



WE CARE FOR AMERICA AWARDS PROGRAM

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Overview

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Organization will be to fulfill the objectives set forth in the Articles of Incorporation which are;

- (a) To provide scholarships for members of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States and their dependents.
- (b) To recognize individuals and associations who, by superior performance or by distinguished service makes a major contribution to the well being of EANGUS and the effectiveness and professionalism of the National Guard of the United States.

RESPONSIBILITY: Awards made by the *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA* Program will be presented on behalf of the EANGUS membership-at-large. The presentations usually will be made by the President of the Association at the general membership conference, or at a suitable alternative occasion as determined by the current EANGUS President. If the President is not available, a suitable alternate may be designated, such as another officer of the Association, Committee Chairperson or member representing the Association. The Committee on Awards is appointed by the President and approved by *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA* Board (the seven Area Chairpersons), National Officers and the past President. This *WCFA* Board shall be responsible for reviewing the *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA* Program for adequacy and administrative effectiveness. The *WCFA* Award Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA* Board, as it shall deem necessary or desirable. The *WCFA* Award Committee will review all nominations for awards at appropriate intervals; perform all administrative duties relating to the *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA* Program while working under the general supervision of the appointed Chairperson. Included in these duties is the maintenance of permanent records which shall be maintained by the Secretary of EANGUS. This will include all awards and items of appreciation distributed on behalf of EANGUS.

The *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA* Board shall be responsible for promoting all categories of awards listed in the *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA* Program. This promotion will insure all potential recipients are considered and that it will further the professionalism of our members and the National Guard. It must be accomplished by word-of-mouth, articles in EANGUS' S publication and all other National Guard Publications.

FUNDING: Awards, certificates and the general operation of the committee will be budgeted yearly by *EANGUS WE CARE FOR AMERICA*.

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ROBERT L. SPENCER PRESIDENT'S AWARD

PURPOSE: To provide special recognition to any member who serves as the President of EANGUS. The President assumes great responsibility and the position requires special dedication and devotion to EANGUS and the National Guard. This award was previously known as the President's Award and was renamed in 1984 at the thirteenth annual conference of EANGUS, after the first EANGUS President Robert L. Spencer. Through his leadership and dedication and that of others EANGUS became a reality and this tradition is carried on by all those who serve as President.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member who serves a successful term as President of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS).

CRITERIA: Be elected as President of EANGUS, or appointed President by the Executive Council to serve a remaining vacant term of presidency completing the term of office as required by the by-laws.

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MINUTEMAN AWARD

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.

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

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.
- b. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that stands out above all others. Particular consideration should be given those individuals who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS may nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Committee no later than April 15 prior to the annual conference each year.
- c. All nominations will be reviewed by the WCFA Awards Committee, to insure individuals meet all criteria, however, the current EANGUS President will make the selection.
- d. There is a limit of three (3) awards that will be given in any calendar year.

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PATRIOTISM AWARD

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the United States Government or Armed Forces of the United States.

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

CRITERIA:

a. An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the United States Government or the Armed Forces of the United States. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that stands out above all others. Particular consideration should be given those individuals who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS may nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Committee no later than April 15 prior to the annual conference each year.
- c. All nominations will be reviewed by the WCFA Awards Committee, to insure individuals meet all criteria, however, the current EANGUS President will make the selection.
- d. There is a limit of three (3) awards that will be given in any calendar year.

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CONCORD MINUTEMAN PLAQUE

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes themselves with an outstanding contribution of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS).

ELIGIBILITY: To any individual who is a non-voting member or a non-member who meets the criteria as listed below. This includes associate and corporate members.

CRITERIA:

- a.** An individual must have contributed exceptional service to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) or the National Guard.
- b.** Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed exceptional service of a sustained nature.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION:

- a.** Selection will be made at an official meeting of the WCFA Board with input from the Executive Director.
- b.** Nominations can be made at any time during the year but in order to be presented during the annual conference, nominations must be submitted no later than April 15.
- c.** There is a limit of three (3) awards that will be given in any calendar year.

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual's distinguished (prolonged) service which is accomplished on behalf of EANGUS or the National Guard of the United States.

ELIGIBILITY: Any current dues paying or Life member of EANGUS. Membership will be verified with EANGUS National Office.

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

- a. An individual must have demonstrated outstanding service to (EANGUS), the United States Government or any of the Armed Forces.
- b. Superior performance of normal duty will not alone justify the award. An individual must have distinguished contributions over an extended period of time to clearly merit this award.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual to receive this award by completing the appropriate application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Chairman by April 15 prior to the annual conference each year by submitting the appropriate application. All awards approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting.
- d. No more than ten (10) awards may be given in a single calendar year.
- e. A detailed written citation will be provided by the person making the nomination.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize any individual who, while serving in the military forces (Active or Reserve) of this nation or its allies in position(s) of great responsibility, distinguishes themselves with exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Government, the Armed Forces or EANGUS.

