



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM



PATRIOTS OF THE YEAR 2017-2018

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.

Chapter Patriots 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 would 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. Chapter Commanders must submit their Chapter Patriot of the Year to their Department Commander for consideration of Department Patriot of the Year no later than **March 1, 2018.**

Department Patriots of the Year:

The Department Commander will then select a Department Patriot of the Year from among the Chapter Patriots submitted to them. The Department Patriot of the Year would receive a certificate mounted on a plaque from their Department for their achievement. The Department should then recommend their Patriot of the Year for consideration by the Region Commander for the Region Patriot of the Year. Department Commanders must submit their Department Patriot of the Year to their Region Commander no later than **April 1, 2018.**

Region Patriots of the Year:

Each year the Regions will select from among the Department Patriots of the Year submitted to them a Region Patriot of the Year for outstanding achievement during the preceding year, and submits this selection to the National Adjutant, with the appropriate paperwork justifying the selection. This nomination must be received by the National Adjutant no later than **May 1, 2018.**

The Region Patriots of the Year will be awarded their recognition at the National Convention and will be presented with a special plaque by their Region Commander.

Region Patriots of the Year will be reimbursed for their expenses to the National Convention as if they were NEC - they are responsible for making their own hotel and airline travel arrangements. Expenses not to exceed three (3) days/nights (airfare, hotel & per diem) plus banquet meal for themselves and one (1) guest.

Certificates & Plaques:

Recognition certificates are available for purchase by Chapters & Departments through National, attention Supply Department (see the downloadable form on www.purpleheart.org) and plaques are available for purchase from the Purple Heart Store (www.purpleheartstore.com).

National Patriot of the Year:

The Region Patriots of the Year will be announced by the National Adjutant prior to the National Convention via the Newsletter and/or email blast. They will be put into competition for the National Patriot of the Year.

No Patriot may qualify for Patriot of the Year in successive years. No National elected or appointed Officer is eligible for the award. The decision will be made by a five person committee consisting of the most immediate five former Patriots of the Year.

The National Adjutant will prepare a ballot that will be sent to the committee. Each committee member will vote on his selection for National Patriot of the Year, and relay his selection to the National Adjutant. The ballots will be secretly tallied by the National Adjutant.

During the Banquet Program at the National Convention, the National Patriot of the Year will be announced and awarded a single-struck medallion, a large plaque, and an o'er seas cap in white for him/her to wear without regard to office held.

The Convention issue of the Purple Heart Magazine will include an article about the National Patriot of the Year with smaller articles on each of the Region Patriots of the Year to include photographs. Former Patriots of the Year may have special assigned seating at the banquet, if they attend, and may be recognized during the ceremonies. They will not receive expenses.

A downloadable form which can be filled in and submitted by email or printed and mailed is available online: <http://www.purpleheart.org/Downloads/Bank/BlankChapterAndDepartment/PatriotOfTheYear.pdf>

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.



- Chapter Commanders: Please complete and email/mail to your Department Commander
Deadline March 1, 2018
- Department Commanders: Please complete and email / mail to your Region Commander
Deadline April 1, 2018
- Region Commanders: Please complete and email/mail to the National Adjutant
Deadline May 1, 2018

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Member ID: _____ Chapter: _____ Cap Size : _____

NOMINATOR:

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 of responsibility is the Patriot holding in the:

A. DEPARTMENT? _____

B. CHAPTER? _____

4. What VAVS activities does the Patriot participate in?

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

5. What other civic activities is the Patriot involved in?

6. What other veteran activities is the Patriot involved in?

**** PLEASE TYPE YOUR JUSTIFICATION OF THIS SELECTION BELOW****

FORWARDING BLOCKS:

CHAPTER:

Date: _____

From: _____, Commander Chapter _____
(Print Name)

To: _____, Commander Department _____
(Print Name)

Comments: _____

DEPARTMENT:

Date: _____

From: _____, Commander Chapter _____
(Print Name)

To: _____, Commander Department _____
(Print Name)

Comments: _____

REGION:

Date: _____

From: _____, Region: _____
(Print Name)

To: Jack Leonard, National Adjutant, Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Headquarters, 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151

Comments: _____

