



AWARDS BULLETIN

National Commander's Awards for the Outstanding Local Veterans' Employment Representative and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist

We are pleased to announce the National Commander's Awards Program to honor individuals in the above categories. In order for this to be a success, we need the support of all chapters and departments, and therefore, encourage every department to submit a nominee for each category. We believe there is a deserving candidate within each department who should be recognized by DAV.

- In addition to accepting nominations from DAV departments, we urge the departments to solicit and accept nominations from employers, local employment office managers, state and assistant state directors of veterans' employment and others.

The following rules outline the procedures to be followed in making nominations. All nominations **must be submitted with the complete information and necessary photos no later than February 28, 2017.**

We wish to thank those departments who have consistently participated in and supported this program by submitting quality nominations. We urge your continued support.

We also request other departments that have not been involved in the program to assist us this year in this most important effort.

Your participation and cooperation will enable DAV to publicize nationally the achievements of disabled veterans. This should benefit the many thousands of unemployed disabled veterans and enhance their opportunities for suitable employment.

With your cooperation and participation, this program can be very efficient and effective. Any questions should be directed to National Employment Director Jeff Hall.

J. MARC BURGESS
National Adjutant

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RULES GOVERNING THE PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL COMMANDER'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LOCAL VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND OUTSTANDING DISABLED VETERAN'S OUTREACH PROGRAM SPECIALIST

In recognition of the significant contributions made by Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVER) and Disabled Veteran's Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) to enhance employment and training opportunities for injured and ill veterans, DAV has established an annual awards program to honor the nation's outstanding LVER and DVOP.

Nominations will be accepted from DAV Departments, the National Amputation Chapter and the National Blind Veterans Chapter. Also, nominations may be submitted directly to National Headquarters to the attention of National Employment Director Jeff Hall, by chapters not belonging to a Department.

The following rules are to be observed by participating DAV departments and chapters.

Nominations:

- Chapters should submit nominations for the Local Veterans' Employment Representative Award to the Department Employment Committee or to a specific committee appointed by the Department Commander. This committee will select the winner. Previous candidates may be renominated if they have not formerly won the national award. In addition to chapter nominations, we urge departments to solicit and accept nominations from employers, local employment office managers, State and Assistant State Directors of Veterans' Employment and others. These are the people who know the quality of work performed by the designated LVER and DVOP.
- Departments are requested to submit only their winning nomination to the National Employment Director for consideration of the national commander's award. Also, the National Amputation and National Blind Veterans Chapters may submit nominations for the national award directly to the National Employment Director.
- **Only one nomination** may be submitted by each participant. Each nominee must be the appropriately designated and identified Local Veterans' Employment Representative who is a full-time paid employee of the public employment service. Those individuals who were hired under the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) are not eligible for this award, but may be nominated for the DVOP award and should be so identified.
- All nominations **must include**: (1) name and address of nominee, (2) a 4" by 6" glossy photograph of the nominee or CD/USB drive containing a JPEG measuring at least 4" by 6" and 300 ppi or higher, (3) biographical data including name, address and phone number of office where employed, (4) resume of work activities, and (5) **written consent of the nominee** to use his or her name, picture and biographical data for publicity by DAV.
- All nominations will be judged by a committee selected by the National Employment Director.
- The National Organization will also provide a plaque to the office in which the national winner is employed. Please provide the name and telephone number of the local office manager.

Selection of recipient:

- The LVER's and DVOP's accomplishments with regard to outreach, counseling, training, placement and job development opportunities for America's injured heroes will be considered;
- Ability to motivate and stimulate other employment service personnel to serve veterans should be assessed;
- Effectiveness with employers, veterans' organizations, unions, government officials, injured and ill veteran applicants should be measured; and
- Public relations activities should also be weighed.

Administration:

The Department Adjutant should be responsible on the state level for implementing this program. The National Employment Director will be responsible for the administration of this program on the national level.

Deadline:

Each nomination, with all supporting material, must be received by the National Employment Director **no later than February 28, 2017**. The selection of the national winner by the Awards Committee will be final.

The only expense to be borne by the National Organization will be the cost of the National Commander's Award. It will be the responsibility of the department, chapter or local national service office to make arrangements to present the award to the recipients.

Publicity:

Every department is requested to urge participation in this program by all chapters, as this is an effective way to obtain maximum employment services for disabled veterans at the local level. Chapter officers should contact local office managers of the state employment service and work with State and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives to ensure the success of this program.

All chapters are urged to publicize this awards program. It would be most appropriate to invite Local Veterans' Employment Representatives and/or local office managers to speak at chapter meetings about local employment services for veterans.

Departments are asked to consider inviting State Administrators, Regional and State Directors of Veterans' Employment, and other employment service personnel to awards ceremonies for department winners and to publicize these activities. It is suggested that the Department Convention would be an ideal opportunity to present the award.

The anticipated cooperation of all departments is appreciated, as it will result in an expansion of employment and training opportunities for countless unemployed or underemployed veterans.



2017 National Commander's Award Nomination Form
Outstanding DVOP/LVER

Department of _____ State

Select One: [] Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist [] Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER)

Nominee's Name _____

Work Address _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Work _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Work _____ Home _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Place of Birth _____ Marital Status _____

Spouse's Name _____ Children _____

Local Office Manager

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

Military Service

Date [] Enlisted [] Drafted [] Commissioned ____/____/____ Date Separated ____/____/____

Branch _____ Rank _____

DAV Membership

Select One: [] Life [] Annual [] Eligible [] Not Eligible Chapter _____ Number _____ State _____

Nominee's achievements (attach additional sheet if needed)

Nominee's involvement with DAV and community groups (attach additional sheet if needed)

Submitted by

_____ Name and Title _____ Email _____

_____ Address _____ Phone _____

Approved by (requires at least one signature)

_____ Department Commander _____ Department Adjutant _____ Department Employment Chairperson

2017 National Commander's Award Nomination Form, continued Outstanding DVOP/LVER

Award: Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER)

Nominee's Name _____

When submitting your nomination, please include the following items:

- Nominee's resume
- Narrative explaining why the nominee was selected
- Recent photo of nominee, suitable for publicity purposes. Acceptable formats include:
 - (1) glossy print, at least 4" x 6"
 - (2) CD/USB drive containing a JPEG image measuring at least 4" x 6" and 300 ppi or higher
- Nominee's signed consent (below)

Consent Form

I, _____, hereby authorize DAV to use my name, photo and biographical information in connection with the National Commander's Awards Program.

Signature

Date

Please submit your nomination by February 28, 2017 to the DAV Employment Awards Committee via email at davawards@dav.org or via postal mail at the address below.

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Attn: Employment Awards Committee
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Cold Spring, KY 41076