.E.R.T. Certified or Paid Emergency Services Department who while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty has brought credit to their Department, the Community and to themselves during the current year and by conducting themselves in this manner has earned the highest respect of The American Legion, Department of Connecticut.

**IT IS PREFERRED THERE BE 3 ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED**

\_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ The American Legion of \_\_\_\_\_ nominates  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the Annual Public Safety Award (EMT/CERT)

Authorized Post Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Member of The American Legion \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe why this person should be recognized:

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If more space is needed, please use a blank page.



Subject: The American Legion Department Firefighter of the Year (DFY) Award

IMPORTANT – For the purposes of this award, the use of the word Firefighter or firefighter officer includes any living, active, full-time, paid, or volunteer CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTER who is also a MEMBER of a municipal (city) or county fire department. This includes Emergency Medical Technicians or those serving in some other capacity in the department.

1. This memorandum and the policies contained herein are effective immediately for the selection of the DFY winner.
2. Scope: Americans, especially since the tragic day of September 11, 2001, understand the heroism, bravery and importance of our nation's firefighters and their role in helping to safeguard life and property. The Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion includes as one of its objectives... "to maintain Law and Order". As concerned citizens and veterans, Legionnaires have always fostered a strong sense of law and order and have upheld the protection of American citizens and the American way of life. They have always held firefighter agencies in the highest regard, and many posts and departments already recognize outstanding firefighters of various jurisdictions who daily serve our communities and frequently lay their lives on the line.
3. Purpose: The purpose of this letter of instruction is to specify the guidelines, eligibility criteria, and application requirements for selection and presentation of the Department Firefighter of the Year Award. Our goal is to select a well-rounded firefighter who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of his/her position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. Episodes of heroism will, of course, also be included where noted. A major secondary purpose of this award is to encourage the further development of Department and Post Law and Order Committees in recognition of firefighters by Posts. It is firmly believed that the establishment of this award will further serve to promote the public trust and support of our firefighter agencies.
4. Award Designation: This award shall be known as "The American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award" and it will be presented annually at the department convention or other suitable American Legion settings, as appropriate. All Posts are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile and prestigious award program.
5. Guidelines for Posts:
  - a. All Posts are urged to select a Firefighter of the Year nominee and submit to the Department as its nominee for this award. Posts should submit their nominee's application to The American Legion, Attn: Department Awards Committee, 269 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416. It is desired that Posts select and submit their nominees so that postmarked applications are received not later than May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to allow adequate judging and notification time prior to the department convention.
  - b. The resume and application for the nominee from each Department must conform to the national criteria for judging as contained herein. The eligibility and criteria stated in this letter will be used to select the National Firefighter of the Year.
6. Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for consideration, Department nominees must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be a citizen of the United States, male or female.
- b. Be a certified, living, active, full-time, paid, or volunteer firefighter.
- c. Consideration for a posthumous award will be acceptable only if the nominee's death has occurred after the department's selection and within the dates for which the award is being presented.
- d. Be assigned to, or fully recognized by, Municipal (City), County, District, State or Federal firefighter officer.
- e. Post nominees are not required to be veterans or members of The American Legion.
- f. Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in the Department from which they are selected.
- g. Nominees selected for this award should be available to receive this award at The American Legion Department Convention.
- h. Military firefighters are eligible for participation in this award provided they are state firefighter certified.

