



**Fire Safety  
Commendation**



**Law Enforcement  
Commendation**



**Emergency Medical  
Services Commendation**



**Life Saving  
Commendation**



**Heroism  
Commendation**



## **Public Service and Heroism Commendations**

**2022—2023  
Award Recipients**

*Congratulations*  
to the  
**Virginia Society SAR**  
for honoring  
**116 First Responders**

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# Public Service and Heroism Committee Available Awards

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**The Public Service and Heroism Committee** (PS&H) recognizes and honors citizens and individuals in our public service sectors of Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services for their contributions to the community and for Heroic Acts with a commendation and medal. States, chapters and commendation recipients are recognized in a book published and distributed electronically during the National Congress in July.

The 2022-2023 book of Public Service and Heroism Award recipients is available on the SAR website to download and print for distribution within a Compatriot's state society and chapter. The book may also be shared with award recipients. The link for downloading is found at sar.org. Once at the SAR.ORG website, the member must LOGIN. Then, proceed to the "Members" heading located at the top of the page. On the drop-down menu, scroll down and Click on "Committees." Then, scroll down to "Public Service and Heroism Committee," and click on "WEBPAGE." Then, scroll down to the bottom of the Public Service and Heroism page for the link to the 2022-2023 book of award recipients.

**The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal** is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics, certified Emergency Medical Technicians, and others in the emergency medical fields that have performed an act or service beyond which is normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously, The medal may be presented to an individual only once, and no Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.

**The Fire Safety Commendation Medal** is presented to an individual for accomplishments and or

outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and services that have evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal, which is protecting human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once. Oak Leaf Clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

**The Heroism Commendation Medal** recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger—i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians, not in uniform, but does not exclude police, firefighters, EMS SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered in the performance of one's normal duty, nor by medals for valor by the armed forces. Animals are not eligible for recognition. The medal may also be presented posthumously. An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and the wearing of Oak Leaf Clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

**The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal** is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law. This includes peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected.

The recipients are usually recommended by their supervisors or peers for their accomplishments. The award may be presented posthumously. The medal may be presented to an individual only once. No Oak Leaf Clusters or ribbon attachments are permitted.

**The Life Saving Commendation Medal** may be presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, however, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization’s valor medals and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer actually saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel.

The medal is intended to recognize the actions of any person: (1) who was directly responsible for the saving of a human life or (2) who prolonged a human life to the extent that the victim was still alive upon transfer to the care of medical authorities even though the victim might expire at a later time. Only one award will be awarded for each incident regardless of the number of victims involved. Nominations will not be considered after a lapse of 24 months of the incident. The medal may also be presented posthumously. Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wearing of Oak Leaf Clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

These guidelines are adapted from the *SAR Handbook, Volume V: Individual Medals and Awards* (effective April 24, 2023).

## Special Recognitions

The following state societies and its chapters have presented Award Commendations to one or more recipients in each of the five categories.

- Georgia
- Maryland
- Ohio
- Texas
- Virginia

The following state societies and its chapters have presented Award Commendations to one or more recipients in the categories of EMS, Fire Safety and Law Enforcement.

- California
- Colorado
- Louisiana
- North Carolina
- Tennessee

The top three reporting state societies were:

- The Virginia Society: 116
- The Texas Society: 35
- The Florida Society: 25

## 2022-23 Award Recipients

### Emergency Medical Services Commendation

<b>State</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Agency</b>
CA	Mother Load	Elke Houser	Nurse Practitioner	Barton Co. Health Center
CO	Colorado SAR	Jake Garcia	EMT	Pueblo FD
GA	Wiregrass	Courtney Tewilliger	Public Safety Coordinator	Emanuel Co.
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Mathew Bailey	Paramedic	Gilmer Co. Fire & Rescue
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Josh Holbrooks	Paramedic	Towns Co. EMS
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Dale Stiles	Paramedic	Fannin Co. Fire & Rescue
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Rusty Fortenberry	Paramedic	Union General EMS
IN	George Rogers Clark	Darin K. Burton	EMT	Samaritan Ambulance Service
KS	Henry Leavenworth	Wendy Dedeke	Director Support Services	Leavenworth Co. Sheriff
KY	Simon Kenton	Stuart Robb Martin	EMT	Iroquois Rescue Team
LA	ATTAKAPAS	Cameron Gibson	EMT	MED Express Ambulance Service
MD	Gen. William Smallwood	Arye Singer	Master FF	Montgomery Co. Fire & Rescue Service
MO	Christopher Casey	Leonard Reinkemeyer	Paramedic	Cole Co. EMS
NC	Blue Ridge	Frank Ronald Reece	Supervisor - Ret.	Buncombe Co. EMS
NM	Gadsden	Jacob Shriver	Supervisor	Lincoln Co. EMS
OH	Benjamin Franklin	James Caughey	FF	Columbus FD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	George J. Cooper, MD	EMS Medical Director	Williamson Health EMS
TX	Dallas	Jerel Hastings	FF	Dallas FD
TX	Robert Rankin	Diego Vargas	Paramedic	Cy-Fair FD
VA	George Washington	Matthew McClurg	LT	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Kenneth Creighton	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Courtney Davis	LT	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Thomas Hunt	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	Fort Harrison	Molly Karabinus	Paramedic	Harrisonburg Rescue Squad
VA	Fort Harrison	Travis Karicofe	EMS Officer	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Wilson Wimer	CAPT	Clover Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue
VA	Col. James Wood II	Patrick Corey	EMT	NA
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	Richard Cluff	Chief	Fauquier EMS Dept.
VA	Fairfax Resolves	Michael C. Pickering	TECH	Fairfax Co. Fire & Rescue Dept.

### Fire Safety Commendation

<b>State</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Agency</b>
AL	Tennessee Valley	Cody White	Paramedic	Madison Co. Fire & Rescue Dept.
AZ	Palo Verde	Jeremy Rocha	CAPT	Superstition Fire & Medical District
AZ	Palo Verde	John Felix	Fire Fleet Mechanic III	Gilbert Fire & Rescue Dept.
AZ	Palo Verde	Avery Armstrong	CAPT	Chandler Fire Dept.
AZ	Palo Verde	Kelsey Brown	Education Specialist	Mesa FD

