

**CAL-EANGUS  
AWARDS PROGRAM**

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## Overview

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this program will be to recognize individuals, associations and corporations who, by superior performance or by distinguished service make a major contribution to the well being of EANGUS and the effectiveness and professionalism of the California Army and Air National Guard.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Awards made by the CAL-EANGUS Awards Program will be presented on behalf of the CAL-EANGUS membership-at-large. The presentations usually will be made by the President of the Association at the general membership conference, or at a suitable alternative occasion as determined by the current CAL-EANGUS President. If the President is not available, a suitable alternate may be designated, such as another officer of the Association, Committee Chairperson or member representing the Association. The Committee on Awards is appointed by the President and approved by the CAL-EANGUS Board. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the Awards Program for adequacy and administrative effectiveness; as well as reviewing all nominations for awards at appropriate intervals. CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee Chairperson will be responsible for maintaining permanent records which shall be maintained by the Secretary of CAL-EANGUS. This will include all awards and items of appreciation distributed on behalf of CAL-EANGUS.

The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee shall be responsible for promoting all categories of awards listed in the CAL-EANGUS Awards Program. This promotion will ensure all potential recipients are considered and that it will further the professionalism of our members and the National Guard. It must be accomplished by word-of-mouth, articles in the CAL-EANGUS publication and all other California National Guard Publications.

**FUNDING:** Awards and certificates will be budgeted yearly by CAL-EANGUS.

## **MINUTEMAN AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To provide to any person who distinguishes themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to CAL-EANGUS.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To any member of CAL-EANGUS who meets the criteria as listed below.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to CAL-EANGUS
2. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that stands out above all others. Particular consideration should be given those individuals who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any member of CAL-EANGUS may nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee no later than January 31st prior to the annual conference each year.
3. All nominations will be reviewed by the CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee to insure individuals meet all criteria; however the current CAL-EANGUS will make the selection.
4. There is a limit of three (3) awards that will be given in any calendar year.

## **GOLD MINER AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the United States Government, State of California or Armed Forces of the United States. (National)

**ELIGIBILITY:** To any member of CAL-EANGUS who meets the criteria as listed below.

**CRITERIA:** An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the United States Government, State of California or Armed Forces of the United States. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that stands out above all others. Particular consideration should be given those individuals who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any member of CAL-EANGUS may nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee no later than January 31st prior to the annual conference each year.
3. All nominations will be reviewed by the CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee to insure individuals meet all criteria; however the current CAL-EANGUS will make the selection.
4. There is a limit of three (3) awards that will be given in any calendar year.

## **CONCORD MINUTEMAN PLAQUE**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes themselves with an outstanding contribution of CAL-EANGUS.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To any member who is a non-voting member or a non-member who meets the criteria as listed below. This includes associate and corporate members.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. An individual must have contributed exceptional service to the CAL-EANGUS or the National Guard.
2. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed exceptional service of a sustained nature.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Nominations can be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chair at any time during the membership year but in order to be presented at the Fall conference and forwarded to the EANGUS We Care For America (WCFA)
2. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection.
3. Only one of these awards can be given in a calendar year.

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize an individual's distinguished (prolonged) service which is accomplished on behalf of CAL-EANGUS or California National Guard.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any current dues paying or Life member of EANGUS. Membership will be verified with CAL-EANGUS.

**CRITERIA:** The following criteria shall serve as a guideline in the selection of recipients;

1. An individual must have demonstrated outstanding service to CAL-EANGUS, the United States Government or any of the Armed Forces.

2. Superior performance of normal duty will not alone justify the award. An individual must have distinguished contributions over an extended period of time to clearly merit this award.

**NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual to receive this award by completing the appropriate application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chairman by January 31st by submitting the appropriate application. All awards approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations for selection at an official meeting.
4. No more than ten awards may be given in a single calendar year.
5. A detailed written citation will be provided by the person making the nomination.

## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize any individual who, while serving in the military forces of this nation or its allies in position(s) of great responsibility, distinguishes themselves with exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Government, the Armed Forces, EANGUS or CAL-EANGUS.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any current dues paying or Life member of EANGUS. Membership will be verified with CAL-EANGUS membership.

**CRITERIA:** Any individual who is a member of the CAL-EANGUS, who distinguishes themselves in “grass roots” efforts in legislative priorities, promotes the status, welfare and the professionalism of the enlisted members of the United States of America military personnel.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Chairman by January 31st.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection.

## **CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize any individual who, while serving in the military forces of this nation or its allies in position of great responsibility, distinguishes themselves with exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Government, the Armed Forces, EANGUS or CAL-EANGUS.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any current dues paying or Life Member of EANGUS. Membership will be verified with CAL-EANGUS membership.

**CRITERIA:** The following criteria shall serve as a guideline in the selection of recipients:

1. An individual must have demonstrated exceptional meritorious service to the government of the United States or any of its citizens thereof, the Armed Forces of the United States.
2. A single act that is meritorious in nature will justify a recipient for this award.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any member of EANGUS can nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chairperson by January 31st.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Board will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection at an official meeting.
4. No more than fifteen of these awards may be given in any calendar year.
5. A detailed written citation will be provided by the person making the nomination.