7. Post Application Packets: Only one copy of the Post application packet needs to be submitted to the Department. Post application packets for their nominee should include: (1) a completed application form, (2) a 5x7 photograph of the nominee, and (3) a maximum of 18 one-sided pages 8 1/2x 11 bond paper of service documentation. The first six or seven pages should contain the individual's service narrative. The additional pages may include supporting citations and other documentation to include press articles. Only one copy of the application package needs to be submitted. The following documentation should be included:

- a. Application form - Complete the attached application form and use it as the cover page of the application. This cover page shall not count as part of the maximum 18 pages of service documentation.
- b. 5 x 7 official photograph of the nominee.
- c. Service narrative and supporting documentation. The goal of the Awards Committee is to select a well-rounded firefighter who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements of his or her position and who exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service to his/her community, state or nation; and also, has proven his/her personal dedication to community security and protection. The firefighter officer must be recommended by his/her Commanding Officer or Supervisor for this award. The commanding officer or supervisor should also state that the firefighter officer, if selected for this award, will be available for its presentation at the Department convention. Specific acts of community service, heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her firefighter agency should be included and documented. To assist Posts in their selections, judging guidelines at the Department level will be based on the following criteria, and maximum percentage points will be allocated as follows:

I Community Service .....	35 points
II Professional Career.....	40 points
III Heroism.....	20 points
IV Letters of Recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation.	5 points

d. Community Service: Outstanding service to the community, state or nation by the firefighter, in both on-duty and off-duty activities, should be explained for the past year and may include previous years. Cite, for example, awards and/or supporting letters from city or county commissioners, letters from state officials, and letters from The American Legion Department or Posts, or from citizens attesting to and commending the firefighter for his/her community service

contributions. Remember, one of the major aims of the award program is to select a well-rounded firefighter officer who has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, above and beyond assigned duty requirements.

e. Citations for community service, heroism and meritorious performance of duty should be explained for the past year and may include previous years. Include citations and any supporting letters from the officer's chain of command as well as other documentation from city, county, state authorities and American Legion officials, citizens or civic groups as further evidence of community service, heroic and meritorious performance of duty by the officer.

f. Include a copy of your nominee's state or federal certification as a firefighter as well as copies of pertinent training and education certificates as appropriate.

g. The Post which submits the winning nominee will be notified by Department Headquarters as expeditiously as possible.

h. Remember to let your nominee know what The American Legion Department Firefighter of the Year Award is and receive assurance from the officer's chain of command that if your nominee is selected as the winner, that he/she will be available for the award presentation at the Department convention. If the winning firefighter is a uniformed firefighter, then he/she is requested to appear in full uniform at the department convention at the time of presentation. Non-uniformed winners would be expected to appear in appropriate business attire.

8. The Department winner will be submitted for the National Firefighter of the Year Award the following year no later than January 31 and all the above requirements will be used for the submission. Please ensure to submit a complete package to the Awards Committee and if your nominee is selected any additional information will be added to his/her package prior to submission to National.

9. The national winner will be selected from the regional winners during the Spring Meeting of the National Executive Committee. Alternates-at-large judges may also be selected by the Chairman of the Law-and-Order Committee in the event of absences of any judges. In the event the national winner is unable to be present to receive his/her award at the national convention, The American Legion National Firefighter of the Year Award will be accepted by the winner's American Legion Department Commander at the national convention on behalf of the winner for presentation at an appropriate Department ceremony.

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
NOMINATION FORM

Awarded annually to that member of any Volunteer, ON Call or Paid Certified Fire Fighter who while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty has brought credit to their Fire Department, the Community and to themselves during the current year and by conducting themselves in this manner has earned the highest respect of The American Legion, Department of Connecticut. The winner of the Firefighter of the Year Award will be forwarded to The American Legion National Head Quarters to be considered for the National Fire Fighter of the Year.

IT IS PREFERRED THERE BE 3 ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service as a Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Director \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Department Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Department Law and Order Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Department Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Department Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to use this form may result in the DISQUALIFICATION of your nominee. It should be placed as the COVER SHEET for your packet of materials supporting your candidate. Include an official photograph of the nominee. Mail completed application to Department Headquarters, 269 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416 to arrive by May 15th. Submit one copy of your application packet and it should conform to the instructions contained in this package.