CA	Redwood Empire	Marshall Turbeville	Chief	Northern Sonoma Co. Fire District
CA	Orange County	Brian Fennessy	Chief	Orange Co. FD
CO	Colorado SAR	Colleen Potton	CRR Specialist	South Metro Fire Rescue
CO	Colorado SAR	Kim Spuhler	CRR Specialist	South Metro Fire Rescue
FL	Palm Beach	Bradford Alderton	FF	West Palm Beach Fire & Rescue
FL	Palm Beach	Patryk Mierzejewski	FF	West Palm Beach Fire & Rescue
FL	Palm Beach	David Arco	FF	West Palm Beach Fire & Rescue
FL	William Dunaway	Dale Hobby	Chief	Bristol FD
FL	Saramana	Lionel Harrison	LT	
GA	Capt. John Collins	Wayne L. Brown, Jr	Engineer	Jacksonville Fire & Rescue
GA	Capt. John Collins	Wayne L. Brown Jr.	Engineer	Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Dept.
GA	Little River	Spencer Quick	Engineer	Columbia Co. Fire & Rescue
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Eric McClure	LT	Union Co. FD
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Brandon Daniels	FF	Gilmer Co. Fire & Rescue
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Jacob Queen	FF	Fannin Co. Fire & rescue
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Doug Mills	FF	Towns Co. FD
LA	ATTAKAPAS	Jim N. Bourgeois	CAPT	Lafayette FD
LA	Attakapas	Jim N. Bourgeois	CAPT	Lafayette FD
LA	Enemund Meullion	Gregory Derbonne	CAPT	Alexandria FD
MD	Gen. William Smallwood	Scott Goldstein	Chief	Montgomery Co. Fire & Rescue Service
MO	Christopher Casey	Steve Borts	Chief	Jamestown Rural Fire District
NC	Blue Ridge	Mark Wilson	Deputy Chief	Mountain Home Fire & Rescue Dept.
OH	Benjamin Franklin	Michael Kentner	FF	Columbus FD
OH	Benjamin Franklin	Larry Flowers	FF	Columbus FD
PA	Gen. Arthur St. Clair	Mark Kraisinger	Chief	Mt. Pleasant VFG
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Scott Barnes	Engineer	Brentwood Fire & Rescue
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Steven White	Engineer	Brentwood Fire & Rescue
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Emily Nelms	Engineer	Franklin FD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Robin Forte	Admin. Assistant	Brentwood Fire & Rescue
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	John LoPiccolo	LT	Brentwood Fire & Rescue
TX	Robert Rankin	Brett Jacobs	Logistics Chief	Cypress Creek FD
TX	McKinney #63	Robert Clark	Driver	McKinney FD
TX	Dallas	Gilbert Padilla	CAPT	Dallas Fire & Rescue
TX	Robert Rankin	Rodney Macon	FF	Jersey Village FD
VA	George Washington	Jeremy Moore	CAPY	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Aaron Kearns	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	A.J. Aquinto	Tech II	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Mike Mishler	LT	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	James Spengler	Tech II	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	John-Michael Payette	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Alex Scheatzle	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Kevin Dodson	LT	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue

VA	George Washington	Stephen Melville	Tech II	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Nick Gonnella	Tech II	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Rahil Nawaz	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Joey Melvin	CAPT	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Eric DiBucci	Tech II	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Liliana Daigle	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	Fort Harrison	Fiona Albertson	Tech.	Rockingham Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	Col. James Wood II	John Petrie	Paramedic	Lord Fairfax EMS
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	Steven Beasley	LT	Lake of the Woods Vol. Fire & Rescue
VA	Fairfax Resolves	Jovan A. Reid	FF	Fairfax Co. Fire & Rescue Dept.

## Heroism Commendation

State	Chapter	Recipient	Rank	Agency
AL	Tennessee Valley	Dustin Holbert	Engineer	Decatur Fire & Rescue Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	Alan Moody	Engineer	Decatur Fire & Rescue Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	Kel Roberts	Deputy	Morgan Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	Jacob Boening	Deputy	Morgan Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	Jerry Bingman	Deputy	Morgan Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AZ	Palo Verde	Joe Roman	Officer	Gilbert PD
AZ	Palo Verde	Brion Anduze	Officer	Mesa PD
FL	Saramana	John Lake	Detective	Sarasota PD
FL	Saramana	Dale Ellis	Deputy	Sarasota Co. Sheriff's Dept.
FL	Saramana	Carl Jones	Detective	Bradenton PD
GA	Little River	Mason Agular	NA	NA
GA	Little River	Justin Gilstrap	NA	NA
MD	Gen. William Smallwood	Justin Marlatt	FF	Montgomery Co. Fire & Rescue Service
NM	Gadsden	Anthony Franks	FF	Ruidoso FD
NM	Gadsden	Anthony Nanz	FF	Ruidoso FD
OH	Benjamin Franklin	Ryan Ripson	Officer	Groveport PD
OH	Benjamin Franklin	Jacob Warner	FF	Columbus FD
PA	Washington Crossing	Sean Whitehurst	Citizen	Citizen
PA	Philadelphia Continental	Tyler Morrell	NA	NA
TX	Robert Rankin	Monisoye Faniyi	Deputy	Harris Co. Sheriff's Office
TX	Major K.M. Van Zandt	Jose Avila	Patrolman	Haltom City PD
TX	Major K.M. Van Zandt	Timothy Barton	Patrolman	Haltom City PD
TX	Major K.M. Van Zandt	Zach Tabler	Patrolman	Haltom City PD
TX	Dallas	Andrea Watson	Sr. Detective	Dallas PD
TX	Freedom	Joshua Hatch	Officer	Oak Ridge PD
VA	George Washington	Cager Mackaravitz	Tech II	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	George Washington	Jordan Flasher	Tech I	Prince William Co. Fire & Rescue
VA	Patrick Henry	Connie Peresada	NA	NA
VA	Fort Harrison	John Painter	Officer	Bridgewater College PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Matthew Papotnik	Officer	Bridgewater PD

