



Department of California,
The American Legion
Leadership Commission

Legionnaire of Year Award

Recognizing members for their American Legion service is an attribute of a good leader. Nominations are now being accepted for the “Legionnaire of the Year” award.

The selection process is anonymous and the following rules for nominating a Legionnaire shall be followed:

1. Provide a 300 word or less Nomination Letter describing why the Legionnaire has been nominated for this award. The nomination shall be based on the Legionnaire's accomplishments during the CURRENT LEGION YEAR only. Do not use Post letterhead.
 - a. Do not include any information that will identify the nominee, such as name, gender, Post, District, or dates that a Legion office was held. Listing Legion offices held is acceptable.
 - b. Do not list membership in any other Legion Family organization, or any organization whose membership is gender based (e.g. 20&4 Honor Society). Listing such membership may lead to identification of the member.
 - c. Any information in the nomination letter that may identify the member will be blacked out by the District Leadership Chair or Area Leadership Commissioner reviewing the nomination.
2. Provide a photo and a 200 word or less personal biography of the nominee.
 - a. The biography should include the Legionnaire's name, Legion history, military service, and other professional and volunteer activities.
 - b. The photo and biography must be placed in a sealed envelope, with only the Area number and **Legionnaire Of Year** marked on the outside of the envelope.
3. Place the Nomination Letter and the sealed envelope together in another envelope and submit it to your District Leadership Chair by the 1st of June.
 - a. The District Chair and the District Leadership Committee will select one nomination from all the nominations received and forward it to their Area Leadership Commissioner by the 10th of June.
 - b. The Area Commissioner will form an ad hoc committee and select, from the District nominees, the Area nominee to be presented to the Department Convention Leadership Committee.
4. The members of the Convention Leadership Committee, consisting of representatives of each District assigned to the committee, will select the award recipient from the Area nominations.

Contact information for Leadership Commissioners is on calegion.org/leadership-commission