Subject: The American Legion Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (DLEOY) Award

1. Scope: Americans in recent years have been experiencing unprecedented crime wave which has permeated all States and neighborhoods in our country, and crime is rapidly becoming America's foremost domestic problem. The Preamble of the Constitution of The American Legion includes as one of its objectives... "to maintain Law and Order". As concerned citizens and veterans, Legionnaires have always fostered a strong sense of law and order and have upheld the protection of American citizens and the American way of life. They have always held law enforcement agencies in the highest regard, and many posts and departments already recognize outstanding law enforcement officers of various jurisdictions who daily serve our communities and frequently lay their lives on the line.

2. Purpose: The purpose of this letter of instruction is to specify the guidelines, eligibility criteria, and application requirements for selection and presentation of the "Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award." Our goal is to select a well-rounded Law Enforcement Officer who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of his/her position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. Episodes of heroism will, of course, also be included where noted. A major secondary purpose of this award is to encourage the further development of department and post Law and Order Committees in recognition of law enforcement officers by posts. It is firmly believed that the establishment of this award will further serve to promote the public trust and support of our law enforcement agencies.

3. Award Designation: This award shall be known as "The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award" and it will be presented annually at the Department convention or other suitable American Legion settings, as appropriate. All posts are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile and prestigious award program.

4. Guidelines for Posts:

a. All posts are urged to select a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year nominee and submit to the Department as its nominee for this award. Posts should submit their nominee's application to The American Legion, Attn: Department Awards Committee, 269 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416. It is desired that Posts select and submit their nominees so that postmarked applications are received not later than May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to allow adequate judging and notification time prior to the department convention.

b. The resume and application for the nominee from each post must conform to the department criteria for judging as contained herein. The eligibility and criteria stated in this letter will be used to select the Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

5. Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for consideration, Post nominees must meet the following criteria:

a. Be a citizen of the United States, male or female.

b. Be a living, active, full-time, and paid, sworn law enforcement officer entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest.

c. Consideration for a posthumous award will be acceptable only if the nominee's death has occurred after the department's selection and within the dates for which the award is being presented.

d. Be assigned to, or fully recognized by, Municipal (City), County, District or State Police (e.g. University Police, etc.) or Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office, or as a sworn Federal law enforcement officer (e.g., FBI or Secret Service Agent, United States Federal Marshal, National Park Police, Capital Police, etc.)

- e. Post nominees are not required to be veterans or members of The American Legion.
- f. Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in the department from which they are selected.
- g. Nominees selected for this award should be available to receive this award at The American Legion Department Convention.
- h. Military police officers or investigators are eligible for participation in this award provided they are state law enforcement certified.

6. Post Application Packets: Only one copy of the Post application packet needs to be submitted to the Department. Post application packets for their nominee should include: (1) a completed application form, (2) a 5x7 photograph of the nominee, and (3) a maximum of 18 one-sided pages 8 1/2x 11 bond paper of service documentation. The first six or seven pages should contain the individual's service narrative. The additional pages may include supporting citations and other documentation to include press articles. Only one copy of the application package needs to be submitted. The following documentation should be included:

- a. Application form - Complete the attached application form and use it as the cover page of the application. This cover page shall not count as part of the maximum 18 pages of service documentation.
- b. 5" x 7" official photograph of the nominee.
- c. Service narrative and supporting documentation. The goal of the Awards Committee is to select a well-rounded law enforcement officer who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements of his or her position and who exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service to his/her community, state or nation; and also, has proven his/her personal dedication to societal security and protection. The law enforcement officer must be recommended by his/her Commanding Officer or Supervisor for this award. The commanding officer or supervisor should also state that the law enforcement officer, if selected for this award, will be available for its presentation at the department convention. Specific acts of community service, heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her law enforcement agency should be included and documented. To assist posts in their selections, judging guidelines at the department level will be based on the following criteria, and maximum percentage points will be allocated as follows:
  - I Community Service. .... 35 points
  - II Professional Career..... 40 points
  - III Heroism. .... 20 points
  - IV Letters of Recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation. 5 points

d. Community Service: Outstanding service to the community, state or nation by the officer, in both on-duty and off-duty activities, should be explained for the past year and may include previous years. Cite, for example, awards and/or supporting letters from city or county commissioners, letters from state officials, and letters from The American Legion department or posts, or from citizens attesting to and commending the officer for his/her community service contributions. Remember, one of the major aims of the award program is to select a well-rounded law enforcement officer who has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service, above and beyond assigned duty requirements.