VA	Fort Harrison	J. J. Henderson	Officer	Bridgewater College PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Craig Lam	Officer	Elkton PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Stephen Morris	Deputy Chief	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	David Gayhart	CAPT	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Joseph Weaver	LT	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Andrew Bauserman	LT	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Matthew Bauserman	LT	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Larry Bennington	LT	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Chase Coffey	Master FF	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Jared Quesenberry	Master FF	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Chris Snyder	Master FF	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Joshua Lohr	Master FF	Harrisonburg FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Stephen Burrows	Officer	Harrisonburg PD
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	Nathan Earnshaw	Deputy	Culpeper Co. Sheriff;s Office
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	Michael Mawdsley	SGT	Culpeper Co. Sheriff;s Office
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	Wesley Spicer	Detective	Culpeper Co. Sheriff;s Office
VA	George Washington	Michael Spaeth	Deputy	Cameron Co. Sheriff's Office
VA	SGM John Champe	Camron Gentry	Deputy First Class	Loudoun Co. Sheriff's Office

## Law Enforcement Commendation

State	Chapter	Recipient	Rank	Agency
AL	Tennessee Valley	Barry Childers	Deputy	Madison Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	Camron Gillespie	Deputy	Madison Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	"Boomer" Bomagat	Deputy-SRO	Madison Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	Crystal Bailey	Deputy-SRO	Madison Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AL	Tennessee Valley	Jack Brown	Officer	Decatur PD
AL	Tennessee Valley	Jay Stennett	LT	Limestone Co. Sheriff's Dept.
AZ	Palo Verde	Julian Gomez	Officer	Chandler PD
AZ	Palo Verde	Orhan Jakupi	Officer	Salt River PD
AZ	Palo Verde	Mercedes Hermandez	Officer	Apache Junction PD
CA	Redwood Empire	William E. Nay	SGT	University of California PD
CA	Mother Load	Kelsey Hartshorn	Dispatcher	El Dorado Co. Sheriff
CA	Mother Load	Daryl Miller	Detective	El Dorado Co. Sheriff
CA	Orange County	Daniel Gunter	Officer	California Highway Patrol
CO	Colorado SAR	Steven G. Ainsworth	Detective	Boulder Co. Sheriff's Office
FL	Palm Beach	M. Dawn Watkins	Investigator	FBI
FL	Palm Beach	Charles King Brown	Manager	West Palm Beach PD
FL	Palm Beach	Ric Bradshaw	Sheriff	Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
FL	St. Augustine	Jonathan Correa	Officer	St. Augustine PD
FL	St. Augustine	Debra Armento	Records Clerk	Palatka PD
FL	St. Augustine	Blaine Snyder	Officer	Palatka PD
FL	St. Augustine	Meghan Warman	Accreditation MGR	Palatka PD
FL	Saramana	Robert Hendrickson	SGT	Manatee Co. Sheriff
FL	Saramana	Martin Illames	Officer	Palmetto PD