ELIGIBILITY: Any current dues paying or Life member of EANGUS. Membership will be verified with EANGUS National Office.

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

- a. An individual must have demonstrated exceptional meritorious service to the government of the United States or any of its' citizens thereof, the Armed Forces of the United States.
- b. A single act that is meritorious in nature will justify a recipient for this award.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Chairman by April 15 prior to the annual conference each year by submitting the appropriate application. All awards approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting.
- d. No more than fifteen (15) of these awards may be given in any calendar year.
- e. A detailed written citation will be provided by the person making the nomination.

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CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual for outstanding service which was performed on behalf of EANGUS or the National Guard of the United States.

ELIGIBILITY: Any current dues paying or Life member of EANGUS. Membership will be verified with EANGUS National Office.

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have contributed outstanding service to EANGUS.
- b. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service in a sustained service.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Chairman no later than April 15 prior to the annual conference each year by submitting the appropriate application. All awards approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee will review all nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting
- d. There is a limit of twenty (20) awards to be given in any calendar year.
- e. A detailed written citation will be provided by the person making the nomination.

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THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE MUSKET AWARD

PURPOSE: To provide recognition and/or appreciation to members of the EANGUS Auxiliary for their support in our legislative efforts through their "grass roots" effort.

ELIGIBILITY: To any paid member of EANGUS Auxiliary who has helped EANGUS promote its goals through the legislative process, by means of "grass roots" letter writing, telephoning and personal contact.

CRITERIA: Any individual who is a member of the EANGUS Auxiliary, who distinguishes themselves in "grass roots" efforts in legislative priorities, promotes the status, welfare, and the professionalism of the enlisted members of the United States of America military personnel.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Nominations can be submitted to the WCFA Awards Chair at any time during the membership year but in order to be presented at the annual conference must be submitted no later than 15 April prior to the annual conference. An award approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- b. The WCFA Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting.
- c. Only one (1) of these awards can be given in a calendar year.

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THE EAGLE AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize a current member of the United States Congress/U.S. Senate for contributions made to the National Guard.

ELIGIBILITY: Any current member of Congress/U.S. Senate.

CRITERIA: A member of Congress/U.S. Senate must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the National Guard.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Nominate any individual(s) by completing the application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Committee a minimum of 60 days prior to the presentation of the award.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee with input from Executive Director or Legislative Director will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting. The selections can be made by email with approval to follow at the official meeting.
- d. There is no restriction placed on the number of awards that can be given in any calendar year.

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THE MILITIA AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize a Staffer of the U.S. Congress/Senate.

ELIGIBILITY: Congressional Staffer.

CRITERIA: Any Staffer who has made a significant contribution to the EANGUS Legislative Program.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Nominate an individual(s) by completing the application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Committee a minimum of 60 days prior to the presentation of the award.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee input from Executive Director or Legislative Director will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting. The selections can be made by email with approval to follow at the official meeting.
- d. There is no restriction placed on the number of awards that can be given in any calendar year.

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THE HERITAGE AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize a Corporate Sponsor for outstanding contributions to EANGUS.

ELIGIBILITY: Corporate Sponsor

CRITERIA: A Corporate Sponsor must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. The President or Executive Director may nominate a Corporate Sponsor by completing the application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Committee a minimum of 60 days prior to the presentation of the award.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting. The selections can be made by email with approval to follow at the official meeting
- d. Only one (1) of these awards will be presented in any calendar year.

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MINUTEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize the top enlisted Air and Army National Guard persons from each EANGUS chartered state, territory, District of Columbia and National Guard Bureau Title 10.

ELIGIBILITY: To any member of the National Guard of the United States who has distinguished himself or herself by being selected as the top enlisted soldier/airmen, NCO, Senior NCO, 1SG, Chief 54, Honor Guard Member or Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year from their respective state, territory or National Guard Bureau enlisted grades E1-E9.

CRITERIA:

- a. Any individual must have been selected as the outstanding enlisted E1-E9 enlisted soldier/airmen, NCO, Senior NCO, 1SG, Chief 54, Honor Guard Member or Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year from their respective states, territory or National Guard Bureau.
- b. Recipient must be in the grade of E1-E9, selection is based on the criteria established by each state, territory or National Guard Bureau.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

Nominations can be made by email to the Awards Chairman by the certifying authority. Nominations for the Air Guard for state and territories must be certified by the State Command Chief Master Sergeant. Nominations for the Army Guard for state and territories must be certified by the State Command Sergeant Major.

- a. Nominations must be submitted to the WCFA Awards Committee by April 15th prior to the annual conference in order to be presented at conference. Awards approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- b. If the state would prefer to make the presentation at their conference please provide information to the WCFA Awards Chair 21 days prior to the state conference.
- c. It is encouraged to bring the recipients of these awards to the annual conference for the award presentation and recognition.

