

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

**"LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR" AWARD**

TO: AREA VICE COMMANDERS, DISTRICT & POST COMMANDERS

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The Leadership Commission members will be judging the nominations for the **"LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR"** Award for the current year.

**The following rules will be used:**

1. Submitted will be a snapshot and personal biography of the candidate, in sealed envelope, with only the Area marked on the outside of the envelope. This envelope will not be opened until after selection is made at the Department Convention Committee meeting.
2. A 200 word or less letter, as to why the person was chosen. Do not use Post or District letterhead stationery.
3. **NO IDENTIFICATION OF THE NOMINEE WILL BE IN THE LETTER PRESENTED.** No gender identification will be made: the word "Legionnaire" may be used instead. Dates of office in Post, District, Area, etc. will not be used, as this would tend to identify the nominee. If, when it gets to the Area Chairman and/or the Area Commander, there is such identification, the Area Chairman and/or the Area Commander will black out those items.
4. Any violation of the rules will disqualify the candidate.
5. The members of the Convention Leadership Committee, representing the Districts at the Department Convention, will make the decision as to the winner.

This information should be sent from Post to District; from District to Area; from Commissioner of the Area to the Chairman of the Leadership Commission, by June 1, so the Commissioners may have time to review the nominations before going to Convention.

The Department Chairman will forward copies of the winning Area nominations to all Area Commissioners by June 5th.

Thank you for your interest in this program.