- e. Citations for community service, heroism and meritorious performance of duty should be explained for the past year and may include previous years. Include citations and any supporting letters from the officer's chain of command as well as other documentation from city, county, state authorities and American Legion officials, citizens or civic groups as further evidence of community service, heroic and meritorious performance of duty by the officer.
- f. Include a copy of your nominee's state or federal certification as a law enforcement officer as well as copies of pertinent training and education certificates as appropriate.
- g. The Post which submits the winning nominee will be notified by Department Headquarters as expeditiously as possible.
- h. Remember to let your nominee know what "The American Legion Department Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award" is and receive assurance from the officer's chain of

command that if your nominee is selected as the winner, that he/she will be available for the award presentation at the department convention. If the winning officer is a uniformed officer, then he/she is requested to appear in full uniform at the department convention at the time of presentation. Non-uniformed winners would be expected to appear in appropriate business attire.

7. The Department winner will be submitted for the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award the following year no later than January 31 and all the above requirements will be used for the submission. Please ensure to submit a complete package to the Awards Committee and if your nominee is selected any additional information will be added to his/her package prior to submission to National.
8. The national winner will be selected from the regional winners during the Spring Meeting of the National Executive Committee. Alternates-at-large judges may also be selected by the Chairman of the Law-and-Order Committee in the event of absences of any judges. In the event the national winner is unable to be present to receive his/her award at the national convention, The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award will be accepted by the winner's American Legion Department Commander at the national convention on behalf of the winner for presentation at an appropriate Department ceremony.

The American Legion  
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year  
Nomination Form

Awarded annually to that member of any active, fulltime, and Paid law enforcement officer who while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty has brought credit to their Police Department, the Community and to themselves during the current year and by conducting themselves in this manner has earned the highest respect of The American Legion, Department of Connecticut. The winner of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award will be forwarded to The American Legion National Headquarters to be considered for the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

IT IS PREFERRED THERE BE 3 ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service as Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Director \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Department Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Department Law and Order Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Department Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Department Adjutant \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to use this form may result in the DISQUALIFICATION of your nominee. It should be placed as the COVER SHEET for your packet of materials supporting your candidate. Include an official photograph of the nominee. Mail completed application to Department Headquarters, 269 Main St., Cromwell, CT 06416 to arrive by May 15th. Submit one copy of your application packet and it should conform to the instructions contained in this package.



The American Legion  
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year  
Application Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service as Law Enforcement Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Director \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Post Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Post Law and Order Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Post Member** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**Failure** to use this form may result in the **DISQUALIFICATION** of your nominee. It should be placed as the **COVER SHEET** for your 'packet' of materials supporting your candidate. Include an official photograph of the nominee. Mail **ORIGINAL COPY** of entire application to the American Legion Department of Connecticut, 269 MAIN ST, CROMWELL, CT 06416. Application packet should conform to instructions contained in the Department Awards Instructions for **2024**.



## THE AMERICAN LEGION FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Awarded annually to that member of any Volunteer, ON Call or Paid Certified Fire Fighter who while in the pursuit of their profession and by exceptional performance of duty has brought credit to their Fire Department, the Community and to themselves during the current year and by conducting themselves in this manner has earned the highest respect of The American Legion, Department of Connecticut. **The winner of the Fighter of the Year Award will be forwarded to The American Legion National Head Quarters to be considered for the National Fire Fighter of the Year.**

**IT IS PREFERRED THERE BE 3 ENTRIES TO BE JUDGED**

\_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ The American Legion of \_\_\_\_\_ nominates

\_\_\_\_\_ for the Department Annual Fire Fighter Award.

