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AWARDS BULLETIN

EMPLOYMENT AWARDS BULLETIN For 2016

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S AWARDS FOR THE OUTSTANDING LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND DISABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM SPECIALIST

We are pleased to announce the National Commander's Awards Program to honor individuals in the above categories. In order for this to be a success, we need the support of all Chapters and Departments, and therefore, encourage every Department to submit a nominee for each category. We believe there is a deserving candidate within each Department who should be recognized by DAV.

- In addition to accepting nominations from DAV Departments, we urge the Departments to solicit and accept nominations from employers, local employment office managers, State and Assistant State Directors of Veterans' Employment and others.

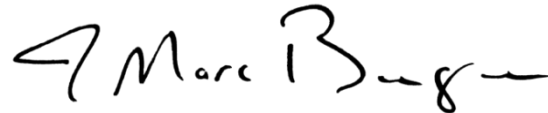
The following rules outline the procedures to be followed in making nominations. All nominations **must be submitted with the complete information and necessary photos no later than February 26, 2016.**

We wish to thank those Departments who have consistently participated in and supported this program by submitting quality nominations. We urge your continued support. We also request other Departments that have not been involved in the program to assist us this year in this most important effort.

In an effort to ensure consistency in your nominations, we are including a nomination form for each category. We believe this will simplify your work and speed up the process.

Your participation and cooperation will enable DAV to publicize nationally the achievements of disabled veterans. This should benefit the many thousands of unemployed disabled veterans and enhance their opportunities for suitable employment.

With your cooperation and participation, this program can be very efficient and effective. Any questions should be directed to the undersigned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Marc Burgess". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

J. MARC BURGESS
National Adjutant

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**RULES GOVERNING THE PROGRAM
FOR THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S AWARDS**

OUTSTANDING LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE - 2016

In recognition of the significant contributions made by Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVER) to enhance employment and training opportunities for injured and ill veterans, DAV has established an annual awards program to honor the Nation's outstanding LVER.

Nominations will be accepted from DAV Departments, the National Amputation Chapter and the National Blind Veterans Chapter. Also, nominations may be submitted directly to National Headquarters to the attention of National Employment Director Jeff Hall, by Chapters not belonging to a Department.

The following rules are to be observed by participating DAV Departments and Chapters.

Nominations:

- Chapters should submit nominations for the Local Veterans' Employment Representative Award to the Department Employment Committee or to a specific committee appointed by the Department Commander. This committee will select the winner. Previous candidates may be renominated if they have not formerly won the national award. In addition to Chapter nominations, we urge Departments to solicit and accept nominations from employers, local employment office managers, State and Assistant State Directors of Veterans' Employment and others. These are the people who know the quality of work performed by the designated LVER.
- Departments are requested to submit only their winning nomination to the National Employment Director for consideration of the National Commander's Award. Also, the National Amputation and National Blind Veterans Chapters may submit nominations for the national award directly to the National Employment Director.
- **Only one nomination** may be submitted by each participant. Each nominee must be the appropriately designated and identified Local Veterans' Employment Representative who is a full-time paid employee of the public employment service. Those individuals who were hired under the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) are not eligible for this award, but may be nominated for the DVOP award and should be so identified.
- All nominations **must include**: (1) name and address of nominee, (2) an 8" by 10" glossy photograph of the nominee, (3) biographical data including name, address and phone number of office where employed, (4) resume of work activities, and (5) **written consent of the nominee** to use his or her name, picture and biographical data for publicity by DAV.
- All nominations will be judged by an Awards Committee selected by the National Employment Director.

- The National Organization will also provide a plaque to the office in which the national winner is employed. Please provide the name and telephone number of the local office manager.

Selection of recipient:

- The LVER's accomplishments with regard to counseling, training, placement and job development opportunities for America's injured heroes will be considered;
- Ability to motivate and stimulate other employment service personnel to serve veterans should be assessed;
- Effectiveness with employers, veterans' organizations, unions, government officials, injured and ill veteran applicants should be measured; and
- Public relations activities should also be weighed.

Administration:

The Department Adjutant should be responsible on the state level for implementing this program. The National Employment Director will be responsible for the administration of this program on the national level.

Deadline:

Each nomination, with all supporting material, must be received by the National Employment Director no later than **February 26, 2016**. The selection of the national winner by the Awards Committee will be final.

The only expense to be borne by the National Organization will be the cost of the National Commander's Award. It will be the responsibility of the DAV Department, Chapter or local National Service Office to make arrangements to present the award to the recipients.

