

THE
AMERICAN
LEGION **FAMILY**



Date Correction

2016 Department Convention

July 6-10, 2016

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites Kansas City -

International Airport

7640 NW Tiffany Springs Pkwy

Kansas City, MO 64153

For Reservations

(816) 891-7788

(800) 362-2779

MISSOURI FUTURE DATES AND CITIES

SPRING CONFERENCE

2016 – 2/19 – 2/21 CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MO
2017 – 2/17 – 2/19 CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MO
2018 – 2/16 – 2/18 CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MO

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

2016 – 7/6 to 7/10 EMBASSY SUITES, KANSAS CITY, MO
2017 – 7/13 to 7/16 CAPITOL PLAZA HOTEL, JEFFERSON CITY, MO
2018 – 7/12 to 7/15 RAMARDA OASIS, SPRINGFIELD, MO

FALL CONFERENCE

2015 – 10/23 to 10/25 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
2016 – 10/21 to 10/23 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
2017 – 10/20 to 10/22 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
2018 – 10/26 to 10/28 Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO

NATIONAL CONVENTION

2016 - 8/26 to 9/1 - Cincinnati, OH.
2017 - 8/25 to 8/31 - Louisville, KY.
2018 - 8/24 to 8/30 - Minneapolis, MN.
2019 - 8/23 to 8/29 - Indianapolis, IN.

Capitol Plaza Hotel - 1-573-635-1234 Toll Free 1-800-338-8088

Ramada Plaza Hotel & Oasis Convention Center 888-532-4338

Lamplighter Inn (SAL only) 2015 Department Convention 844-736-9567

MEMBERSHIP DUES CALCULATION CHART

# OF CARDS		# OF CARDS		# OF CARDS		# OF CARDS	
1	\$27.50	26	\$715.00	51	\$1,402.50	76	\$2,090.00
2	\$55.00	27	\$742.50	52	\$1,430.00	77	\$2,117.50
3	\$82.50	28	\$770.00	53	\$1,457.50	78	\$2,145.00
4	\$110.00	29	\$797.50	54	\$1,485.00	79	\$2,172.50
5	\$137.50	30	\$825.00	55	\$1,512.50	80	\$2,200.00
6	\$165.00	31	\$852.50	56	\$1,540.00	81	\$2,227.50
7	\$192.50	32	\$880.00	57	\$1,567.50	82	\$2,255.00
8	\$220.00	33	\$907.50	58	\$1,595.00	83	\$2,282.50
9	\$247.50	34	\$935.00	59	\$1,622.50	84	\$2,310.00
10	\$275.00	35	\$962.50	60	\$1,650.00	85	\$2,337.50
11	\$302.50	36	\$990.00	61	\$1,677.50	86	\$2,365.00
12	\$330.00	37	\$1,017.50	62	\$1,705.00	87	\$2,392.50
13	\$357.50	38	\$1,045.00	63	\$1,732.50	88	\$2,420.00
14	\$385.00	39	\$1,072.50	64	\$1,760.00	89	\$2,447.50
15	\$412.50	40	\$1,100.00	65	\$1,787.50	90	\$2,475.00
16	\$440.00	41	\$1,127.50	66	\$1,815.00	91	\$2,502.50
17	\$467.50	42	\$1,155.00	67	\$1,842.50	92	\$2,530.00
18	\$495.00	43	\$1,182.50	68	\$1,870.00	93	\$2,557.50
19	\$522.50	44	\$1,210.00	69	\$1,897.50	94	\$2,585.00
20	\$550.00	45	\$1,237.50	70	\$1,925.00	95	\$2,612.50
21	\$577.50	46	\$1,265.00	71	\$1,952.50	96	\$2,640.00
22	\$605.00	47	\$1,292.50	72	\$1,980.00	97	\$2,667.50
23	\$632.50	48	\$1,320.00	73	\$2,007.50	98	\$2,695.00
24	\$660.00	49	\$1,347.50	74	\$2,035.00	99	\$2,722.50
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104	\$2,860.00	129	\$3,547.50
105	\$2,887.50	130	\$3,575.00
106	\$2,915.00	131	\$3,602.50
107	\$2,942.50	132	\$3,630.00
108	\$2,970.00	133	\$3,657.50
109	\$2,997.50	134	\$3,685.00
110	\$3,025.00	135	\$3,712.50
111	\$3,052.50	136	\$3,740.00
112	\$3,080.00	137	\$3,767.50
113	\$3,107.50	138	\$3,795.00
114	\$3,135.00	139	\$3,822.50
115	\$3,162.50	140	\$3,850.00
116	\$3,190.00	141	\$3,877.50
117	\$3,217.50	142	\$3,905.00
118	\$3,245.00	143	\$3,932.50
119	\$3,272.50	144	\$3,960.00
120	\$3,300.00	145	\$3,987.50
121	\$3,327.50	146	\$4,015.00
122	\$3,355.00	147	\$4,042.50
123	\$3,382.50	148	\$4,070.00
124	\$3,410.00	149	\$4,097.50
125	\$3,437.50	150	\$4,125.00
		151	\$4,152.50
		152	\$4,180.00
		153	\$4,207.50
		154	\$4,235.00
		155	\$4,262.50
		156	\$4,290.00
		157	\$4,317.50
		158	\$4,345.00
		159	\$4,372.50
		160	\$4,400.00
		161	\$4,427.50
		162	\$4,455.00
		163	\$4,482.50
		164	\$4,510.00
		165	\$4,537.50
		166	\$4,565.00
		167	\$4,592.50
		168	\$4,620.00
		169	\$4,647.50
		170	\$4,675.00
		171	\$4,702.50
		172	\$4,730.00
		173	\$4,757.50
		174	\$4,785.00
		175	\$4,812.50
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		185	\$5,087.50
		186	\$5,115.00
		187	\$5,142.50
		188	\$5,170.00
		189	\$5,197.50
		190	\$5,225.00
		191	\$5,252.50
		192	\$5,280.00
		193	\$5,307.50
		194	\$5,335.00
		195	\$5,362.50
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LOWRY A. FINLEY-JACKSON, DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