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NATIONAL GUARD MINUTEMAN OF THE YEAR

The *NG Minuteman of the Year* is to honor the top enlisted soldier/airmen, NCO, Senior NCO, 1SG, Chief 54, Honor Guard Member or Honor Guard Program Manager nationwide. These recipients are chosen using NGB criteria. Selections are to be made by July 1 and forwarded to the WCFA Awards Committee with recipient's name, unit of assignment and home state. These recipients should attend the EANGUS annual conference to receive their Minuteman of the Year certificate. The WCFA Awards Committee will be responsible for preparing these certificates. The Association will also host various hospitality events. During an Annual hospitality event sponsored by EANGUS during the recognition functions held at NGB the recipients would be presented the following:

(National Office will prepare these items)

- a) A Certificate of Accomplishment
- b) An EANGUS medallion
- c) A one year free membership with EANGUS
- d) A \$100 U.S. Savings Bond
- e) Welcome basket

Funding will be set aside to recognize nominees for this award. The National Office will be responsible for sending information to the WCFA Chairman for certificates to be prepared.

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THE EANGUS HUMANITARIAN MEDAL

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual involved in saving or attempting to save a life beyond the requirements of duty.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of the National Guard of the United States.

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have been involved in saving or attempting to save a life.
- b. It is not necessary that the recipient risks their own life or endangers their personal safety in performing this act.
- c. This act can be in the performance of his or her duty as a National Guardsmen on or off duty.
- d. Recipient must be in the grade of E1-E9.
- e. Documentation of this act must be submitted with nomination.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual for this award by completing the application.
- b. Nominations can be submitted at any time during the membership year, but in order to be presented at the annual conference, the application must be received no later than 15 April. Award approve after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting.

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THE EANGUS HEROISM MEDAL

PURPOSE: To recognize an individual who has put their life at risk by taking action beyond the requirements of duty.

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of the National Guard of the United States.

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have performed a life saving act, at the possible risk of his or her own life.
- b. This act can be in the performance of his or her duty as a National Guardsmen on or off duty.
- c. Recipient must be in the grade of E1-E9.
- d. Documentation of this act must be submitted with nomination.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual for this award by completing the application.
- b. Nominations can be submitted at any time during the membership year, but in order to be presented at the annual conference, the application must be received no later than 15 April. Award approve after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting.

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BILL HOLLMANN OUTSTANDING RETIREE OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURPOSE: To recognize an outstanding retiree.

ELIGIBILITY: To any retired member of EANGUS.

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

- a. Must be a current member of State and National 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 EANGUS.
- 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 distinguishable 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 Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) or any state chartered association.
- e. Be a supporter of the EANGUS Auxiliary and their initiatives.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual to receive this award by completing the application.
- b. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Chairman by April 15 prior to the annual conference each year.
- c. The WCFA Awards Committee with input from the EANGUS Continuity Chairman will review nominations with recommendations going to the WCFA Board for selection at an official meeting. Award approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
- d. No more than one (1) award may be given in a single calendar year.

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EANGUS MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION

Area Awards

(New Award, first presentation will be Aug 2008 with 2006/2007 data)

Purpose: Area Membership Competition Award is to honor the state within each Area that has the most membership growth in EANGUS for the previous membership year. It allows for the active exchange of ideas and experience between state associations while keeping EANGUS informed of their activities.

The Area Membership Competition Award shall be presented annually to one state from each of the seven areas of EANGUS. The seven awards will be presented at the annual conference of EANGUS. Only EANGUS chartered associations can receive this award.

Criteria: This award is computed against the percentage of EANGUS paid membership as of 31 December, and the assigned Army/Air National Guard strength per state and compare to previous year data. WCFA Awards Committee will track this award.

Individual Awards

Purpose: Individual Membership Competition Award is to honor the person within each Area that has done the most to increase EANGUS membership for the previous membership year. It allows for the active exchange of ideas and experience between state associations while keeping EANGUS informed of their activities.

The Individual Membership Competition Award shall be presented annually to one person from each of the seven areas of EANGUS. The seven awards will be presented at the annual conference of EANGUS.

Criteria: State Presidents will complete a WCFA Awards Nomination form with all the details and forward it to their Area Chairman by 15 March and the Area Chairmen will forward their selection to the WCFA Awards Chair by 15 April.

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EANGUS SIDE BY SIDE AWARD

PURPOSE: To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes himself or herself with outstanding and exceptional service to The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States by an EANGUS Auxiliary member.

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

CRITERIA:

- a. An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States.
- c. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that stands out above all others. Particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:

- a. Any member of EANGUS or its Auxiliary may nominate an individual for this award by completing the application.
- e. Nominations will be submitted to the WCFA Awards Committee no later than April 15 prior to the annual conference each year.
- f. All nominations will be reviewed by the WCFA Awards Committee, to insure individuals meet all criteria, however, the current EANGUS President will make the selection with input from the EANGUS Auxiliary President.
- g. There is a limit of one (1) award that will be given in any calendar year.

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