

AWARDS

The National Guard Association of Kentucky is now accepting nominations for our annual awards. The suspense for submission of all nominations is 5 January 2018. Awards will be presented on 10 February 2018 at the NGAKY State Conference.

1) ***The Billy G. Wellman Award***

- Purpose: To recognize the exceptionally outstanding service of a civilian or military individual who has labored for the betterment of all members of the Kentucky National Guard, as well as members of the NGAKY.
- Eligibility: Any individual, military or civilian, who has voluntarily performed exceptionally outstanding service or brought great credit to the NGAKY and its members, is eligible for this award.
- Nomination: Normally made from the Executive Council of the NGAKY but any member of the Kentucky National Guard may nominate an individual by submitting a NGAKY nomination form to the NGAKY Awards Committee.
- Criteria: Individual must have performed for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Kentucky National Guard, and distinguished service /or the NGAKY. Superior performance of normal duty alone does not justify this award.
- Award Selection: Will be reviewed by the NGAKY Awards Committee and then submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. Only one Billy G. Wellman Award will be presented; however, there is no requirement that this award be presented annually.

2) ***The NGAKY Service Award***

- Purpose: To recognize individuals for exemplary performance and outstanding service to the NGAKY.
- Eligibility: Any individual, military or civilian, who has voluntarily performed exceptionally outstanding service or brought great credit to the NGAKY and its members, is eligible for this award.
- Nomination: Any member of the NGAKY Executive Council can nominate an individual per year who meets the criteria for the award by submitting a NGAKY nomination form to the NGAKY Awards Committee.
- Criteria: Exemplary performance of an individual, which renders great credit and service to the National Guard of Kentucky and the NGAKY and its members in any area of endeavor, will be considered.
- Award Selection: Will be reviewed by the NGAKY Awards Committee and then submitted to the Executive Council for consideration.

3) ***The George Rogers Clark Outstanding Young Officer Award***

- Purpose: To provide recognition for a junior grade officer who as a member of the Kentucky National Guard performed exceptionally outstanding service to his/her unit.
- Eligibility: All KYNG officers in the rank of O1 through O3 and Warrant Officers in the rank of WO1 and CW2 are eligible providing the nominees have been in the KYNG for at least two years. Two awards may be presented annually; one Air and one Army.
- Nomination: Each Battalion will be asked to nominate an Army Officer. Each Squadron will be asked to nominate an Air Officer. Each Major Subordinate Command will select an individual from subordinate nominations and designate a first and second place winner. Each Wing will do the same in regards to the Air Officer. Those nominations will be submitted to the NGAKY Awards Committee using the NGAKY Nomination Form.
- Criteria: Individual must have distinguished himself or herself as an outstanding Officer. Superior performance or normal duty alone will not justify this award. Individual must have provided exceptionally distinguished service to his or her unit such that the readiness and future of the unit has been positively affected and this affect will outlast the individual's

presence in their current duty position. Consideration should be given to the personal characteristics, individual achievements, unit awards, improvement of ratings, etc.

- Award Selection: This award will be selected by the NGAKY Awards Committee.

4) Community Service Awards

- Purpose: To recognize those Guardsmen who donate their time and talent to the community as representatives of the National Guard.
- Eligibility: Any member of the Kentucky National Guard, active or retired, Officer or Enlisted, who is good standing will be eligible for this award. Guardsmen to be considered for this award must show a dedication to their task that reflects positively on the Kentucky National Guard.
- Nomination: Any member may nominate a fellow Guardsman for this award using the NGAKY Award Nomination Form submitted to the NGAKY Awards Committee.
- Criteria: Individual must have voluntarily performed exceptionally outstanding service for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Kentucky National Guard, and distinguished service /or the NGAKY.
- Award selection: This award will be selected by the NGAKY Awards Committee.