

RECOGNITION

GOLD MEDAL AWARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects an emergency services person, a law enforcement officer and a firefighter to receive VFW Gold Medal Awards. The presentation of these awards is made at the VFW Department Convention in June/July or a respective award ceremony. Post Safety Chairmen are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their Department Headquarters by November 1. The Department must select a single candidate for each award and submit those to VFW National Headquarters by November 17. Eligible candidates for each award are as follows:

Emergency Medical Technician Gold Medal

Any individual who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

Law Enforcement Gold Medal

Any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individual employed by private companies or security services.

Firefighters Gold Medal

Any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Criteria for all Gold Medal Awards:

Candidates must have demonstrated:

- Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Documentation required for all candidates:

- Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the candidate's overall background.
- One page resume of the candidate's background in their field.
- One page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field.
- Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate.

Nomination:

Post Safety Chairmen should send the above information to their Department Headquarters to arrive no later than November 1. Departments should forward their candidate and documentation to arrive no later than November 17 to:

VFW National Headquarters, Attn: Programs – Gold Medal Award, 406 W 34 St
Kansas City, MO 64111