National Awards Program



Police Medal of Honor -This medal along with a certificate are provided without cost to the family of an officer killed in the line of duty. In addition the officers name is engraved on the marble walls of our National Police Memorial. Presently more than 8,300 names have been engraved since 1960.

The American Police Hall of Fame and Museum developed its National Awards Program in 1972 to recognize the acts of valor of law enforcement officers throughout the United States. The Awards Committee recognizes that far too often an officer's actions are overlooked due to the lack of local award programs. The National Award Program is open to all departments across the country.

In this brochure you will find a nomination form and a list of the awards we offer. It is never too late to apply for an award that was not issued at the time an act took place. Please use the nomination form on the back if you know of any officer(s) who should be recognized for their actions.

The American Police Hall of Fame and Museum was founded in 1960 to honor law enforcement officers all across the country. Our Memorial Wall has been engraved with the names of more than 8,300 officers who were killed in the line of duty nationwide. The Museum is open 360 days a year and is home to more than 10,000 exhibits and artifacts. Our facility is also home to a 24-lane indoor public shooting center.

Please visit www.aphf.org to learn more about all of the programs and services we offer to officers, families and citizens who support the law enforcement community.

Presentation Instructions

An award should be presented at a ceremony attended by the command officer(s), family and friends of the recipient. Inviting the local media is encouraged. Photographs can be taken of the ceremony and sent to us for use in our publications. Please include a caption for each photo and include the name(s) and a brief description of the circumstances that led to the recipient's award. The photos can be submitted via email in JPEG format in high resolution to policeinfo@aphf.org. If you have any questions concerning our awards program, presentations or photo submissions please contact the Awards Secretary at 321-264-0911.

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The National Awards Program at the American Police Hall of Fame offers the choice of a standard or premium awards package. All Silver Star recipients will receive a framed award. The awards marked by an asterisk are certificate only.

Standard Award Package - $30

Standard Award Package includes a 8.5"x11" certificate with holder, boxed medal, uniform bar and lapel pin.









Medal Size: 1½" diameter

Premium Award Package - $45

Premium Award Package includes a plaque mounted certificate, boxed medal, uniform bar and lapel pin.









Medal Size: 1½" diameter

Silver Star Award Package - $60

Silver Star Package includes a framed certificate and medal, and a boxed medal, uniform bar and lapel pin. This package is only available to Silver Star recipients.





General Standards

For Medals & Certificates Issued By The American Police Hall of Fame

Approved nominees will receive a medal, certificate, lapel pin and a uniform bar (where applicable). Awards usually take three to four weeks to be processed. If there is a special event in which awards are needed quickly, please notify the Awards Secretary at 321-264-0911, 9-4 Eastern time. For expedited mail service an additional payment will be added to the filing fee based on postal or UPS services. Otherwise all awards are sent via first class mail. **All Law Enforcement Award nominations must have the recommendation of the department's Commanding Officer.**

1. **Silver Star for Bravery** - The Silver Star is awarded for extraordinary heroism performed in the line of duty. It recognizes an officer whose act of courage goes above and beyond the call of duty.
2. **Law Enforcement Purple Heart** - The Police Purple Heart is issued to officers who are injured or disabled in the line of duty. Purple Heart recipients are eligible if they were required to seek professional medical attention and were out of work at least one week.
3. **Life Saving Award** - Issued to anyone whose actions saved the life of a fellow citizen in an emergency.
4. **Merit Award for Excellent Arrest** -This award is issued to law enforcement officers who make a notable arrest of a dangerous felon.
5. **General Commendation** - This award is issued to law enforcement officers whose actions deserve to be commended for an outstanding act during the performance of their duties.
6. **Honor Award for Public Service** - May be issued to law enforcement officers, elected officials or citizens whose leadership skills are outstanding in reducing crime or assisting departments in volunteer activities.
7. **Criminal Investigation Award** - In recognition of those detectives or investigators who are often not recognized for solving cases, yet are important in the investigation of all types of cases.
8. **Distinguished Police Service Award** - Recognizes law enforcement officers for honorable service (5 years minimum) and is normally issued at retirement.
9. **Correctional Officers Award** - Available for correction officers for 5 or more years of honorable service or for actions deemed noteworthy while performing their duty.
10. **John Edgar Hoover Memorial Award** - This award is issued to law enforcement officers who have successfully completed additional training to garner new skills in the field of criminal justice. It recognizes officers who continually seek a lifetime of education and advancement. It can also be issued to instructors or institutions who provide beneficial products or services to the law enforcement community.
11. **Knights of Justice Award** - This award is issued to the Good Samaritan who comes to the aid of those in need. Law enforcement officers automatically qualify as they put their life on the line every day they are on duty. Citizens involved as crime watch volunteers are also eligible.
12. **Civilian Medal of Appreciation** - This award is to thank a citizen for support of law enforcement by services or an act of valor. It can also be used to recognize private security whose actions aid local law enforcement officers.
13. **K-9 Service Certificate*** - For the K-9 police dog that assists in the apprehension of criminals and the prevention of crime.
14. **K-9 Memorial Certificate*** - For the K-9 police dog killed in the line of duty.

**** K-9 certificates cost $10***



In the arena of human life the honors and rewards fall to those who show their good qualities in action.
– Aristotle

Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.
–Abraham Lincoln

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Utilize Our Awards Program

Awards are considered based upon the documentation submitted. The Award Committee reserves the right to make the final determination on what award is issued. If no documentation is submitted the nomination will be returned with the nomination fee.

MAIL TO: AWARDS COMMITTEE
6350 Horizon Dr. • Titusville, FL 32780

OFFICE USE ONLY

AWARD ISSUED DATE

REVIEWED BY:

SELF NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. All Law Enforcement nominations must be accompanied by supportive documentation and a nomination fee. The nomination fee is based on the award package(s) you select below. Please allow up to 30 business days to process.

1. Check Award requested:

- ☐ Silver Star for Bravery
- ☐ Merit Award for Excellent Arrest
- ☐ Criminal Investigation Award
- ☐ John Edgar Hoover Memorial Award
- ☐ K-9 Service*
- ☐ Law Enforcement Purple Heart
- ☐ General Commendation
- ☐ Distinguished Police Service Award
- ☐ Knights of Justice Award
- ☐ K-9 Memorial*
- ☐ Life Saving Award
- ☐ Honor Award for Public Service
- ☐ Correctional Officers Award
- ☐ Civilian Medal of Appreciation

* Certificate only

2. Select Package:

- ☐ Standard Package ($30)
- ☐ Premium Package ($45)
- ☐ Silver Star Package ($60)*
- ☐ K-9 Service/Memorial ($10)

* Only Available for Silver Star Recipents

Please print or type

1. Name of Nominee _____ Rank _____
2. Address _____
3. City _____ State _____ Zip _____
5. Department _____
6. Name and address where award should be mailed:
   Name _____
   Address _____
   City _____ State _____ Zip _____
7. Describe the circumstances that occurred which lead to this nomination (Copy of police report and/or newspaper article required)

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Sponsor Information

Rank _____ Name _____
Department _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date _____ Telephone No. _____ Email _____

OATH: *I certify that this nomination is true and correct. I understand that falsifying information invalidates any award issued. The processing fee has no bearing on the award granted and is made to cover the costs of the materials and shipping. Fee and documentation must accompany application.*

Sponsor's Signature _____

Commanding Officer's Signature _____

Make check payable to APHF

METHOD OF PAYMENT NO C.O.D.'S please
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Money Order ☐ Check

Signature _____ Exp. Date ___/___

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Return to: **Awards Committee**
American Police Hall of Fame
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