

SDNGEA



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PURPOSE: The purpose of the South Dakota Standing Proud Program is to:

- a. Recognize individuals, units and organizations who, by superior performance or by service of a meritorious nature, make a major contribution to the well-being of the SDNGEA and the effectiveness of the South Dakota National Guard.
- b. To further the goals of the SDNGEA in its efforts to promote adequate National and State security; and to promote the welfare and professionalism of all enlisted members of the South Dakota National Guard through recognition of special individuals and units.

CATEGORIES: There are two general categories of awards, those made to individuals and those made to groups. Those eligible recipients for each category are clearly stated under each award. Qualifications and procedures for each category and awards are listed separately with the award.

RESPONSIBILITY: Awards made by the South Dakota Standing Proud Program will be presented on behalf of the SDNGEA membership-at-large. The presentations will be made by the President of the Association at the Annual State Conference. If the President is unavailable, the awards chairperson will make the presentations.

The committee on awards is appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Council. They shall be responsible for reviewing the South Dakota Standing Proud Program for adequacy and administrative effectiveness and make nominations for awards. This includes insuring that a permanent record of all recipients is kept on file by the Secretary. This includes all awards and items of appreciation distributed on behalf of the SDNGEA.

The Executive Council shall be responsible to promote all categories of awards listed in the South Dakota Standing Proud Program. This promotion will insure that all potential recipients are considered and will help further the professionalism of our members and the South Dakota National Guard. It must be accomplished by word-of-mouth, articles in the “ECHO” and internal correspondence.

FUNDING: Awards, certificates and the general operations of the committee will be budgeted each year by the Budget Committee and taken from the South Dakota Standing Proud Program.

DESCRIPTION: Category I awards are for a significant contribution toward the well-being of the SDNGEA, or the effectiveness of the South Dakota National Guard.

- 1-1. The Certificate of Appreciation is a standard certificate that is issued in all the above cases. It is part of the South Dakota Standing Proud certificate series and allows for a citation portion in which a summary of the deeds can be described.
- 1-2. The Unit Membership Competition is to honor Units who reach 100% membership. It provides an incentive to promote our very foundation.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1-1. The Certificate of Appreciation can be presented to any SDDNG Units and all other organizations/groups that enhance the goals of the SDNGEA, the effectiveness of the South Dakota National Guard and insure the domestic tranquility of South Dakota.
- 1-2. The Unit membership Award shall be presented annually to each Unit who attains 100% membership. Each unit attaining 100% membership will receive a plaque the first time and a plate with the year inscribed on it thereafter. A special plaque will be given to all Units who attain 100% membership for Five, Ten, Fifteen, and Twenty consecutive years.

NOMINATION:

- 1-1. Nominations for the Certificate of Appreciation can be completed by any verified member of the SDNGEA. They must complete the application (see page 9), sign and date the application and forward, through their Battalion Representative, to the SDNGEA Awards Chairperson. The Awards Chairperson will type up the Certificate and forward the completed certificate to the President for presentation.

1-2. For the Unit Membership Award, each unit will forward a Unit roster with an attached memorandum stating they have reached 100% thru their Battalion Representative to the Membership Chairperson no later than 31 December of each year. For the special award of the 5/10/15/20 consecutive years at 100%, the unit will state on the annual Membership memorandum if they qualify, the membership chairperson will verify and submit a list of award recipients to the Awards Chairperson and the President.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. STARC, Troop Command, 109th Group, 147th BDE will select the best Soldier in each category to attend the Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- b. The Air National Guard will select the best two Airmen in each category to attend the Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- c. The State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board will select the Best of the Best at the SDNGEA Annual Conference.
- d. The Awards Chairman will submit the request for the South Dakota National Guard Achievement Ribbon for the individuals selected as the "Best of the Best".

CATEGORY II – INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Leland Foos President's Award
(SDNGEA 2-1)

Guidelines governing the Leland Foos President's Award are established herein by authority of the Executive Council of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA).

PURPOSE: To provide a means of special recognition to any member who serves as president of the SDNGEA. Because of its responsibilities, the position of SDNGEA and the National Guard. This award, previously known as the Past-Presidents Award, is hereby renamed after the first SDNGEA President Leland Foss. Through his leadership and dedication, and that of many others, the SDNGEA became an authentic organization, and this tradition is carried on by all who serve as President.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member who serves a successful term as President of the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA).

DESCRIPTION: 8X10 plaque with a mounted gavel, Black Brass with Gold background and the following inscription:

The Leland Foos President's Award, Presented to _____, for outstanding and dedicated service to the SDNGEA through the abilities demonstrated in promoting and advancing the status, welfare and professionalism of enlisted soldiers of the State of South Dakota as President of the SDNGEA of the period _____ through _____.

