



THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARDS

Information Sheet

History: In 1990, a resolution established a national awards program to recognize outstanding Employment Service (ES) offices and employees.

Both the Employment and Education Commission and the Internal Affairs Commission's Trophies and Awards Subcommittee conducted extensive studies and both recommended approval and referred the resolution to the National Executive Committee for final approval. The NEC unanimously approved the resolution at its spring 1992 meeting.

Purpose: The purpose of the ES awards program is to confer national recognition annually on one outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER), one Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialist (DVOP), and one local Employment Service (ES) office. LVERs, DVOPs, and the ES office provide job counseling, testing and placement assistance to unemployed and underemployed veterans.

Deadline: The deadline for submission of nominations of the ES office is no later than **January 15th**. Nominations received after that date will not be eligible for consideration for the national award.

Procedure: Nominations from posts, ES employees or other sources must be sent to department headquarters. The department then selects **one** nominee each in the LVER, DVOP, and ES Office categories, and sends the winning nominations with their supporting information to the Employment and Education Commission. Either the department adjutant or department employment chairman must sign those nominations. Nominations that arrive without supporting information **will not** be eligible for the national awards.

Nomination Form: A copy of the official nomination form, which is the same for all the ES office categories, follows. Additional copies may also be obtained by writing or calling the Employment and Education Commission, The American Legion, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20006; phone 202-861-2700, or online at Econ@legion.org.

Award: The commission provides free plaques to each Department that submits nominations. It is recommended, however, that posts and departments recognize their other nominees with plaques or awards that can be purchased for a nominal cost through Emblem Sales. The National Winner will receive a large plaque to be presented by the National Commander at the annual National Convention and will receive a stipend to help defray the cost of their representative's travel to the convention city to accept the award.