

ARMED SERVICES YMCA OF THE UNITED STATES

ANGELS OF THE BATTLEFIELD

SOLICITATION FOR 2023 SELECTION

Background

The Angel of the Battlefield award, sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA of the United States, is an annual award that recognizes one enlisted medical professional from each branch of the Armed Forces.

The 2023 Angels of the Battlefield Awards Dinner will take place 16 November 2023 at **Crystal Gateway Marriott at 1700 Richmond Hwy – Arlington, VA 22202** with a 6:00 pm evening reception followed by dinner program beginning at 7:00 pm and dessert reception at 9:00pm.

Eligibility

1. Enlisted member in paygrades E1 through E7.
2. On Active Duty at the time of the recognized event.
3. Recognized event occurred after 1 January 2020 and could include COVID 19 response
4. Currently on Active Duty/will remain on Active Duty through November 2023.

Travel and Per Diem

Travel and per diem costs remain the responsibility of the sponsoring service and/ or honoree's command. However, accommodations will be provided for two consecutive nights to each honoree at the event venue, the Crystal Gateway Marriott.

In view of the unique and special nature of this award, services/ commands are asked to consider funding invitational travel orders for the honoree's spouse.

Likewise, services/ commands are encouraged to send the member's Commanding Officer and/ or Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Gala.

Awards

In addition to the recognition honorees will receive for their exceptional service, the Armed Services YMCA is also happy to provide:

1. A complimentary two-night stay at the Crystal Gateway Marriott for the honoree and guest;
2. Gratis attendance for honoree and guest at the 17th Annual Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala
3. Award recognizing the honoree as an *Angel of the Battlefield*
4. Recognition in a national news release and on social media

Intro Video

The Armed Services YMCA will produce a brief video introducing the honoree and context for the award. In doing so, you may be advised to provide photos, additional background information, and/or footage shot on location. Details to be determined.

In addition to the introductory video being aired at the event, Armed Services YMCA may broadcast this feature to a larger international audience at their discretion and in promotion of the awarding organization.

Submission Requirements

Each package submitted should have:

1. Nominating letter from Commanding Officer or Commissioned Officer in member's chain of command (example attached)
2. Honoree Questionnaire (attached)
3. Command Contact Cover Sheet (attached)
4. Endorsement by Commanding Officer if the nominating officer is not the CO
5. Narrative of the action leading to the member's nomination (if the action earned the member a Military award, please provide a copy of the award's narrative and citation)
6. Endorsements by higher headquarters in the chain of command (optional)
7. Forwarding letter from the service surgeon general or equivalent
8. Complete list of honoree's education, training, service assignments, and awards
9. Honoree's biography (one page)
10. Official portrait (requirements: high resolution capable of printing up to 8x10; color photo, member wearing Service Dress Uniform with Cover)(e-file sent to chaley@asymca.org)

A checklist is enclosed.

Deadlines and Routing

1. Each Surgeon General/Senior Medical Officer will select their service's awardee.
2. Packages should be routed to that service's officer per normal service policy.
3. Final selection and information must reach the Armed Services YMCA no later than **30 June 2023**.
4. The final packages may be submitted to the Armed Services YMCA to chaley@asymca.org or by mail.
5. Mailing address for packages:

Armed Services YMCA
Attn.: Angel of the Battlefield
14040 Central Loop – Suite B
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Contact Information

1. Name: Chris Haley, Chief of Staff
2. Email: chaley@asymca.org
3. Phone: 571-932-3212

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SAMPLE NOMINATION LETTER

- 1. This letter is a sample only; commands may submit the nomination (with required enclosures) as Service and local policy require.**
- 2. Italicized items in brackets should be individualized for each submission.**

From: *[nominating officer, name of command]*
To: Armed Services YMCA of the United States
Via: *[Surgeon General of the *****]*
[other commands per service requirements]

Subject: NOMINATION FOR 2023 ARMED SERVICES YMCA ANGEL OF THE BATTLEFIELD

Enclosures: (1) Command contact cover sheet
(2) Honoree biography
(3) Honoree questionnaire
(4) Honoree Military background
(5) Official portrait (hi-res, 8x10, color, member in Service Dress uniform with cover)
(6) Copy of Military award narrative and citation (if applicable)

1. [Rank, Full Name, Branch of Service] is my nominee for selection as the 2023 Angel of the Battlefield for the United States [Service]. [Rank, Last Name] distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism and is singularly worthy of the recognition afforded by this award.
2. [Narrative of action that led to the member's selection] Armed Services YMCA criteria: The Angel of the Battlefield is awarded to one individual each from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard who, while serving in any capacity, distinguishes themselves by heroism in administering emergency medical care or lifesaving, to include (but not required) involvement in actual conflict with the enemy. The member's actions will be worthy of recognition as defined by each Service and will have displayed both heroism and risk to one's own life.
3. [Rank, Last Name]'s actions were extraordinarily heroic, brought great credit upon the United States [Service] and merit the awarding of the Angel of the Battlefield.

[Signature of Nominating or Commanding Officer]

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COMMAND CONTACT COVER SHEET

Command Name:

Commanding Officer:

Executive Officer:

Senior Enlisted Leader:

Command's Point of Contact (*please provide rank, first name, and last name*):

POC's Contact Information

Mailing Address for U.S. Mail: Number and Street:

City:

State/Province:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Duty email address:

Duty Phone:

Mobile Phone:

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HONOREE QUESTIONNAIRE

Personal Information

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Month and Year of Birth:

Hometown:

Family Information

Spouse First and Last Name (if applicable):

Spouse Military Background (if applicable):

Children First Name and Ages (if applicable):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Mother First and Last Name:

Mother Hometown:

Mother Military Background (if applicable):

Father First and Last Name:

Father Hometown:

Father Military Background (if applicable):

Contact Information

Mailing Address for U.S. Mail:

Number and Street:

City:

State/Province:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Country (not in U.S.):

Duty email address:

Personal email address:

Duty Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Military Information

Rate/Paygrade:

Rank (Sergeant, Petty Officer 3rd Class, etc.):

Branch of Service:

Military Job Specialty/Rating:

MOS/*****/NEC/*****/*****/Plain

Language Job Title:

Home of Record (city and state):

Years of Service as of November 2023:

Current Command Name:

Command location/homeport/garrison:

Deployments *(please list general location and length of tour):*

Operations in Which Your Unit Participated *(provide name of Operation, general location, and dates):*

Do you have any other family members who have served in the Military?

Why did you join the Military?

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HONOREE MILITARY BACKGROUND

Assignments (list command, geographic location, dates):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
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- 6.
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- 10.

Service Schools:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Training (other than service schools):

- 1.
- 2.
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Awards (list award and date):

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