



## 2021 NGAA Individual Award Nomination Guidance

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The NGAA Awards program is designed to recognize members of the Arkansas National Guard as well as individuals and organizations within the State of Arkansas who support NGAA and its members. **Starting in 2021, the NGAA awards program will be more closely modeled after the National Guard Association of the United States to allow for our awards to easily be turned in for national level recognition.**

### **Nomination Deadline: 15 April 2021**

- Awards MUST include the 2021 NGAA Individual Award Nomination Form and be routed through the channels defined by each service. Additional pages will be accepted, if space is needed, to provide a full justification for award. If additional pages are submitted, please annotate on the nomination form.

- Award packages will be submitted in one PDF document to the POC listed above using the following naming convention:

AWARD TITLE-UNIT\_MEMBER LAST NAME

### **Award Categories**

*The following awards will be boarded at the state level before forwarding to NGAUS due to the limit set on each state for these categories*

- Company Grade Officer of the Year (Army & Air): This award recognizes one (1) Air and one (1) Army CGO exemplifying leadership qualities above and beyond normal duties. While this is listed as an annual award, write-ups are not limited to any certain time period, except to ensure information does not go beyond the member's time as a member of the National Guard. Significant contributions to the State and Nation in both a military and civilian capacity will be highly favored. (NGAUS Title for this award is "Theodore Roosevelt Leadership Award for Company Grade Officers")

- Warrant Officer of the Year (Army ONLY): This award recognizes one (1) Army WO1 – WO3 exemplifying leadership qualities above and beyond normal duties. While this is listed as an annual award, write-ups are not limited to any certain time period, except to ensure information does not go beyond the member's time as a member of the National Guard. Significant contributions to the State and Nation in both a military and civilian capacity will be highly favored. (NGAUS Title for this award is "Eagle Rising Award for Warrant Officers")

*The following awards will be considered by the NGAAs Awards Board to be sure they fulfill intent of the award PRIOR to submission to NGAUS. Additionally, these awards may not require presentation at the state level. Full descriptions may be found on the NGAUS website: <https://www.ngaus.org/about-ngaus/awards>*

- NGAUS Garde Nationale Trophy: The award recognizes the significant achievement of M-Day/DSG members serving in a civilian capacity. The achievement will have advanced fields such as medicine, science, art, education, industry, ect to new levels and generated recognition from the member's civilian peers.
- Valley Forge Cross for Heroism: This award is intended for members of the National Guard (officer/warrant officer/enlisted) displaying courage and heroism when faced with a dangerous and/or life threatening situation.
- NGAUS Meritorious Service Award: This award is intended for members of the National Guard or Armed Forces of the United States (officer/warrant officer/enlisted) for outstanding achievement on behalf of the National Guard or NGAUS.
- NGAUS Distinguished Service Medal: This award is intended for members of the National Guard or Armed Forces of the United States (officer/warrant officer/enlisted) and civilians assigned to National Guard Bureau for outstanding service to the United States Government, and Armed Forces of the United States or NGAUS.
- Patrick Henry Award: Any civilian (or civilian entity/organization) not already eligible for an award from another category can be nominated for distinguished service over an extended period of time in support of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard, or NGAUS.
- Charles Dick Medal of Merit: Members of the Arkansas State Legislature, members of Congress, and the Governor of Arkansas are eligible to be nominated for this award if they have shown support to the National Guard over an extended period of time. Service above and beyond the normal duties of his/her position will need to be clearly identified. Examples of sponsored/co-sponsored legislation go a long way when paired with individual action while serving the state in this capacity.
- Montgomery Medal: Any individual (elected official, staffer, or private citizen) or organization providing outstanding support in the pursuit of NGAUS objectives may be nominated.
- Harry S. Truman Award: Highest recognition conferred by NGAUS. Civilian and military leaders at a national level may be nominated if there is evidence to support sustained contributions of exceptional and far-reaching magnitude to the defense and security of the United States.