FL	Saramana	Dedrick Bacon	Trooper	Florida HP
FL	St. Augustine	Brandon K. Hand	SGT	St. Augustine Beach PD
FL	Saramana	Timothy Bales	Officer	Sarasota PD
FL	Saramana	Carl Jones	Detective	Bradenton PD
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Robbie Harbour	COM Officer	Gilmer Co. Sheriff's Office
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Eddie Spradlin	Deputy	Towns Co. Sheriff's Office
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Terry Stanley	LT	Fannin Co. Sheriff's Office
GA	Blue Ridge Mountains	Alan Patton	SGT	Union Co. Sheriff's Office
GA	Piedmont	Dewayne Gooden	Detective	Roswell PD
GA	Piedmont	Julianna Brumann	Tech.	Roswell PD
GA	Piedmont	Nina Thieme	SR COM Officer	Roswell PD
GA	Piedmont	Colin Jaacks	SGT	Roswell PD
GA	Coweta Falls	Jane Edenfield	SGT	Columbus PD
IL	Gen. Joseph Bartholomew	Marc Wright	CAPT	Woodford Co. Sheriff's Office
IL	Capt. Zeally Moss	Wes Washburn	Officer	Pekin PD
IL	Capt. Zeally Moss	Caleb Boyer	Officer	Pekin PD
IL	Capt. Zeally Moss	Nick Appell	Officer	Pekin PD
KS	Charles Robinson	Alex Brittain	Officer	Lawrence PD
KS	Charles Robinson	Stephen Ramsdell	Officer	Lawrence PD
KY	Simon Kenton	Paul Benjamin Gilbert	LT	Erlanger PD
KY	Simon Kenton	Ben Booher	Deputy	Boone Co. Sheriff's Dept.
LA	Enemund Meullion	Fredrick Evans	PFC	Pineville PD
LA	Natchitoches	Jeff Franks	LT	Natchitoches PD
LA	ATTAKAPAS	Jacob Primeaux	SGT	Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office
LA	Natchitoches	Jeff Franks	LT	Natchitoches PD
MD	Gen. William Smallwood	Laurie Reyes	Officer	Montgomery Co. PD
MD	SGT Lawrence Everhart	Kevin Britt	SGT	Frederick Co. Sheriff's Dept.
MD	SGT Lawrence Everhart	Mr. X	Detective	Frederick Co. Sheriff's Dept.
MO	Christopher Casey	Scott Patrick	CPL	Miller Co. Sheriff's Dept.
NC	Salisbury	Kevin Auten	Sheriff	Rowan Co.
NC	Blue Ridge	Brian Donaki Stroup	Master Trooper	NC State Highway Patrol
NM	Gadsden	Felipe Hernandez	Officer	Las Cruces PD
NM	Gadsden	Dason Allen	SGT	Dona Ana Co. Sheriff's Office
OH	Cincinnati	Sharon L. Kennedy	Judge	Ohio Supreme Court
OH	Benjamin Franklin	Vincent Miller	Officer	Columbus PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Robert Dilworth	SGT	Franklin PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	William J. Moorehead	LT	Brentwood PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Adrian Breedlove	Detective	Brentwood PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Ayla Patton	Officer	Brentwood PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Holly Stevens	Officer	Brentwood PD
TX	Texas SAR	Thomas Lawrence	Judge	Harris Co. Court, TX
TX	Robert Rankin	Jonathan Martin	Deputy	Harris Co. Constables Office
TX	Robert Rankin	David Paloma	Detective	Cypress-Fairbanks ISD PD