To: The Missouri Firefighter or EMT (Career/Volunteer)

From: The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Re: 2016 Firefighter/EMT Award

The purpose of this letter is to make everyone in Missouri's Firefighter/EMT community aware of our Department's annual Firefighter/EMT Award, which is to honor a Missouri Firefighter/EMT for his/her career in serving the general public.

Every Missouri Firefighter/EMT who is affiliated with a tax-supported entity and reside and serve within the State of Missouri is eligible for this award. **We request that only one (1) Firefighter/EMT from your agency be submitted for the award.** Should there be more than one (1) Firefighter/EMT involved in an incident, submit details on those involved.

Our Law & Order/Public Safety Committee will select one (1) as Missouri's Firefighter/EMT recipient for 2016. That person will be invited to the Department Convention, July 16th, 2016, in Kansas City, to receive the award. The Missouri winner will then be nominated for the National Firefighter/EMT Award of The American Legion. Should the Missouri recipient win the National Contest he/she will be invited to the National Convention, August 27th, 2016 for recognition.

Please note the enclosed application requires the signature of the Post Commander, if there is not an American Legion Post in your jurisdiction contact the Law & Order and Public Safety Chairman, Mr. Kenny Goth at (660) 351-2184.

The Chairman must receive nominees by February 5th, 2016. Please complete and submit all information and documentation to:

Kenneth Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(660) 351-2184

***Regards,
The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.***

CAREER FIRE FIGHTER/ CAREER EMT
VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER /VOULUNTEER EMT ELIGIBILITY

Judging Criteria:

Many Fire Fighters/ EMT personnel exemplify themselves with a single act of bravery or distinguishing event. However, Community Service will count significantly in the overall selection criteria and will make up fifty percent of the criteria for The American Legion Career Fire Fighters/ EMT's or Volunteer Fire Fighters/ EMT's awards. Volunteers also distinguish themselves by attaining additional training and studies (College) towards degrees and studies within their own Agency to advance in the Volunteer ranks of their agency.

Specific Act of Heroism or Meritorious Service (20 Points):

Citations for acts of heroism or meritorious service must be provided including a description of the act that was performed in detail, the medal or the award that the individual was recommended for and received. The award or citation must have been awarded within the time frame designated by the Standing Rules. Any supporting documentation such as newspaper accounts of the act or of the individual receiving the award, certificates and letters of recommendation and commendation should be submitted.

Community Service (50 Points):

Career Fire Fighters/ EMT's or Volunteer Fire Fighters/ EMT's personnel provide service to their communities as First Responders on a daily basis at their local Volunteer stations. These activities must be performed within the time frame set by the Standing Rules and must be described in detail and must be substantiated by official letters from their agency, community or county officials, citizens associations, American Legion Post or other recognized private or civic organizations.