Authorized Post Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Full Name:					
Gender:		Age:		Marital Status:	
Length of service as a firefighter:					
Home Street Address:					
City, State, Zip:					
Phone Number:					
Spouse's Name:					
Agency Name:					
Agency Director:					
Agency Director's Title:					
Nominee's Supervisor:					
Supervisor's Title:					

Please submit a one-page explanation on why this person should be recognized. Use attached page for explanation.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
NOMINATION FORM**

2024  
NOMINATION

FOR

**CHARLES J. MAJEWSKI PLAQUE**

**BASIS OF AWARD:** Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which according to the Department Awards Committee is judged to have the *most all-inclusive Post Activities Program* between June 1st and the subsequent Memorial Day. Details may be continued on reverse of this form.  
**(Two Awards: Under 250 members and 250 or more).**

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Total Number of Post Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of events conducted by Post: \_\_\_\_\_

Number for Post members: \_\_\_\_\_

Number for other than Post members: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of events held: \_\_\_\_\_

List kinds of activities:

Number of Patriotic events held: \_\_\_\_\_

List events:

Number of events planned to Memorial Day: \_\_\_\_\_

List affairs:

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

HUGH C. GRAHAM PLAQUE

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which is judged to have the most outstanding and diversified *Public Relations Program* to promote the best interest of all American Legion Programs. Newspaper articles, photos, social media, and other evidence must be submitted in applying for this award. Past projects do not count. All projects must be of a CURRENT NATURE, (June 1 to May 31).

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1. Number of times Post used radio/TV as a means of alerting the public on Legion programs: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What stations/channels were used: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Attach current dated sampling of news releases and articles** pertaining to Legion Programs and Post activities.

4. Are public officials invited to major Post activities? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many activities included public officials? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of the Post Public Relations Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

7. What response from public? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does post have a current web site? \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook Page? \_\_\_\_\_

Domain name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM  
FOR  
EUGENE W. FREEMAN PLAQUE

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to the American Legion Post which does the most toward encouraging interest and work on *National Security at Community and National levels.*

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CIVIL DEFENSE

Does Post have a program aimed toward expanding awareness and information regarding both Homeland Security and natural disasters? Explain:

Are any Post Members CERT trained? \_\_\_\_\_ How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

LAW & ORDER

Does the Post support local Law Enforcement Officers and work for enforcement of Drunk Driving Laws? Explain:

MILITARY AFFAIRS

How does the Post support concern for welfare of those in Armed Forces?

How does Post participate in Armed Forces Day Program?

Does Post have legislative activities to work toward achievement of above aims?

Explain:

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Does Post participate in Blood Donor Program? \_\_\_\_\_ In Crime Prevention? \_\_\_\_\_

JROTC or ROTC Award Program? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of awards? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
State Police Youth Week? \_\_\_\_\_.

Does Post have program aimed toward aid to elderly and handicapped? \_\_\_\_\_

Does post observe Patriot Day (September 11)? \_\_\_\_\_ How? Does post hold immunization clinics? \_\_\_\_\_

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

HIRSCH-SIMONS PLAQUE

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post which is judged to have sponsored and activated within its community the most outstanding program of environmental beautification, improvement, or betterment. (Use **General form** – information needed - # of people benefited, type of beautification, what was improved, cost of project – attach pictures or other enclosures

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Has Post participated in recycling programs? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

Has Post participated in Soil Conservation programs? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

Has Post participated in or sponsored Clean Up Campaign? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

Has Post participated in or sponsored Clean Air Program? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

Has Post participated in or sponsored a Wild-Life Preservation Program? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

Has Post participated in or sponsored Preservation of Wetlands Program? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

Has Post participated in or sponsored Earth Day? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain:

Additional qualifying information:

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

2024  
NOMINATION FORM  
FOR

JOSEPH G. LEONARD - JOHN W. CLARKE PLAQUE

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually to that American Legion Post Service Officer who has serviced veterans and their dependents in a manner that has brought outstanding records of achievement in securing claims and benefits.