## **CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize an individual for outstanding service which was performed on behalf of CAL EANGUS or the California National Guard.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any current dues paying or Life Member of EANGUS. Membership will be verified with CAL-EANGUS membership.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. An individual must have contributed outstanding service to CAL-EANGUS.
2. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service in a sustained service.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any member of CAL-EANGUS can nominate an individual for this award by completing the appropriate application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chairman no later than January 31st prior to the annual conference each year by submitting the appropriate application. All awards approved after this date will be presented by the state at a suitable occasion.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee will review all nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection at an official meeting.
4. There is a limit of twenty awards to be given in any calendar year.
5. A detailed written citation will be provided by the person making the nomination.



## **THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE MUSKET AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To provide recognition and/or appreciation to members of the CAL-EANGUS Auxiliary for their support in our legislative efforts through their “grass roots” effort.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To any member of the CAL-EANGUS Auxiliary who has helped EANGUS promote its goals through the legislative process, by means of “grass roots” letter writing, telephoning, volunteering and personal contact.

**CRITERIA:** Any individual who is a member of the CAL-EANGUS Auxiliary, who distinguishes themselves in “grass roots” efforts in legislative priorities, promotes the status, welfare and the professionalism of the enlisted members of the United States of America military personnel.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Nominations can be submitted to the Awards Chair at any time during the membership year but in order to be presented at the Fall conference and forwarded to the EANGUS We Care For America (WCFA)
2. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection. Coordination and approval of Auxiliary President necessary.
3. Only one of these awards can be given in a calendar year.

## **THE CALIFORNIA BEAR AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize a current member of the California State Legislature or Senate for contributions made to the California National Guard.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any current member of the State Legislature or Senate

**CRITERIA:** A member of the State Legislature/Senate must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to the National Guard.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Nominate any individual(s) by completing the application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chairman a minimum of 60 days prior to the presentation of the award.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee with input from the Executive Director or Legislative Director will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection.
4. There is no restriction placed on the number of awards that can be given in any calendar year.

## **THE STATE MILITIA AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize A Staffer of the State Legislature or Senate.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Congressional Staffer

**CRITERIA:** Any Staffer who has made a significant contribution to the CAL-EANGUS Legislative Program.

### **NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Nominate any individual(s) by completing the application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chairman a minimum of 60 days prior to the presentation of the award.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee with input from the Executive Director or Legislative Director will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection.
4. There is no restriction placed on the number of awards that can be given in any calendar year.

## **THE CALIFORNIA HERITAGE AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize a Corporate Sponsor for outstanding contributions to CAL-EANGUS.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Corporate Sponsor

**CRITERIA:** A Corporate Sponsor must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to CAL-EANGUS.

**NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. The President or Executive Director may nominate a Corporate Sponsor by completing the application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chairman a minimum of 60 days prior to the presentation of the award.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection. The selections can be made by email.
4. Only one of these awards will be presented in any calendar year.

MINUTEMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
AIRMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS (AOY)  
SOLDIER OF THE YEAR AWARDS (SOY)

## **OUTSTANDING RETIREE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize an outstanding retiree

**ELIGIBILITY:** To any retired member of CAL-EANGUS

**CRITERIA:** The following criteria shall serve as a guideline in the selection of recipient:

1. Must be current member of CAL-EANGUS prior to retirement and must have retained membership for five years prior to retirement.
2. An individual must have demonstrated a lifelong distinguished and honorable service while promoting the highest of standards and perpetuating the theme and spirit of EANGUS.
3. Extraordinary performance of a single act or duty will not normally justify this award in and of itself. The recipient must have unique and distinguishable contributions extending over a lifelong period of time. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed distinguishable service for a sustained period of time.
4. An individual must have contributed distinguished and honorable service the U.S. Government, State of California, the Armed Forces of the United States and CAL-EANGUS.
5. Be a supporter of the CAL-EANGUS Auxiliary and their initiatives.

### **NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES:**

1. Any member of CAL-EANGUS can nominate an individual to receive this award by completing the application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Chairman by January 31st.
3. The CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee with input from the CAL-EANGUS Director will review nominations with recommendations going to the CAL-EANGUS Board for selection.
4. No more than one award may be given in a single calendar year.

## **CAL-EANGUS MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** Membership Award is to honor the person within the State that has done the most to increase EANGUS membership for the previous membership year.

**CRITERIA:** CAL-EANGUS President will complete an Awards nomination form with all the details and forward it to the Awards Chairman by January 31st.

## **CAL-EANGUS SIDE BY SIDE AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes himself or herself with outstanding and exceptional service to CAL-EANGUS by a CAL-EANGUS Auxiliary member.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To any individual who meets the criteria as listed below.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to CAL-EANGUS.
2. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that stands out above all others. Particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

### **NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

1. Any member of CAL-EANGUS or its Auxiliary may nominate an individual for this award by completing the application.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee no later than January 31st.
3. All nominations will be reviewed by the CAL-EANGUS Awards Committee, to insure individuals meet the criteria; however the current CAL-EANGUS President will make the selection with input from the CAL-EANGUS Auxiliary President.
4. There is a limit of one award that will be given in any calendar year.

## **GOLDEN BEAR AWARD**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a means of recognition to any person who distinguishes himself or herself with outstanding and exceptional service to CAL-EANGUS (State).

**ELIGIBILITY:** To any individual who meets the criteria as listed below.

### **CRITERIA:**

1. An individual must have contributed outstanding and exceptional service to CAL-EANGUS.
2. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed a qualification for this award, it must be of such a nature that stands out above all others. Particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding and exceptional service of a sustained nature.

### **NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

1. Any member of CAL-EANGUS or its Auxiliary may nominate an individual for this award by completing the application.
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4. There is a limit of one award that will be given in any calendar year.