Community service typically has been performed over an extended period of time. Those activities, in addition to those described above, should be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter from the city or county officials, Missouri State Officials, citizens associations, American Legion Posts, county, or district, or other officially recognized private or civic organizations. Supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings must be included.

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Note: Any full time paid Fire Fighter/ EMT personnel that volunteers at a local Volunteer Fire Station and is being considered for The American Legion Career Fire Fighters/ EMT awards, under the guidelines of the full time personnel, cannot also be considered under the Volunteer Fire Fighter/ EMT guidelines and have two applications submitted.

Career Achievements (25 Points):

Many Fire Fighters/ EMT, Career or Volunteer, personnel excel in their careers over the years by continuing their education and training to better themselves in the performance of their daily duties. Education leading to a degree in fire service and promotions and specialized training to enhance their job performance is relevant and should be included. These achievements must be substantiated by official letters or other official documentation from the Agency he/she is a volunteer for, and should be included.

Committee Preference (5 Points):

The Committee will be given the option to award five points to the candidate that exhibits the best letters of recognition and news clippings and has the best overall record in their opinion.

Judges:

A panel of six committee members shall judge all entries. All entries shall be judge based upon criteria specified herein. A quorum shall constitute four committee members.

CAREER FIRE FIGHTER/ CAREER EMT
VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER /VOULUNTEER EMT ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY:

To be considered for this most prestigious award, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Be a Career Fire Fighter or Career EMT, or a Volunteer Fire Fighter or Volunteer EMT, personnel, who swore an oath to protect the lives and property of the citizens of their respective jurisdiction.
3. Consideration for posthumous award is permissible only when the recipient has died subsequent to selection for the award and prior to its presentation.
4. Be assigned as a Career Fire Fighter or Career EMT, or a Volunteer Fire Fighter or Volunteer EMT, personnel, representing within the State of Missouri:
 - A Municipality (City)
 - County
 - State Fire Fighter
 - Private communities that have paid Fire Departments
 - Federal Fire Fighter
5. Reside and serve with in the State of Missouri.

Note: An individual can only be considered for one award and cannot be submitted under the guidelines for both career (paid) and volunteer services.

NOMINATIONS:

The following rules apply to all nominations for this most prestigious award. All candidates:

1. Must meet the guidelines spelled out in the beginning of the letter.
2. Period of 2016 Nominees service: January 1, 2015-December 31, 2015.
3. Must be nominated using the official form provided; copies of which can be obtained from The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc. Jefferson City, MO
1-800-846-9023
4. Nominations for a Career Fire Fighter or EMT must be accompanied with a copy of the nominee's certificate of graduation from an accredited fire academy, Should the volunteer Fire Fighter or EMT have a certificate, please include that also.
5. Must be recommended by his/ her commanding officer
6. Nomination Applications shall have the following: (1) a completed application form.
(2) A total of 12 pages of service documentation. The first 6 pages will be one-sided 8 ½ "x 11" bond paper and include press articles. (Specific acts of community service; heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her fire agency should be included and documented.)
7. Nominations shall be submitted to their local post
8. All nominations shall be submitted with the official cover sheet as the top page of the application.

Mail to: Kenny Goth, Chairman
 Law & Order and Public Safety
 P.O. Box 179
 Jefferson City, MO 65102
 (660) 351-2184

Deadline February 5th, 2016

**The American Legion
Department of Missouri
Nomination Form**

Check one:

- Career Fire Fighter
- Volunteer Fire Fighter
- Career EMT
- Volunteer EMT

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Age: _____ Marital Status: _____ Spouse: _____

Nominating Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Agency Director: _____ Supervisor: _____

Sponsoring American Legion Post: _____

County: _____ District: _____

Commander: _____ Commander's Signature: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Received by: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Total Number of Packages Included: _____

Failure to use this form may result in the Disqualification of your Nominee. It should be placed immediately after the cover sheet and in front of the supporting documents. Include certification as a career Fire Fighter or EMT and / or Volunteer Fire Fighter or EMT. The Fire Fighter/EMT that is selected as the winner will be requested to forward an official 5" X 7" photograph of the Candidate mounted on a standard 8 ½" x 11" sheet of bond paper with Name and Rank below the picture. The original copy of the entire nomination package must be submitted no later than the close of business, February 5, 2016.

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6. List any honors or awards for outstanding work.

7. If this nominee is declared the winner, will he or she appear at our Department convention? Yes ___ No ___

8. Has the nominee's superior been informed of this recommendation? Yes ___ No ___

Please attach hereto a letter of recommendation from the nominee's superior.