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NAME OF RECIPIENT \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long has member been a Service Officer? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Has he/she been a representative of the SSM Fund registered with Fund Commission?  
If so, how many years: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Identify other activities in which the member has engaged such as VAVS, Hospital work, service with Community groups and others.
4. How many days or hours are set aside each week by the member for servicing of veterans and their dependents? (If regular office hours, specify where & when):
5. Approximately how many hospital visits to sick members and other veterans are made per year? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Briefly describe how information is made available to members and non-members as to their entitlement to benefits and the procedures to be followed to obtain them.

7.	<u>CLAIMS</u>	# REFERRED	# ADJUDICATED
	A. Soldier's, Sailor's, Marines Fund	_____	_____
	B. Veteran's pensions and widows' pensions	_____	_____
	C. Compensation of DIC benefits	_____	_____
	D. Education benefits	_____	_____
	E. Hospital and Medical care	_____	_____
	F. TFA (Temporary Financial Assistance)	_____	_____
	G. Other	_____	_____

8. Additional comments and remarks as are pertinent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



2024  
NOMINATION FORM

FOR

**JOSEPH G. LEONARD - JOHN W. CLARKE PLAQUE**

BASIS OF AWARD: Awarded annually **to the Post** whose Service Officer excelled in service work and engaging in or sponsoring Rehabilitation activities beneficial to veterans, dependents in their community during the preceding twelve (12) months commencing June 1st.

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American Legion Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Connecticut

The Service Officer is: \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Post Member

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Department of Veterans Affairs  
Physician of the Year  
(Res. 8, NEC, May 10-17, 2017)**

This Award Program permits The American Legion to honor a VA physician who has provided extraordinary service to our nation's veterans.

Nominees will be accepted by any member of The American Legion in good standing filed with the Internal Affairs Commission under such procedures established by the commission as are necessary and consistent with the effective administration of such an award.

Those eligible for the award are: Any VA physician. Nominees must be a direct patient care provider.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted in narrative format not to exceed 500 words. Legionnaires 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 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

Nominations will be submitted to the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission for consideration during the National Convention 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 National Executive Committee meeting.

The award shall be presented annually by the National Commander during the Commander's Call at Washington Conference.

**Physician of the Year Award  
Application Form**

Name of Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years working as a VA Health Care Provider \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Director's Title and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor Title and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Commander, Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant, Date

(Signature)

\* Failure to use this form may result in the DISQUALIFICATION of your nominee. It should be placed as the COVER SHEET for your packet of materials supporting your candidate.

\*\* Include an official photograph of the nominee.

\*\*\* Provide justification on a separate page.

**Department of Veterans Affairs  
Health-Care Provider of the Year  
(Res. 7, NEC, May 10-17, 2017)**

This Award Program permits The American Legion to honor a VA health-care provider who has provided extraordinary service to our nation's veterans.

Nominees will be accepted by any member of The American Legion in good standing filed with the Internal Affairs Commission under such procedures established by the commission as are necessary and consistent with the effective administration of such an award.

Those eligible for the award are: Any health-care provider, excluding physicians. Nominees must be a direct patient care provider.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted in narrative format not to exceed 500 words. Legionnaires 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 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

Departments must submit their recommendation via email to the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division Director via Jami Jones at [jjones@legion.org](mailto:jjones@legion.org) by July 30th. Failure to submit in the proper format and/or by the cut-off date will invalidate the nomination.

Nominations will be submitted to the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission for consideration during the National Convention 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 National Executive Committee meeting.

The award shall be presented annually by the National Commander during the Commander's Call at Washington Conference.

**Health-Care Provider of the Year  
Application Form**

Name of Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years working as a VA Health Care Provider \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Director's Title and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor Title and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Commander, Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Adjutant, Date

(Signature)

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