CRITERIA: Be elected as President of the SDNGEA, or appointed by the Executive Council to serve a remaining term of presidency, and complete the term of office as required by the By-Laws.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES: Nominations and selection must be completed by the Executive Council during an official meeting at which the nominee is not presiding. The Awards Committee Chairperson is authorized to prepare the award for presentation at the Annual Conference.

Rushmore Award
(SDNGEA 2-2)

Guidelines governing the SDNGEA Rushmore Award are established herein by authority of the Executive Council of the SDNGEA.

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes himself/herself with outstanding and exceptional service to the State of South Dakota, the South Dakota National Guard, or the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association.

ELIGIBILITY: To any individual who meets the criteria listed below.

DESCRIPTION: The Rushmore Award will be a full color certificate replica of the SDNGEA Logo in the middle, the Army and Air Force Logo's in opposite corners, mounted on a 9X12 plaque covered with plexiglass. The engraved plate will state the individuals name, date, and type of service, along with "presented on behalf of the members of the SDNGEA".

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the State of South Dakota, the South Dakota National Guard, or the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association.
- b. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that it stands out above all others. Consideration should be to those who contribute outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of the SDNGEA may nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the SDNGEA Awards committee a minimum of 90 days prior to the annual conference.
- c. Presentations will be selected by the President based on the Awards Committee recommendations.
- d. There is no number of awards that will be given, however, consideration must be given to the annual budget of the Awards Committee.

The Corning/ Foss Award
(SDNGEA 2-3)

Guidelines governing the SDNGEA Corning/Foss Award are established herein by authority of the Executive Council of the SDNGEA.

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes himself/herself with an outstanding contribution to the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (SDNGEA).

ELIGIBILITY: Any non-voting member of the SDNGEA which meets the criteria, this includes associate and honorary members.

DESCRIPTION: A full color 8 ½ x 11 certificate mounted on a 9x12 plaque covered with plexiglass and the following inscription:

This presentation plate will read, "Presented by the SDNGEA, to _____ for his/her dedication and effort to improve the status, welfare and professionalism of the enlisted members of the South Dakota National Guard, this _____ day of _____ in the year of _____.

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have contributed exceptional service to the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association.
- b. Although a single accomplishment may be qualification for this award, consideration should be given to those who have contributed exceptional service of a sustained nature.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION:

- a. Nominations for this award will be by members of the Executive Council, or the Awards Committee Chairperson.
- b. Nominations can be made anytime during the year, but in order to be presented during the annual conference must be made prior to the February council meeting.
- c. Selection will be made at the February council meeting by a unanimous vote of those present.

- d. There is no number of awards that will be given in any year; however, consideration must be given to the annual budget of the Awards committee.

Distinguished Service Award
(SDNGEA 2-4)

Guidelines governing the Distinguished Service Award are established herein by authority of the Executive Council of the SDNGEA.

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual's distinguished service which is accomplished on behalf of the SDNGEA or the South Dakota National Guard.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of the South Dakota National Guard, or the SDNGEA, or any individual who meets the criteria listed below.

DESCRIPTION: A full color certificate with the SDNGEA Logo centered and the Army and Air Force Logo's in opposite corners mounted on a 9X12 plaque covered with plexiglass. The Certificate shows the recipient's name, date of award, and statement of the nature and magnitude of the recipient's contribution for this award.

CRITERIA: The following shall serve as guidelines in the selection of recipients:

- a. An individual must have distinguished himself/herself as particularly outstanding in service to the SDNGEA, the State of South Dakota, including the National Guard.
- b. Superior performance of normal duty will not alone justify the award on this certificate. An individual must have distinguished contributions over an extended period of time to merit this award.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of the SDNGEA may nominate any individual to receive this award.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the SDNGEA Awards Committee a minimum of 90 day prior to the Annual Conference, by completing the appropriate application.
- c. All nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Committee for recommendation to the Executive Council.
- d. More than one award may be given; however, consideration must be given to the awards budget.

Meritorious Service Award
(SDNGEA 2-5)

Guidelines governing the Meritorious Service Award are established herein by authority of the Executive Council of the SDNGEA.

PURPOSE: to provide a means of recognition to any individual who, while serving in the military forces (Active or Reserve) of the South Dakota National Guard, shall distinguish himself/herself with an exceptionally meritorious service to the United States, or to the SDNGEA.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member, or former member of the SDNGEA; any member or former member of the South Dakota National Guard.

DESCRIPTION: A full color certificate with the SDNGEA Logo in the center and the Army and Air Force Logo's in opposite corners mounted on a 9X12 plaque covered with plexiglass. The certificate shows the recipient's name, date of award, and contribution for this award.

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have distinguished himself/herself with an exceptionally meritorious service to the State of South Dakota, or any of its citizens, including the National Guard, and the SDNGEA.
- b. A single act that is meritorious in nature will be justification for this award.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of the SDNGEA can nominate an individual for this award by completing an application.
- b. Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee 90 days prior to the annual conference.
- c. All nominations will be reviewed and selected by the Awards Committee for recommendation to the Executive Council.
- d. More than one award may be given; however, consideration must be given to the Awards Committee budget.

