



2018 SHEEP DOG OF THE YEAR AWARDS

It is that time again – time to ask for nominations for our **2018 Sheep Dog of the Year Awards**.

This award is an important way to recognize those among us who have gone above and beyond their call of duty in the military or first responder professions (law enforcement, fire & rescue, and EMS/paramedic). Although a single heroic incident may be worthy of consideration, special consideration is given to those nominees who have distinguished themselves and their profession throughout their careers. If you know of a Sheep Dog worthy of recognition, please submit a nomination by completing the form below and providing the information required. **Nominations must be submitted no later than February 15, 2019.**

Nomination and Approval Process



Nomination Criteria

A “Sheep Dog” is a man or woman who has or is currently serving in our nation’s military and/or first responder professions. For the purpose of these awards, a Sheep Dog is further defined as a living individual currently serving in the military, law enforcement, fire and rescue, and/or emergency medical services (EMS)/paramedic professions, and who is directly employed on a full-time, active, reserve or national guard basis by a local, country, state, federal government and/or agency, with or without compensation, who is duly sworn and has current job requirements, or completed their obligated service in the year they are nominated.

- In addition, ALL ranks will be considered, but only if their job responsibilities require them to experience similar hazards and perform similar duties as those normally experienced and performed by peers.
- “Support Personnel” employees shall be considered if they are recognized as having served in a capacity that directly supports the efforts of military or first responder personnel. For example, but not limited to, correctional officers, jailers, probation officers, 911 Call Center agents, etc. Make the case for your nominee and they will have their nomination package reviewed for consideration. Make a strong case for all nominees.
- Less than full-time military and first responders (i.e., reserve, guard, volunteer, etc.) will also be considered. In such cases, eligibility will be determined after a review of several issues, including, but not limited to, job description and training.

Nominees may include individuals, or two or more nominees, provided that the persons being nominated worked in partnership or as a team.

How Do I Nominate a Sheep Dog?

1. *Complete the 2018 Sheep Dog of the Year Nomination Form* (pages 4-5). Please be sure all information is filled out and accurate.
2. *Furnish a brief summary*, no more than 3 typed, double-spaced pages, of the distinguished service for which the nominee should be recognized, including their professional service, community service, any extreme actions of valor, and commendations and other awards received. **THE SUMMARY MUST BE SIGNED BY THE NOMINEE'S SUPERVISOR.** A supervisor's signature will indicate to SDIA that all information provided is accurate and valid for our use as proof of service.
3. *Include a photo* of the nominee in uniform with the form. If submitting via mail, submit photo(s) on a CD/DVD/thumb drive. Should the nominee be selected, the submitted photo may be used in all print collateral, including Sheep Dog Impact Assistance print materials, social media, event programs and on the SDIA website, www.SheepDogIA.org.
4. *Include two letters of support* from additional individuals with direct knowledge of the nominee's service, preferably supervisors/peers of the nominee.
5. Other optional items you may include are:
 - Articles featuring the nominee or their work (limited to 4); and
 - Letters of support from the community.
6. *Submit all materials no later than the February 15, 2019, deadline.*
 - EMAIL: Attach all materials to an email with the subject “2018 Sheep Dog of the Year Nomination.” Email to Info@SheepDogIA.org.
 - USPS Mail: **Submissions must be postmarked by February 15, 2019.** Place all materials, documents and a CD/DVD/thumb drive with photos in an appropriately sized, padded envelope and mail with proper postage to:

Sheep Dog Impact Assistance
ATTN: SDOTY Award Nomination
1200 W. Walnut St., Suite 2301
Rogers, AR 72756

Review and Selection Process

Nominations are reviewed by SDIA Sheep Dog of the Year committee members that ultimately pick the awardee. The review process may include discussion with the nominee, as well as the nominee's unit, department or agency, including, but not limited to, the nominee's commanding officer, top administrative officer, senior supervisor, co-workers, union or association, as well as private citizens served by the nominee. Prior to any decision becoming final or publicly announced, the selected recipient must provide written authorization for the award to be given and the notification process to proceed.

Once approved, a letter announcing the decision is sent to the nominee, to the person who submitted the nomination, and to the top administrative officer or supervisor of the unit, department or agency involved.

Each Sheep Dog of the Year award winner is featured on www.SheepDogIA.org, annual newsletters, and on social media, including Facebook and Twitter.

Award Presentation

The Sheep Dog of the Year award presentation takes place each year at SDIA's annual Heroes Gala in Rogers, AR. The 2018 awards will be presented by SDIA's founder, SgtMaj Lance Nutt, USMC (Ret.), and the Heroes Gala Guest of Honor on April 27, 2019.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2019, via email (Info@SheepDogIA.org), or by standard mail. *If mailing, nominations must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2019*, and mailed to: Sheep Dog Impact Assistance, ATTN: SDOTY Award Nomination, 1200 W. Walnut St., Suite 2301, Rogers, AR 72756.

Questions? Email info@SheepDogIA.org.



2018 Sheep Dog of the Year Nomination Form



Nominations are now being accepted for the following 2018 Sheep Dog of the Year awards: Military; Law Enforcement; Fire & Rescue; and EMS/Paramedic. These awards are presented to Sheep Dogs who have modeled exemplary and/or heroic service during 2018. Although a single heroic incident may be worthy of consideration, special consideration is given to those nominees who have distinguished themselves and their profession throughout their careers. If you know of a Sheep Dog worthy of recognition, please complete and submit this Nomination Form. Questions should be directed to Info@SheepDogIA.org.

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name and Rank of Nominee	
Unit/Department/Agency	
Mailing Address (Street, City, ST, Zip)	
Daytime Phone Number	
Evening Phone Number	
Email Address	
Total Years of Service	
Why is this person being nominated? What has the Nominee done to deserve recognition as a Sheep Dog of the Year?	
Special units, divisions or squads the nominee is a member of?	
Special organizations or groups the nominee belongs to?	
List all awards or commendations the nominee has received. Please include dates and authorizing agency. (Please attach supporting documents if available)	

NOMINEE'S SUPERVISOR INFO

Name and Rank of Nominee's Immediate Supervisor	
Supervisor's Phone Number	
Supervisor's Email Address	

NOMINATOR INFO

Name/Rank of person submitting this Nomination Form	
Relationship to Nominee	
Are you a Sheep Dog?	
Email Address	
Daytime Phone Number	
Evening Phone Number	

*****ATTACH COPIES OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, IMAGES, ETC., TO THIS NOMINATION FORM WHEN YOU SUBMIT IT.*****

NOMINATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- This completed Nomination Form.
- A Summary of the nominee's professional service, community service, extreme actions of valor, and commendations and other awards received. No more than 3 pages (typed, double-spaced) and **SIGNED BY THE NOMINEE'S SUPERVISOR.**
- A high-quality photo of the nominee in uniform.
- Two letters of support.
- Optional items:
 - Articles featuring the nominee or their work (limited to 4); and/or
 - Letters of support from the community.

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