



**North Dakota American Legion**  
**Ray Atol Law Enforcement**  
**Officer of the Year**  
**Official Nomination Form**



**ELIGIBILITY:** Nominee must be a living, active, full-time Law Enforcement Officer affiliated with a law enforcement agency located within the State of North Dakota. A posthumous award is allowable only if the nominee's death occurred within the dates in which the award is being presented. Membership in The American Legion shall not be a requirement or consideration in a qualifying any nominee for this award. No winner may be certified for consideration of Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for successive years.

**DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:** TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. NOMINATION SHALL NOT EXCEED 12 PAGES INCLUDING THIS FORM. ATTACH A 5x7 PHOTO (**NOT A PAPER PHOTO**) OF NOMINEE. ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS OR ADDED PAGES WILL BE DISCARDED.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Law Enforcement Agency Location: \_\_\_\_\_ How long in law enforcement: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit 1** – List law enforcement experience on separate sheet not to exceed 2 pages.

**Exhibit 2** – Submit biographical sketch of nominee – including education, family, church affiliation (if any), social organizations, or other data suitable for background for presentation purposes, not to exceed 1 page.

**Exhibit 3** – Explain what makes this candidate an outstanding law enforcement officer on a separate sheet not to exceed 2 pages.

**Exhibit 4** – Has this officer's superior been informed of this recommendation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. If so, does he/she concur in the recommendation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No. Please attach a letter of recommendation from the superior. In addition to the superior's letter, you may submit one additional letter of recommendation, if desired.

**Exhibit 5** – Attach news clippings of this officer's accomplishments not to exceed 2 pages.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Commander's Signature

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 Post Adjutant's Signature

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**Award Submission Instructions**



**PERIOD OF AWARD:**

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

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**DEPARTMENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

Postmarked by December 31, 2023 – mailed to:

**The American Legion  
Department of North Dakota – State Headquarters  
PO Box 5057  
West Fargo, ND 58078**

**NATIONAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

February 1, 2024 – Winner submitted by Department Headquarters

**SELECTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Department Selection in January at Winter Conference  
Notification letter to state winner in February  
Statewide press release in February  
Presentation at Department Convention in June

**AWARDS:**

Post level – Certificates available from State Headquarters  
State level – Plaque presented at the Department Convention in June

**SUBMISSION PACKAGES:**

Only nomination submitted on the **Official Nomination Form** will be accepted  
A total of 12 pages (12 printed one side, 6 printed both sides) excess will be ignored  
A 5x7 photo (NOT A PAPER PHOTO) of nominee **MUST** be attached and does not count as one of the 12 pages