

**Department of Pennsylvania  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Safety Awards Program  
2023 – 2024**

**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 Chairmen 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](mailto: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 Chairmen should send the above information to their Department Headquarters to arrive not later than January 1. 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:

Questions, Please Contact the Department of PA VFW Chairman:

Jim Lewis

2177 Mercer Road

Stoneboro, PA 16153

Cell: 724-988-9181

Email: [jimandlinda@zoominternet.net](mailto:jimandlinda@zoominternet.net)



## 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 chairman to find a nominee or name a special chairman to submit an “**Outstanding Firefighter**” nominee. The Post Chairman 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 chairman so that all the Post get the credit for all entries.

All Districts **will** have a safety chairman. If your district does not have a Safety chairman, then submit **all entries** to Department HQ.

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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

**NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE LETTER OF  
ENDORSEMENT FROM THE VFW POST COMMANDER.**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Please note the date change*



## DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AWARD

Every community certainly has at least one “Emergency Medical Technician” nominee who should be recognized. Each Post Commander is urged to direct his appointed safety chairman to find a nominee or name a special chairman to submit an “Emergency Medical Technician” nominee. The Post Chairman 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 chairman so that all the Post get the credit for all entries.

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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.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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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**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Send Completed Forms, Resumes, and Letter to:**

Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

Emergency Medical Technician Award

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Harrisburg, PA 17109-5943

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## Department Of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

### JOHN RADKO AWARD

Every community certainly has at least one “**Outstanding Police Officer**” nominee who should be recognized. Each Post Commander is urged to direct his appointed safety chairman to find a nominee or name a special chairman to submit an “**Outstanding Police Officer**” nominee. The Post Chairman 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 chairman so that all the Post get the credit for all entries.

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### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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John Radko Award  
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Harrisburg, PA 17109-5943  
1-717-234-7927

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## Department Of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

### **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 chairman to find a nominee or name a special chairman to submit an **“Outstanding 911 Dispatcher”** nominee. The Post Chairman 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 chairman so that all the Post get the 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.

Department Of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars

**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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