



**American Legion
Palm Valley Post #233
560 N. Wilderness Trail
Ponte Vedra Beach , FL 32082
(904) 285-2484**

2020 LAW & ORDER AWARDS APPLICATION

Law Enforcement Officer

1. Completion of the application in its entirety is imperative for consideration at both the State and National levels of this program.
2. The information contained in the application will be used in the judging process and will not be duplicated for publication.
3. The home address of the nominee can be entered as his/her departments address if desired. We do request personal telephone and email information be provided. This will only be used by the review committee to contact the nominee if necessary.
4. Nomination sheets must be signed by the nominee's supervisor and forwarded to us by the department head.
5. The deadline for application submittal is August 25th, 2020.

The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

Eligibility Criteria

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a living, active, full-time and paid, sworn law enforcement officer entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest
- Be assigned to, or fully recognized by, Municipal (city), County, District or State Police (ex: University Police, etc.) or Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office or as a sworn Federal Law enforcement officer (e.g., FBI or Secret Service Agent, United States Federal Marshal, National Park Police, Capital Police, etc.)
- Does not need to be a veteran or member of The American Legion
- Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in Florida
- Military police officers or investigators are eligible for participation in this award provided they are state law enforcement certified

Judging Criteria

Legion judges will be looking for a Law Enforcement Officer who:

- is well-rounded
- has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements of his/her position
- exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication
- demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service
- proven his/her personal dedication to societal security and protection

Legion judging will be based on the following criteria, and maximum percentage points will be allocated as follows:

Community Service	35 points
Professional Career	40 points
Heroism	20 points
Letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation.....	5 points

Application Criteria

1. Cover Page/Application Form
2. Official 5"x7" photograph of the nominee.
3. No more than 18 one sided 8 ½" x 11" pages of documentation
 - a. **Service Narrative** – No more than 6 one sided pages which must include:
 - i. A letter of recommendation from his/her commanding officer or supervisor
 - ii. A letter of recommendation by a Post officer
 - iii. Brief, yet complete, description of a specific act of heroism, meritorious performance or community service; Act(s) performed over and above the call of duty during the last few years; Act(s) demonstrating a distinct pattern of community service above and beyond assigned duty requirements
 - b. **Supporting Documentation** – No more than 12 one sided pages which must include:
 - i. A copy of State or Federal certification as a law officer
 - ii. Copies of pertinent training and education certificates, press articles, citations and letters that support the narrative, letters and/or newspaper clippings from: the officer's chain of command, city, county, state authorities, American Legion officials, citizens or civic groups as further evidence of community service, heroic and meritorious performance of duty by the nominee

Mail original of all paperwork, **NO LATER THAN August 25th** to:

**Palm Valley Post 233, American Legion
560 N. Wilderness Trail
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082**

Attn.: Roy Havekost, Law-Order Chairman

LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION COVER SHEET

Name _____ Sex _____

Home Address _____

City/ST/Zip _____

Phone number (_____) _____ Age _____

Email address _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Job Title _____ Yrs. of service _____

Agency name St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

Agency Address 4015 Lewis Speedway

City/ST/Zip St. Augustine, FL 32084

Phone number (904) 824-8304

Nominee's Supervisor/Title _____

Agency Director/Signature _____

Post Submitting Nomination (number/location) FL0233

Post Law and Order Chairman Roy Havekost

Address 560 N. Wilderness Trail

City/ST/Zip Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Phone number (904) 285-2484

Post Commander Caroline Merillat

Post Adjutant Ted Veber

DEADLINE: August 25th