9. If additional space is needed for further comments on anything pertaining to this nomination use the remaining space or attach additional sheets with comments.

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To: The Missouri Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police and Department of Public Safety

From: The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Re: 2016 Law and Order Award

The purpose of this letter is to make everyone in Missouri's law enforcement community aware of our Department's annual Law & Order Award, which is to honor a Missouri Law Enforcement Officer for his/her career in serving the general public.

Every Missouri law enforcement officer who is affiliated with a tax-supported entity and has the power of arrest is eligible for this award. **We request that only one (1) officer from your agency be submitted for the award.** Should there be more than one (1) officer involved in an incident, submit details on those involved. Each Troop of the Missouri Highway Patrol will be treated as a separate agency.

Our Law & Order/Public Safety Committee will select one (1) as Missouri's Law & Order recipient for 2016. That person will be invited to the Department Convention, July 16th, 2016, in Kansas City, to receive the award. The Missouri winner will then be nominated for the National Law & Order Award of The American Legion. Should the Missouri recipient win the National Contest he/she will be invited to the National Convention, August 27th, 2016 for recognition.

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LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Judging Criteria:

The emphasis of The American Legion Department of Missouri Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Program is not a single act of bravery or a single distinguishing event. Community Service will count significantly in the overall selection criteria and will make up fifty percent of the criteria for The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. While those acts in themselves count significantly in the overall selection criteria, they constitute only twenty percent of the total. Many Law Enforcement Officers excel in the daily performance of their duties demonstrating a distinct pattern of dedication and professionalism. They further distinguish themselves through extra curricular service performed for the community, state and nation. The following will be considered for judging:

Specific Act of Heroism or Meritorious Service (20 Points):

Citations for acts of heroism or meritorious service must be provided including a description of the act for which the citation was issued. The citation must have been presented during the time period described under Standing Rules. Any supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings should be included.

Community Service (50 Points):

Community services provided while on or off duty, which contributed significantly to the well being of his/her community must be provided. These activities for the time frame designated under Standing Rules, must be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter from city or county officials, Missouri State Officials, citizens associations, American Legion Posts, county or district, or other officially recognized private or civic organization. Supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings must be included.

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CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS (25 Points):

Many law enforcement officers excel in the daily performance of their duties exhibiting a distinct pattern of dedication and professionalism. Career achievements should be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter or other official documentation, and/or newspaper clippings and must be included. Education leading to a degree in law enforcement or special training that has enhanced professional and job performance is considered relevant and should be included.

JUDGES PREFERENCE (5 Points):

Judges will be given the option to award five points to the candidate that exhibits the best letters of recognition and news clippings and has the best overall record in their opinion.

Judges:

A panel of six judges shall judge all entries. All entries shall be judged based on the criteria specified herein. A quorum shall constitute four judges.

LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Nominations:

The following rules apply to all nomination for this most prestigious award. All candidates:

1. Must meet the guidelines spelled out in the beginning of the letter.
 - a. The American Legion Posts present their selections to Department Chairman of the Law & Order Committee.
 - b. The Chairman must receive the agencies nomination by February 5th, 2016. Only one nomination will be accepted from each agency. Each Troop of the Missouri State Highway Patrol can submit one nomination.
2. Period of Service for this award shall be specified under the Standing Rules of the National criteria. (2016 Nominees service: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015).
3. Must be nominated using the official form provided; copies of which can be obtained from The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc. Jefferson City, MO. 1-800-846-9023
4. Nominations must be accompanied with a copy of the nominee's certificate as a law enforcement officer.
5. Must be recommended by his/her commanding officer or supervisor.
6. Nomination Applications shall have the following: (1) a completed application form. (2) A total of 12 pages of service documentation. The first 6 pages will be one-sided 8 ½ "x 11" bond paper and include press articles. (Specific acts of community service; heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her law enforcement agency should be included and documented.)
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9. All candidates must agree, and be granted prior permission to attend The American Legion National Convention if selected to receive the National Award.

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6. List any honors or awards for outstanding police work.

7. If this nominee is declared the winner, will he or she appear at our Department convention? Yes ___ No ___

8. Has the nominee's superior been informed of this recommendation? Yes ___ No ___

Please attach hereto a letter of recommendation from the nominee's superior.

9. If additional space is needed for further comments on anything pertaining to this nomination use the remaining space or attach additional sheets with comments.

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