



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

PATRIOTS OF THE YEAR

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 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 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.

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, 2020.**

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

Department Patriots of the Year:

The Department Commander will then select a Department Patriot of the Year from among the Chapter Patriots submissions. No Patriot may qualify for Patriot of the Year in successive years. The Department Patriot of the Year will receive a certificate mounted on a plaque from their Department for their accomplishment.

The Department should then recommend their Patriot of the Year for consideration to the Region Commander for consideration of Region Patriot of the Year. Department Commanders must submit their Department Patriot of the Year to their Region Commander no later than **April 1, 2020.**

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Region Patriots 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 preceding year only – 2019 to 2020. 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. Reminder, the write-up shall only include details of his/her accomplishment for the 2019-2020 fiscal years.

This nomination must be received by the National Adjutant no later than **May 1, 2020.** 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 then enter for the National Patriot of the Year Award. No Patriot may qualify for Patriot of the Year in successive years. No National elected or appointed Officer is eligible for this esteemed award. The decision will be made by a five person committee consisting of the immediate five former Patriots of the Year.

The National Adjutant will arrange a ballot that will be sent to each committee member. Each member will rank order his selection from 1 to 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.



Chapter Commanders:

Please complete and email/mail to your Department Commander - **deadline March 1, 2020**

Department Commanders:

Please complete and email / mail to your Region Commander – **deadline April 1, 2020**

Region Commanders:

Please complete and email/mail to the National Adjutant – **deadline May 1, 2020**

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? _____

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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: Ernie Rivera, National Adjutant, Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Headquarters, 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151

Comments: _____

