VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, FIREFIGHTERS, DISPATCHERS AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIANS (EODT)

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians (services), law enforcement, firefighter, dispatcher and explosive ordnance disposal technicians personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. Posts are encouraged to submit a candidate/group for these awards to their **Department Headquarters or Department Safety Chairperson by January 1.** The Department may then select a single candidate for each of the five awards and submit those to the **VFW National Headquarters by February 1.**

VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, 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/group, 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 an individual employed by private companies or security services.

VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, 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.

VFW National 911 Dispatcher Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group who serves in a municipal, county, state, or federal unit tasked with providing the vital link between callers in distress and emergency response team by obtaining essential information to send the appropriate responders to the right location.

VFW National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with the enforcement of the laws and special handling pertaining to disposal of explosive threats to our nation's citizens.

NOTE: First Responder Medal is available through the VFW Store. To review this item please click on the following link: https://www.vfwstore.org/products/32134

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.
4) Posthumous nominations are not eligible.

Documentation required for all Candidates:

1) Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form
2) Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
3) Include justification outlining background in field, accomplishments and awards.

If you have any questions contact Robert Otero 575-626-7325, e-mail, robertotero17@gmail.com. **Note:** All Department Public Servant Citations must be requested through the VFW Department Public Servant Award Request Form through the Dashboard. **Deadline for Department submissions to National is February 1, to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentations.** If there are any questions email mspencer@vfw.org or call 816.756.3390 ext. 6287.

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