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AUSA SIXTH REGION AWARDS PROGRAM

PART I. GENERAL. The Sixth Region Awards program recognizes service, achievement, and other contributions above and beyond that normally expected. It is separate from the AUSA National awards covered in the AUSA Chapter Operations Manual (COM), § IX.B.

Also, it is separate from and is not a substitute for chapter level awards. Each Chapter should have its own awards program in accordance with COM § IX.D. In general, Sixth Region awards are intended to recognize contributions with impact beyond the chapter level. Sixth Region awards are listed below by category with criteria and other information contained in the attachments.

PART II. SIXTH REGION INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.

General of the Armies John J. Pershing Distinguished Service Award. For selfless public service within the Sixth Region of AUSA. Military service may be considered as part of the nominee's overall public service record but in itself will not ordinarily be sufficient justification. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Executive Committee. The recipient of this award is, normally, determined as part of the selection of the Spring Meeting banquet speaker. Therefore, formal nominations for the Pershing Award are not desired and will not be accepted; however, informal input and counsel is more than welcome. Not more than one award is made per calendar year. AUSA membership is preferred but not required.

Major General John A. Hemphill Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Region. For distinguished service, awarded to that member who has contributed most significantly to the advancement and mission of the Sixth Region. Not more than one award is made per calendar year. Awarded by the Region President at his/her sole discretion; nominations will not be accepted. At least two years' AUSA membership is required.

Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award for Excellence. To a retired or former Army non-commissioned officer who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. At least one year's AUSA membership is required.

Sergeant Patrick Gass Award for Excellence. To a currently serving Army non-commissioned officer who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Except for posthumous awards, at least one year's AUSA membership is required.

Sixth Region Exceptional Civilian Service Award. See COM § IX.C.2. To an Army civil servant, serving or recently retired, for exemplary service to the Army and the local community. For the purpose of this award, "Army civil servant" means an appropriated or non-appropriated fund Federal employees who directly or

indirectly support any component of the Army, including military technicians in the Army National Guard and Army Reserve. Federal employees in joint or defense agencies who are in support of the Army are also eligible (this is a judgment call to be made by the nominator and the commander). Selected by the Region President upon recommendation of the appropriate installation commander or equivalent and with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. The Region President will forward one and only one approved nomination to National per calendar year for recognition at the Annual Meeting. Multiple recognition at the Region level is, however, possible. AUSA membership is highly desirable but not required. Presentation of the primary award takes place in Washington at the Annual Meeting. Every reasonable effort should be made to assure that the award recipient is willing and able to attend the ceremony.

1LT Erik S. McCrae Memorial Award. To a serving or recently separated Army company grade officer (2LT-CPT) who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Except for posthumous awards, at least one year's AUSA membership is required.

WO1 Adrian B. Stump Memorial Award. To a serving or recently separated Army warrant officer (WO1-CW5) who has gained distinction through selfless service to the Army and AUSA. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Except for posthumous awards, at least one year's AUSA membership is required.

Sixth Region President's Medal. For distinguished service to the AUSA Sixth Region, the Army, its soldiers and family members. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. This award ordinarily requires extended service in AUSA; active membership alone does not suffice. Multiple awards may be made; however, as a guideline, not more than six (6) awards will be made in any one calendar year, exclusive of posthumous and "lifetime achievement" awards. At least two years' AUSA membership is required and service in or on behalf of Sixth Region are required, unless waived in exceptional circumstances by the Region President.

Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation. For meritorious service to the Army and/or Sixth Region not of such a nature as to warrant award of the President's Medal. Awarded by the Region President upon recommendation of the respective Chapter President; consideration by the Awards Board is not required. Multiple awards may be made. At least one year's AUSA membership is required.

PART III. SIXTH REGION TEAM AND/OR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.

Sixth Region Award for Outstanding Cooperative Success. To a team or individual exhibiting outstanding success in collaboration with other groups or organizations in support of service members and their families or other AUSA goals and objectives.

"Teams" may be chapters, satellite or sub-chapters, or any other identifiable AUSA group, standing or *ad hoc*, whose members may or may not all be members of the same chapter. "Other groups" may be other AUSA chapters, sister organizations, veterans service organizations, military units, and in general any recognized organization supporting the national defense, military members and families, and stakeholders such as veterans and retirees.

