






Scouting Salutes the Military – Award Criteria

-  Event Date: April 23, 2026
-  Nominations Due: October 1, 2025
-  Honorees Announced: November 1, 2025

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Distinguished Service Award (Active Duty) – One from each service, Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corp, Space Force

Purpose: Honors an active-duty service member for exceptional leadership, service, and contributions to their community and Scouting.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Active-duty member of any military service.
- Must be on active duty at the time of the awards on April 23rd, 2026
- Exemplifies leadership and commitment to Scouting principles.
- Participates in or supports Scouting initiatives in their unit or community.
- Contributes to service projects benefiting youth, military families, or veterans.

Nomination Process:

- Submit nominations via peers, Scouting leaders, or unit commanders and nominations will come from others.
- Needs to be nominated by another individual. Award cannot be self nominated.
- Include details of the nominee's Scouting involvement and leadership contributions.

Veteran Achievement Award

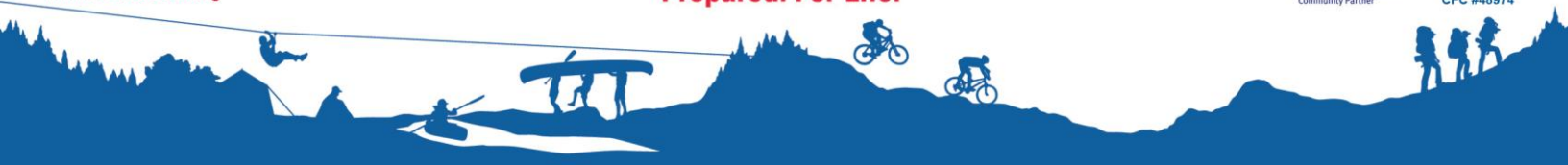
Purpose: Recognizes a veteran (post service) or veteran organization for significant contributions to Scouting and their community.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Individual Veteran of any military branch or a Veteran Organization.
- Actively supports Scouting programs or mentors Scouts.

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- Demonstrates leadership and community service.
- Special consideration for work supporting transitioning veterans.

Nomination Process:

- Open to community members, Scout leaders, and veteran organizations.
- Individuals need to be nominated by another individual. Award cannot be self-nominated.
- Veteran organizations can self-nominate or be nominated by Scout leaders or community members.
- Include a summary of achievements in Scouting and community service.

Mission Partner Award (Defense Contractor Contribution)

Purpose: Recognizes a military contractor or subcontractor for their contributions to Scouting and support of military families. This award can be an individual or a company.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Contractor/subcontractor with ties to military projects.
- This award can be for an individual at the contractor/sub contractor company or for the company itself.
- Invests in Scouting through financial support, resources, or mentorship.
- Champions initiatives benefiting Scouts from military families

Nomination Process:

- Companies can self-nominate or be nominated by Scout leaders or community members.
- Individuals being nominated for this award need to be nominated by another individual.
- Provide documentation of contributions to Scouting programs.





Distinguished Civilian Service Award (Department of Defense or Military Department Civilians)

Purpose: Recognizes a civilian employee of the Department of Defense or military departments for outstanding leadership, service, and contributions to Scouting and military communities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Employed by the Department of Defense or a military department as a civilian.
- Demonstrates leadership and dedication to Scouting principles.
- Actively supports Scouting initiatives or service projects that benefit youth, military families, or veterans.
- Serves as a role model within their organization and the broader community.

Nomination Process:

- Nominations must be submitted by peers, Scout leaders, or supervisors.
- Include detailed examples of the nominee's Scouting involvement, community impact, and leadership contributions.

Military Scout Excellence Award (Current Scout) – Honored Separately

Purpose: Recognizes a military child for balancing the challenges of military family life while excelling in Scouting.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Dependent of an active-duty service member (including Guard or Reserves)
- How has the Scout persevered through challenges such as parental deployments, multiple PCS moves, and other disruptions while maintaining active participation in Scouting.
- Active participant in a Scouting program.
- Exemplifies leadership, resilience, and the Scout Oath and Law.
- Contributes to their community through impactful service projects.

Nomination Process:

- Nominations via Scout leaders, teachers, or community members.
- Provide a description of accomplishments, leadership roles, and service project impacts.

