

Grand Master's Local Patriot Award

This year we will add a new aspect to a very special award to be presented to one deserving person in each District. It is not necessary that this person be a Mason

It is suggested that the recipient may be any person, male or female, regardless of race, creed or color, who has distinguished themselves through their Military Service (or Safety Service).

Preference should be given to persons who have received a military award. For example: Medal of Honor, Military Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, former POW, etc.

The District Deputies are charged with the responsibility of selecting the recipient. The task is not to be delegated to the District Officers or any other entity. I can think of NO reason why each and every District cannot find a suitable individual to receive this recognition. Do not miss the opportunity to honor one of your local citizens with this award. Below is a list of Veteran Service Offices by County. These offices or a local Veteran's Service Organization should be able to assist to locate a suitable person.

I will expect to present this award personally during the Grand Master's Reception when possible. The recipient and spouse should be invited to the District Reception as guests of the District.

The cost of the plaque and engraving will be borne completely by The Grand Lodge and is an official award of the Grand Master.

Each name submitted should be accompanied by a biography of the person's contributions and accomplishments.

The Local Patriot award winner should be prepared to tell their "story" in a 10-15 minute timeframe. If for some reason the individual isn't able/willing to tell their own story, a typed version may be presented for someone of their choosing or one of the DDGMs to read.

Please EMAIL your selection to the Junior Grand Deacon no fewer than sixty (60) days prior to your reception. Invite the recipient in plenty of time to allow him/her to fit the event into his/her schedule.

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A suitable form to be submitted to the Junior Grand Deacon and a sample letter to the recipient are enclosed for your convenience.

Remember, the award is for Military or Public Safety Service, and **NOT** necessarily for Masonic Service.

A District Deputy shall read portions of the biography at the Grand Master's Reception as an introduction to the Grand Master's presentation of the award. DO NOT READ A LENGTHY INTRODUCTION. INTRODUCTION MUST BE LESS THAN 1 MINUTE.