Outstanding Service Award
(SDNGEA 2-6)

Guidelines governing the Outstanding Service Award are established by authority of the Executive Council of the SDNGEA.

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to an individual's outstanding service which was accomplished on behalf of the SDNGEA or the South Dakota National Guard.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual who meets the criteria.

DESCRIPTION: A full color certificate with the SDNGEA Logo centered with the Army and Air Force Logo's in opposite corners mounted on a 9X12 plaque covered with plexiglass. The certificate shows the recipient's name, date of the award, and statement of the nature of the contribution for the award.

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have contributed outstanding service to the SDNGEA or the South Dakota National Guard.
- b. A single accomplishment may qualify for this award; however, consideration should be given to individuals who have contributed outstanding service in a sustained nature.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of the SDNGEA can nominate an individual for this award by completing the application.
- b. Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee 90 days prior to the annual conference.
- c. The awards are selected by the SDNGEA President based on the recommendations of the Awards Committee.

Best of the Best Awards
(SDNGEA 2-7)

Guidelines governing the Bests of the Best Award are established herein by authority of the Executive Council of the SDNGEA.

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to the top enlisted Air and Army National Guard persons.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of the South Dakota National Guard who has been selected to attend the board at the annual conference for the enlisted Soldier/Airman of the Year, NCO Soldier/Airman of the Year, Senior Airman of the Year, AGR Soldier of the Year, AGR NCO of the Year, and who is a member of the SDNGEA.

DESCRIPTION: Winner in each category: 8X10 cherry wood plaque, the presentation plate will read "Outstanding _____ of the Year _____."
First runner up in the Army categories only: 6X8 cherry wood plaque, the presentation plate will read "First Runner-Up Outstanding _____ of the Year _____."
All others appearing before the board: 6X8 cherry wood plaque, the presentation plate will read "Outstanding _____ of the Year _____ Nominee."

CRITERIA:

- a. A Soldier in the pay grade E1-E4 selected to attend the State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- b. An Airman in the pay grade E1-E4 selected to attend the State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- c. A Soldier in the pay grade E5-E9 selected to attend the State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- d. An Airman in the pay grade of E5-E9 selected to attend the State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- e. An AGR Soldier in the pay grade of E1-E4 selected to attend the State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- f. An AGR NCO in the pay grade of E5-E9 selected to attend the State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.
- g. A Senior NCO Airman in the pay grade E7-E9 selected to attend the State Soldier/Airman of the Year Board.

Army/Air Outstanding Retiree of the Year Award
(SDNGEA 2-8)

PURPOSE: To recognize one outstanding Army and Air Retiree.

ELIGIBILITY: to any paid retired member of the SDNGEA.

CRITERIA: The following criteria shall serve as a guideline in the selection of a recipient:

- a. Must be current member of the State Association prior to retirement and must have retained membership for (5) five years prior to retirement.
- b. An individual must have demonstrated a lifelong distinguished and honorable service while promoting the highest of standards and perpetuating the theme and spirit of SDNGEA.
- c. Extraordinary performance of a single act or duty will not normally justify this award in and of itself. The recipient must have unique and distinguished contributions extending over a lifelong period of time. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed distinguishable service for a sustained period of time.
- d. An individual must have contributed distinguished and honorable service to the United States Government, The Armed Forces of the United States, and the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association.
- e. Be a supporter of the SDNGEA Auxiliary and their initiatives.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of SDNGEA can nominate an individual to receive this award by completing the appropriate application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the SDNGEA Awards Chairman by February 15 prior to the annual conference each year.
- c. The SDNGEA Awards Committee with input from the Association President, Retired Army and Retired Air Representatives will review nominations with recommendations going to the Awards Committee for selection at an official meeting.
- d. No more than one Army and one Air award may be given in a single calendar year.

NOMINATION FORM

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Select Category (check one category only)

- Certificate of Appreciation..... (SDNGEA 1-1)
- Rushmore Award..... (SDNGEA 2-2)
- The Corning/Foss Award..... (SDNGEA 2-3)
- Distinguished Service Award..... (SDNGEA 2-4)
- Meritorious Service Award..... (SDNGEA 2-5)
- Outstanding Service Award..... (SDNGEA 2-6)
- Best of the Best Award..... (SDNGEA 2-7)
- Army/Air Outstanding Retiree of the Year Award..... (SDNGEA 2-8)

NOMINEE: _____

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____ SPOUSE: _____

UNIT (INCLUDE ADDRESS): _____

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE OR ACT: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: _____

ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CERTIFICATION (AWARDS CHAIRMAN): _____

CERTIFICATION (SDNGEA PRESIDENT): _____