The intent of this award is to recognize specific, identifiable results achieved by joint effort across traditional organizational boundaries, both within AUSA and in concert with others.

Region Officers, State Presidents, and Chapters may submit one nomination each, which may be for a chapter, team, or individual member. There is no maximum number of awards to be presented, but the intent is to set and maintain high standards via the Awards Board selection process.

Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Awards Board. For individual nominees, one year of AUSA membership is required. Where AUSA membership is a criterion, the stated membership tenure is as of projected date of award. The Region President may waive tenure requirements with the counsel of the Awards Board.

Sixth Region Award for Outstanding Recruiting Support. To a team or individual exhibiting outstanding performance in support of Army recruiting (all components). For purposes of this award, "recruiting" is construed to include ROTC and OCS. "Teams" may be chapters, satellite or sub-chapters, or any other identifiable AUSA group, standing or *ad hoc*, whose members may or may not all be members of the same chapter.

The intent of this award is to recognize specific, identifiable AUSA achievements in support of recruiting in any of the Army's components. It is not intended to recognize "recruiters of the year," nor Army recruiting units. These may be honored at the chapter level and by other Region or National awards.

Region Officers, State Presidents and Chapters may submit one nomination each, which may be for a chapter, team, or individual member. There is no maximum number of awards to be presented, but the intent is to set and maintain high standards via the Awards Board selection process.

Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Awards Board. For individual nominees, one year of AUSA membership is required. Where AUSA membership is a criterion, the stated membership tenure is as of projected date of award. The Region President may waive tenure requirements with the counsel of the Awards Board.

NOTE: The above two awards may not be awarded in respect of the same service.

PART IV. SIXTH REGION CHAPTER AWARDS.

Brigadier General Alex R. Cunningham Memorial Award. To that Sixth Region chapter judged by the Region Awards Board (based on statistics and criteria established by the Association) to have exhibited the best performance and achievement for the preceding calendar year. Awarded by the Region President upon recommendation of the Region Awards Board. Nominations will not be accepted.

Sixth Region President's Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement. To a Sixth Region chapter in recognition of outstanding achievement or outstanding in support of the chapter's community; AUSA and/or Sixth Region goals and missions; or the Army's Soldiers, units, and families. Ordinarily, not more than one award is made per calendar year. Awarded by the Region President at his/her sole discretion; nominations will not be accepted.

PART V. SIXTH REGION ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMUNITY AWARDS.

Sixth Region Distinguished Unit Commendation. Awarded to Army organizations at any level located or stationed in the Sixth Region area, for distinguished service in furthering the national defense of the United States. Ordinarily, ROTC units will not qualify for this level of award owing to lack of opportunity for service at the level envisioned. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board.

Multiple awards may be made; however, as a guideline, not more than three (3) awards will be made in any calendar year. May be conferred upon military organizations of other services on an exception basis.

Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation. Awarded to Sixth Region Army or ROTC units for meritorious service in furthering the national defense of the United States and/or the aims and objectives of AUSA. For ROTC and JROTC units, the award is also for distinguished public and/or patriotic service to the unit's school and/or community. Awarded by the Region President with the advice and counsel of the Region Awards Board. Multiple awards may be made. May be conferred upon military organizations of other services on an exception basis.

Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award. To organizations other than military (including ROTC) for exceptionally meritorious contributions to furthering the national defense of the United States, the aims and objectives of AUSA, and/or the local community. Awarded by the Region President upon recommendation of the respective Chapter President; consideration by the Awards Board is not required. Multiple awards may be made. This award is intended for firms and organizations but may be awarded to individuals. Current sustaining, corporate or individual membership in AUSA is required.

Sixth Region Public Service Award. Awarded to nonmilitary individuals and teams for exceptional service in furthering the National Defense, capability of Army organizations, and/or the aims and objectives of AUSA. Awarded by the Region President upon recommendation of the respective Chapter President; consideration by the Awards Board is not required. Multiple awards may be made. Current sustaining, corporate, or individual membership in AUSA is required, as applicable; however, exceptions may be made in the case of public officials or comparable nominees.

Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation. For meritorious service not of such a nature as to warrant any of the other awards in this Part IV. Awarded by the Region President upon recommendation of the respective Chapter President; consideration by the Awards Board is not required. Multiple awards may be made. Current sustaining, corporate, or individual membership in AUSA is required, as applicable; however, exceptions may be made in the case of public officials or comparable nominees.

