

**Department of Pennsylvania
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Safety Awards Program
2024-2025**

Public Servant Award Citations for Emergency Medical Technicians, Law Enforcement Personnel, Firefighters, and 911 Dispatchers

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians, law enforcement and firefighter personnel, 911 dispatchers to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. Post Safety Chairperson are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their Department Headquarters by **December 15**. (*Note: new date*). The Department must select a single candidate for each of the three awards and submit those to VFW National Headquarters by February 1.

NOTE: The VFW National Programs Department does not require all documentation items to be mailed to Kansas City, Missouri (from Department to National.) The only item the National VFW Programs Department requires is the “VFW Department Public Servant Award Citation Request Form” which can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Department upon request –send an e-mail to tbeauchamp@vfw.org or call 816-756-3390, ext. 6287.

VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Public Servant Citation: 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.

VFW National Law Enforcement Public Servant Citation:

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.

VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Citation:

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 these awards – Candidates must have demonstrated:

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

911 Dispatcher Award Citation:

Dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibility and experience in which safeguard the community, the state, and the nation. 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 individuals employed by private companies or security services.

Documentation required for all Candidates:

- 1) Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- 2) One (1) page resume of the candidate's overall background.
- 3) One (1) page resume of the candidate's background in their field.
- 4) One (1) page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field.
- 5) Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate.
- 6) NEW One (1) page VFW Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form is now available under the VFW website log in to assist in obtaining nominations (but is not a required document.)

Nomination – Post Safety Chairperson should send the above information to their Department Headquarters to arrive not later than **December 15**.

Departments should forward a completed “VFW Department Public Servant Award Citation Request Form” for each of their Department winners to arrive no later than February 1 to:

If you have questions, please contact:

Brian Delaney
VFW Department of PA Safety Chairperson
52 Carey Street
Ashley, PA. 18706

E-mail: bdelane21@yahoo.com

Phone: 570-575-3589



Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

FIREFIGHTER AWARD

Every community certainly has at least one **“Outstanding Firefighter”** nominee who should be recognized. Each Post Commander is urged to direct his appointed safety Chairperson to find a nominee or name a special Chairperson to submit an **“Outstanding Firefighter”** nominee. The Post Chairperson is responsible for coordinating this program and selecting the Post’s most worthy candidate. After the judging is complete at Post level, the post must select their first-place winner and the Post must send **all entries** to the District to be forwarded to the state Chairperson so that all the Post receives credit for all entries.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Recognition by colleagues of their service, whether that service be one of quiet dedication, or one achieving wide publicity, to the best and highest interest of the nation and community.
2. Unswerving loyalty to, and active performance in, the defense, safety, and security of the nation’s citizens; on a full time, part-time or a volunteer basis.
3. Dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibility and experience, not only in fields within fire safety but in those fields which safeguard the community, the state, and the nation.

Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

FIREFIGHTER AWARD

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

TITLE OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

(1) Resume of Nominee's Background:

(2) Resume of Nominee's Background in Firefighting Work:

(3) Nominee's Accomplishments in the Firefighting Field:

(4) Letter of endorsement from Post Commander: (This is a necessity)

Post Commander Name: _____

Post Number: _____ District Number: _____

Post Commander Signature: _____

Please Send Completed Forms, Resume, and Letter to:

Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

Firefighter Award

4002 Fenton Avenue

Harrisburg, PA 17109-5943

717-234-7927

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ENDORSEMENT FROM THE VFW POST COMMANDER.**

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 15th

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AWARD

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The emergency medical technician award will be presented so that those brave and honest men and women in the field of emergency service might know that their dedication and goodwill are appreciated.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AWARD

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

TITLE OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE _____

CITY _____ PA _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE: _____

(1) Resume of Nominee's Background:

(2) Resume of Nominee's Background in Emergency Services Work:

(3) Nominee's Accomplishments in the Emergency Services Field:

(4) Letter of endorsement from Post Commander: (This is a necessity)

Post Commander Name: _____

Post Number: _____ District Number: _____

Post Commander Signature: _____

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Emergency Medical Technician Award

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JOHN RADKO AWARD

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3. Dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibility and experience, not only in fields within fire safety but those fields which safeguard the community, the state, and the nation.

Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

JOHN RADKO AWARD

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

TITLE OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE: _____

- (1) Resume of Nominee's Background:
- (2) Resume of Nominee's Background in Law Enforcement Work:
- (3) Nominee's Accomplishments in the Law Enforcement Field:
- (4) Letter of endorsement from Post Commander: (This is a necessity)

Post Commander Name: _____

Post Number: _____ District Number: _____

Post Commander Signature: _____

Please Send Completed Forms, Resume, and Letter to:
Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars
John Radko Award
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Harrisburg, PA 17109-5943
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911 DISPATCHER AWARD

Every community certainly has at least one **“Outstanding 911 Dispatcher”** nominee who should be recognized. Each Post Commander is urged to direct his appointed safety Chairperson to find a nominee or name a special Chairperson to submit an **“Outstanding 911 Dispatcher”** nominee. The Post Chairperson is responsible for coordinating this program and selecting the Post’s most worthy candidate. After the judging is complete at Post level, the post must select their first-place winner and the Post must send **all entries** to the District to be forwarded to the state Chairperson so that all the Post receives credit for all entries.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Recognition by colleagues of their service, whether that service be one of quiet dedication, or one achieving wide publicity, to the best and highest interest of the nation and community.
2. The nominee must demonstrate his or her professional interaction with the caller(s), coworkers, and responders by applying skills such as multitasking, customer service and the operation of the equipment used. Most of all, the nominee must show the due respect to the Telecommunicator position.
3. Dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibility and experience, not only in fields within fire safety but in those fields which safeguard the community, the state, and the nation.

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911 DISPATCHER AWARD

NAME OF NOMINEE _____

TITLE OF NOMINEE _____

ADDRESS OF NOMINEE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

(1) Resume of Nominee's Background:

(2) Resume of Nominee's Background in Dispatching Work:

(3) Nominee's Accomplishments in the Telecommunication Field:

(4) Letter of endorsement from Post Commander: (This is a necessity)

Post Commander Name: _____

Post Number: _____ District Number: _____

Post Commander Signature: _____

Please Send Completed Forms, Resumes, and Letter to:

Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

Dispatcher Award

4002 Fenton Avenue

Harrisburg, PA 17109-5943

717-234-7927

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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 15th OF EACH YEAR