



Award Nomination Bulletin



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Award Nominations To Be Considered

Law Officer of the Year Award

The Department will be selecting the Law Officer of the Year Award. Enclosed you will find instructions and nomination forms for this award and is also on the Legion website at www.ndlegion.org. The submission deadline is December 31, 2026.

Take a look at those individuals that have protected your community during the period of January 1 - December 31, 2026. Surely one of them is worthy of consideration.

Nominees for the Law Officer Award must be living, active, full-time law officer affiliated with a law enforcement agency located in North Dakota.

Posthumous award nominations are allowed only if the nominee's death occurred within the period of the award.

Legionnaire of the Year Award

The nomination form is enclosed along with the instruction sheet. This is also on the Legion website at www.ndlegion.org. The submission deadline is December 31, 2026.

The nominee must be selected by a majority of the members at a regular post meeting before being nominated for the Department Award. The selection should be based on service to The American Legion (75%) and service to community, state and nation (25%). The period of service should be January 1- December 31, 2026.

Post Commanders and Department Officers (including District and District Vice Commanders) are not eligible for this award.

Enclosed is the American Legion Award's nomination bulletin for your immediate attention! We know there are many fine people in North Dakota who are deserving of these awards. Certainly, there is a Legionnaire in your Post that deserves to be named your Post Legionnaire of the Year. Without a doubt, there are many Legionnaires deserving to be named the Department Legionnaire of the Year. The Legion also has an award called the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). This award is designed to pay the highest Department tribute to an experienced Legionnaire who has consistently exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in Legion programs and administration. This award is meant for Legionnaires who have been members for over 25 years. There is also the Fire-fighter and Law Officer of the year awards. These people are putting their lives on the line every single day to protect and defend us. The least we can do in The American Legion, is nominate them to receive our prestigious Department Awards. A "thank you" can go a long way in showing our appreciation. You can find all these awards at www.ndlegion.org.

Firefighter of the Year Award

The Department will be selecting the Firefighter of the Year Award. Enclosed you will find instructions and nomination forms for this award. Also find this on our website at www.ndlegion.org.

Take a look at those individuals that have protected your community during the period of January 1 - December 31, 2026. Surely one of them is worthy of consideration.

Nominees for the Firefighter Award must be a living, active, full-time or volunteer firefighter affiliated with a Fire Department located in North Dakota.

A posthumous award is allowable only if the nominee's death occurred within the period of the award.

Baseball Hall of Fame Award

Any American Legion post within the Department of North Dakota may nominate one or more candidates for the Hall of Fame. Nominations will remain under consideration for **two years** after which they will be returned to the nominating post. However, they may be resubmitted at any time. Completed forms must be submitted to Department Headquarters, PO Box 5057, West Fargo, ND 58078 not later than January 1st.

Distinguished Service Award

The Department will be selecting the distinguished Service Award. Enclosed you will find instructions and nomination forms for this award. Also find this on our website at www.ndlegion.org.

Take a look at those Legionnaires that have consistently exhibited continuing leadership and excellence in Legion programs and administration.

Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award must be a living, members of your post and the award is meant for Legionnaires who have been members for over 25 or more years.

A posthumous award is allowable only if the nominee's death occurred within the previous year. Current Department Legion Officers are excluded from consideration for this award.

**The American Legion
2026 Eagle Scout of the Year**

The American Legion provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected "The American Legion Scout of the Year". The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarships awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500.

The Department of The American Legion will win a cash scholarship and plaque and will have recognition at a Department event. The 2026 application will be posted on the Department's website at www.ndlegion.org by November 1. The deadline for submitting the application form to the Department is March 1, 2027