Publicity:

Every Department is requested to urge participation in this program by all Chapters, as this is an effective way to obtain maximum employment services for disabled veterans at the local level. Chapter officers should contact local office managers of the state employment service and work with State and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives to ensure the success of this program.

All Chapters are urged to publicize this awards program. It would be most appropriate to invite Local Veterans' Employment Representatives and/or local office managers to speak at Chapter meetings about local employment services for veterans.

Departments are asked to consider inviting State Administrators, Regional and State Directors of Veterans' Employment, and other employment service personnel to awards

ceremonies for Department winners and to publicize these activities. It is suggested that the Department Convention would be an ideal opportunity to present the award.

The anticipated cooperation of all Departments is appreciated, as it will result in an expansion of employment and training opportunities for countless unemployed or underemployed veterans.

Approved By: *(Requires at least one signature.)*

Department Commander

Department Adjutant

Department Employment
Chairman

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

- ***Nominee's Resume*** (*Attach supporting documentation why candidate should win the award.*)
- ***8" X 10" glossy photograph of nominee***
- ***Nominee consent form***



OUTSTANDING LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE (LVER)

CONSENT FORM

I, _____ hereby authorize DAV to use my name, photo and biographical information in connection with the National Commander's Awards Program.

(Signature)

(Date)

OUTSTANDING DISABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM SPECIALIST
(DVOP Specialist) - 2016

The rules are very similar to those governing the LVER award and are to be observed by participating DAV Departments and Chapters as follows:

Nominations:

- Chapters may submit a nomination for the DVOP Specialist award to the Department Adjutant. In addition to Chapter nominations, we urge Departments to solicit and accept nominations from employers, local office managers, State and Assistant State Directors of Veterans' Employment and others. These are the people who know the quality of work performed by the designated DVOP Specialist.
- Departments are requested to submit only the winning nomination to this office for consideration of the National Commander's Award to be presented to the nation's Outstanding DVOP Specialist. The National Amputation and National Blind Veterans Chapters may submit their nominations directly to the National Employment Director.
- Only one nomination may be submitted by each participant in this category. Each nominee must be the appropriately designated and identified individual employed in DVOP Specialist.
- All nominations must include: (1) name, address and telephone number of nominee, (2) an 8" by 10" glossy photograph of the nominee, (3) biographical data including name, address and phone number of office where employed, (4) resume of work activities, and (5) written consent of the nominee to use his or her name, picture and biographical data for publicity by the DAV.
- All nominations will be judged by an Awards Committee selected by the National Employment Director. All nominations must be received in this office no later than **February 26, 2016.**

Selection of recipient:

- The DVOP Specialist's accomplishments with regard to outreach, counseling, job development, training, placement and employer contact on behalf of ill and injured veterans will be considered;
- Ability to motivate and stimulate other employment service personnel including the LVERs to serve America's injured heroes should be assessed;
- Effectiveness with employers, veterans' organizations, unions, government officials and veteran applicants should be measured;
- Public relations activities should also be weighed.

Administration:

Department Adjutants should be responsible on the state level for implementing this program. The National Employment Director will be responsible at the national level.

Deadline:

Each nomination, with all supporting material, must be received in this office no later than **February 26, 2016**. The selection of the National Winner by the Awards Committee will be final.

The only expense to be borne by the National Organization will be the cost of the National Commander's Award. It will be the responsibility of the DAV Department, Chapter or local National Service Office to make arrangements to present the award to the recipients.

Publicity:

Every Department and Chapter is requested to participate in this program. This is another effective way to obtain maximum employment services for our nation's injured heroes at the local level. You should publicize this program by contacting your local office managers of the local job service office to identify candidates worthy of consideration for this award.

All Chapters are urged to publicize this program. It would be appropriate to invite DVOP personnel and/or local office managers to speak at Chapter meetings about local employment services for veterans.

Departments are asked to consider inviting State Administrators, Regional and State Directors of Veterans' Employment, and other employment service personnel to any award presentation ceremonies for respective Department winners. Local publicity should also be part of the award presentation, and the Department Convention would be an ideal place and appropriate time for presentation of the award.

Approved By: (*Requires at least one signature.*)

Department Commander

Department Adjutant

Department Employment
Chairman

PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:

- ***Nominee's Resume*** (*Attach supporting documentation why candidate should win the award.*)
- ***8" X 10" glossy photograph of nominee***
- ***Nominee consent form***



**OUTSTANDING DISABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM SPECIALIST
(DVOP Specialist)**

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(Signature)

(Date)