

Department Americanism Committee
The Essential Worker of the Year Award - 2020/2021
OCTOBER 2020

The following applies to the March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 time period only.

At a meeting held on October 17, 2020 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Department Americanism Committee in creating The Essential Worker of the Year Award.

This award applies to a regular citizen (citizens) who performed essential duties during the COVID-19 pandemic to benefit their community, state, or nation. If not for their continued service and dedication to their essential work environment, and taking on a potentially dangerous environment, others may have not received necessary services, supplies, or support

The Essential Worker of the Year Award (Individual or Team):

- a. The nominee/team are not required to be a Veteran or American Legion Member.
- b. The nominee/team submission must be for actions that depict heroism or safety.
- c. An act of extreme compassion in a particular situation could also qualify for the award.
- d. Only one award will be given for this category. The recipient(s) will receive a plaque.

The award submission requires a recommendation letter from a Community member or family member describing the nominee(s) act of service above and beyond and a letter from the sponsoring Post explaining why they should be considered for this award. Documented evidence can include citations, newspaper articles, web-based articles, social media posts, recognition event programs, thank you letters and photos, etc. A portion of evidence must show proof that the submission occurred during the specified period.

The Post winner will be turned over to the respective County Americanism Chairman. The County will judge their own contest and only the County's First Place Winner will be turned over to the Department Americanism Committee.

**** ONLY ONE COUNTY WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY IS TO BE ENTERED IN THE DEPARTMENT JUDGING AND ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE 2020/2021 AMERICANISM COVER SHEET AND SIGNED BY THE COUNTY AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN OR THE COUNTY COMMANDER PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO DEPARTMENT!!!!**

All entries submitted by the County Americanism Chairman via mail must be received at Department no later than March 26, 2021. Hand delivered entries will be received ½ hour before the official start time of Dept. Judging to be held at Dept. Headquarters conference room (171 Jersey Street, Bldg. 5, Trenton) on April 10, 2021 at 10am.

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Theodore J. Howarth Jr., Chairman
Department Americanism Committee