



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

PATRIOT OF THE YEAR

Procedures and Recommendations

This program is designed to recognize and reward Patriots of the Chapters and Departments for their outstanding contributions to the Order **in the preceding year only** [not a lifetime achievement award].

Chapter Patriot of the Year:

To bring equity and fairness to this program, it is felt that each active Chapter should recognize their own Patriot of the Year. These Patriots will be recognized with a plaque or citation from their Chapters. The Chapters should then recommend their Patriot of the Year for consideration by the Department Commander for the Department Patriot of the Year. **No Patriot may qualify for Chapter Patriot of the Year in successive years.**

Chapter Commanders should submit their Chapter Patriot of the Year to their Department Commander for consideration of Department Patriot of the Year no later than **01 March EACH YEAR.**

Certificates are available for purchase by Chapters through National, attention Supply Department (see the downloadable form on www.purpleheart.org).

Department Patriot of the Year:

To ensure the equity and fairness of this program, the Department Executive Committee, or a three or more-person committee appointed by the Department

Commander, or a three or more-person Committee consisting of the immediate past Department Patriots of the Year, will select a Patriot of the Year from among the Chapter Patriots submissions. If prior Patriots of the Year are from the same Chapter only one can serve on the committee and, the Department Commander shall appoint the Committee Chair, who shall only vote in the event of a tie. **No Patriot may qualify for Department Patriot of the Year in successive years.**

The Patriots selected will be recognized with a plaque or citation from their Departments. The Department Commanders should submit their Department Patriot of the Year to their Region Commander for consideration as Region Patriot of the Year no later than **01 April EACH YEAR.**

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Region Patriot of the Year:

Each year the Regions will select from among the Department Patriots of the Year submissions a Region Patriot of the Year for outstanding achievement during the **immediate past preceding year only.** The Region Commander shall appoint a Selection Committee comprised of the Region's Department Commanders, or a three or more-person committee consisting of the immediate past former Region Patriots of the Year to select the Region's Patriot of the Year. If prior Patriots of the Year are from the same Department only one can serve on the committee and the Region Commander shall appoint the Committee Chair, who shall only vote in the event of a tie. **No Patriot may qualify for Patriot of the Year in successive years.** Each Region Commander will submit their Region Patriot of the Year to the National Adjutant, with the appropriate paperwork justifying the selection. These Patriots will be recognized with a plaque or citation from their Regions. Reminder, the write-up shall only include details of his/her accomplishment(s) during the **immediate past preceding year only.** **No Patriot may qualify for Region Patriot of the Year in successive years. Any write up extending beyond the immediate past preceding year shall render the nomination ineligible.**

This nomination must be received by the National Adjutant no later than **01 May EACH YEAR.** Each Region Patriots of the Year will be recognized at the National Convention and will be given a special plaque by their Region Commander. They and a guest will be invitees at the Saturday night banquet. The Region Patriots of the Year will be reimbursed for their expenses to the National Convention. Only the Patriot will be reimbursed and **NOT** their guest.

National Patriot of the Year:

The Six Region Patriots of the Year will be entered for the National Patriot of the Year Award. **No Patriot may qualify for National Patriot of the Year in successive years.** No National **elected** Officer is eligible for this esteemed award. National **appointed** Officers **shall be eligible** for the Patriot of the Year. The decision will be

made by a three or more-person committee consisting of the immediate past National Patriots of the Year.

The National Adjutant will arrange a ballot that will be sent to each committee member. Each member will rank in order his selection from one (1) to six (6) for National Patriot of the Year; and communicate his selection to the National Adjutant. The ballots will be secretly tallied by the National Adjutant. During the Gala [Banquet] Program at the National Convention, following the Region Patriots of the Year awards, the National Patriot of the Year will be announced and recognized.

The National Patriot of the Year will be awarded a single-struck medallion, a large plaque, and an overseas cap in white for him/her to wear without regard to office held.

A downloadable form which can be filled in and submitted by email or printed and mailed is available on www.purpleheart.org.

Process:

- The Chapter Commander will submit to the Department Commander.
- The Department Commander will submit to the Region Commander.
- The Region Commander will then submit to the National Adjutant.
- For recommendation for the National Patriot of the Year.
- As the form moves, additional pages can be added accordingly.



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Patriot of the Year

Chapter Commanders:

Please complete and email/mail to your Department Commander

Deadline **01 March (Each Year)**

Department Commanders:

Please complete and email / mail to your Region Commander

Deadline **01 April (Each Year)**

Region Commanders:

Please complete and email/mail to the National Adjutant

Deadline **01 May (Each Year)**

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Patriots Name: _____

Member ID: _____ Chapter: _____

or Department of _____.

Cap Size: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR NOMINEE:

Name: _____

Title: _____

1. Specifically, what has this Patriot done in the past year to warrant his award of the Patriot of the Year?

A. What Department or Chapter projects has the Patriot been involved with?

B. What new projects has the Patriot begun or developed?

2. What recruiting activity has the Patriot been involved in?

A. How many new members has the Patriot recruited in the past year?

3. What position(s) of responsibility is the Patriot holding in the:

A. CHAPTER: _____

B. DEPARTMENT: _____

4. What VAVS activities does the Patriot participate in?

A. How many hours has the Patriot volunteered this year? _____

FORWADING BLOCKS

Patriots Name: _____

CHAPTER:

Due to Department Commander No Later Than: 01 March Each Year

Date: _____

From: _____, **Commander, Chapter** _____
Name

To: _____, **Commander, Department of**
Name

Comments:

DEPARTMENT:

Due to Region Commander No Later Than: 01 April Each Year

Date: _____

From: _____, **Commander, Department of**
Name

To: _____, **Commander, Region**
Name

Patriots Name: _____

Comments:

REGION:

Due to National Adjutant No Later Than: 01 May Each Year

Date: _____

From: _____, **Commander,**
Name

Region: _____

**To: National Adjutant, Military Order of the Purple Heart National Headquarters,
5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151
Email: membership@purpleheart.org**

COMMENTS: _____