PART VI. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS.

- a. Except as otherwise specified herein for certain awards, any Sixth Region AUSA member in good standing may submit award nominations. Chapter members should submit via their respective Chapter Presidents. Members at large should submit to the Sixth Region Executive Vice-President.
- b. Nominations for awards, whether or not they require Awards Board consideration, will be submitted using the format in Attachment 1. Nominations should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word, or if necessary in another common editable application.
- c. All nominations are to be submitted to the Sixth Region Executive Vice-President in electronically editable format not later than a suspense date to be established by him/her, so as to allow time for processing, proper consideration, acquisition of any additional information, procurement/engraving of awards, and preparation of the Awards Banquet program. Incomplete or non-compliant nominations will be returned to the originator for completion. Late nominations will be returned without action, except in the event of acts of God or other force majeure.
- d. Where AUSA membership is required for the award, the nominee's AUSA Number must be provided so that the Sixth Region Executive Vice-President can check status.

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- e. Justifications should be concise, but must be in sufficient detail so that the Awards Board (where applicable) and approving authority are given a “word picture” of why the award is merited. The level of detail needed will vary with the level of the award.
- f. Photographs and other attachments are strongly discouraged. They may be used only when a “word picture” of the nominee’s accomplishments is clearly inadequate.
- g. Citations. No nomination will be accepted without a proposed citation, which will be published in the Awards Banquet program and (for major awards only) read aloud at the time of presentation. Citations should ordinarily range from 200-225 words for the Pershing Award, through 100-125 words for the President’s Medal, to 60-70 for a Certificate of Achievement/Appreciation. These word counts are *inclusive* of the traditional first (“...is awarded to...in recognition of...”) and last (“...reflects great credit upon...”) sentences. Abbreviations and acronyms should be avoided.

For guidance, nominators should refer to the previous year’s published awards program, containing citations for that year’s individual awards. Please refer to the Sixth Region website: <http://www.ausa6region.org/>

PART VII. PRESENTATION. Except for impact awards, Sixth Region awards are ordinarily announced at the Region’s Annual Awards Banquet.

Formal presentations are made at the time of announcement provided that the awardees are present. In the interests of time, proxy recipients are not authorized except in the case of family members, commanders, and the like. In the same interests, minor awards (e.g., certificates of appreciation) are normally not presented at the banquet, but the corresponding citations will be included in the printed program.

When for any reason awards cannot be presented at the Awards Banquet, they will be presented formally during an assembly such as an AUSA general membership meeting, a public gathering, a military formation, or a commander’s call. Posthumous awards will be presented in a setting appropriate to the situation. Region awards will normally be presented by the Region President, State President, or other Region officer; however, it is recognized that this may not always be logistically practicable.

PART VIII. SIXTH REGION AWARDS BOARD. The Sixth Region Awards Board consists of the Region Executive Vice President as Chair; State Presidents; the Region Vice President for NCO/Soldier Programs; the Region Vice President for Reserve Components; and the Region Secretary as recorder without vote. The Chair will vote only as necessary to resolve ties.

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AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Total Nr of Pages:

To be submitted to the Region Executive Vice-President and Region President with a copy to the respective State President not later than the established suspense date. Please submit form and attachments electronically.

AWARD:

Nominee:

Title/affiliation, where relevant:

Chapter/AUSA ROTC Company:

AUSA Number:

Date Joined AUSA:

I certify that the nominee has held AUSA membership for the number of years required by the criteria for this award, OR I recommend waiver of this criterion for the reasons described in the Supporting Rationale.

Supporting Rationale. This is a concise “word picture” briefly describing why the nominee merits this award to reviewers who may not know him/her. Please insure that all criteria for the award are covered. The space provided below should generally be adequate, but one (1) continuation sheet may be used if needed. Do not attach photographs and the like unless it is impossible to describe the nominee’s achievements in any other way.

Proposed Citation. Attach a proposed formal citation for publication in the Awards Banquet program and other media. This is a mandatory requirement for all awards except the Certificate of Achievement. Please comply with the word count guidelines and other instructions in the Awards Program guidelines. Excessively long citations will be edited to size before publication.

Nominator:

Chapter/AUSA ROTC Company:

Contact Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

email:

AUSA Number:

Signature:

Date: