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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

Post Adjutant's Signature

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Award Submission Instructions



PERIOD OF AWARD:

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

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DEPARTMENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

Postmarked by December 31, 2026 – mailed to:

The American Legion

Department of North Dakota – State Headquarters

PO Box 5057

West Fargo, ND 58078

NATIONAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

February 1, 2026 – Winner submitted by Department Headquarters

SELECTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Department Selection no later than January at The 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