TX	Robert Rankin	Monisoye Faniyi	Deputy	Harris Co. Sheriff's Office
TX	Robert Rankin	Aaron Polster	CPL	Jersey Village PD
TX	Robert Rankin	Raul Collins	Senior Police Officer	Houston PD
TX	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	Joseph Spragins	Patrolman	Fort Worth PD
TX	Bernardo de Galvez	Brian Berg	Detective	Texas City PD
TX	Dallas	Kurtis Schmidt	SGT	Dallas PD
TX	Robert Rankin	Jason Horger	LT	Texas Dwpt. Of Public Safety
TX	Freedom	Tom Libby	Chief	Oak Ridge PD
VA	SGT Maj. John Champe	Randall M. Pieper	Master Trooper	VA State Police
VA	SGT Maj. John Champe	William Nugent	Officer	Middleburg PD
VA	George Washington	Carmen Zygmunt	Master Deputy	Alexandria City Sheriff's Office
VA	Fort Harrison	Brooke Wetherell	Detective	Harrisonburg PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Chris Watson	LT	Harrisonburg PD
VA	Col. James Wood II	Dean S. Worcester	RET	20th Judicial District of VA
VA	Col. James Wood II	Gary Benedict Jr.	Chief	Middletown PD
VA	Col. James Wood II	Charles Edward Long	RET	Front Royal PD
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	Melvin White	Deputy	Culpeper Co. Sheriff's Office
VA	Fairfax Resolves	Tu Farhan	CAPT	Vienna PD
VA	Fairfax Resolves	Steve Elbert	CAPT	Fairfax Co. Sheriff's Office
VA	Fairfax Resolves	Thomas Kyle	Master Deputy	Fairfax Co. Sheriff's Office
VA	Thomas Nelson Jr.	Mathew Forini	Deputy	Isle of Wight Sheriff's Dept
VA	George Washington	Bikeramjit Gill	Detective	Alexandria PD
VA	George Washington	Keith Burkholder	Detective	Alexandria PD
VA	George Washington	Patrick DiGirolamo	Officer	Fairfax Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Rober Gudaitis	MPO	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	George Kimball	MPO	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Scott McBride	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Michael Miller	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Jason Byrne	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Abigail Pollard	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Richard Toke	SGT	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Samuel Harman	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Justice Agyare	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Briana Huber	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Brian Centifonti	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Jason Weber	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Stephen Kuhn	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Brittany Turner	Officer	Prince William Co. PD
VA	George Washington	La Tanya Ervins	Director	Alexandria Sheriff's Office

## Life Saving Commendation

State	Chapter	Recipient	Rank	Agency
AL	Tennessee Valley	Logan Grant	Officer	Madison PD
AL	Tennessee Valley	Brock Echols	Officer	Madison PD

AR	Casmiri Pulaski	Steve Troyke	Volunteer	Dardanelle FD
AR	Casmiri Pulaski	Greg Widner	Volunteer	Dardanelle FD
AR	Casmiri Pulaski	Jamel Patrick	Volunteer	Dardanelle FD
AZ	Palo Verde	Jesse Metzler	Officer	Chandler PD
AZ	Palo Verde	Eric Gordon	Engineer	Tempe Fire & Rescue
AZ	Palo Verde	Eric Gordon	Engineer	Tempe Fire & Rescue Dept.
FL	Saramana	Ronald Koper	LT	Longboat Key Fire & Rescue Dept.
FL	Saramana	Tim Gajan	CAPT	Parish FD
FL	Saramana	Aaron White	FF	Parish FD
FL	Saramana	Jared Leggett	Deputy	Holmes Beach PD
GA	Marquis de Lafayette	Alexis Callaway	Officer	Senoia PD
KS	Fort Hays	Jason Bonczynski	SGT	Hays PD
KS	Charles Robinson	Tom WesterHaus	NA	NA
KS	Charles Robinson	Maddox Westerhaus	NA	NA
LA	Galvez	Gayle McFarland	CAPT.	Shreveport PD
LA	Enemund Meullion	Gregory Derbonne	CAPT	Alexandria FD
MD	Gen. William Smallwood	Jason Reid	Officer	Maryland State Police
MO	Allen Laws Oliver	Will Rogers	CPL	Cape Girardeau PD
MO	Allen Laws Oliver	Brian McCain	Patrolman	Cape Girardeau PD
MO	Allen Laws Oliver	Joel Koesterer	Patrolman	Cape Girardeau PD
NM	Gadsden	Daniel Hildman	SGT	Ruidoso PD
OH	Benjamin Franklin	Kevin Chavez	Officer	Groveport PD
OH	Benjamin Franklin	Josh Short	LT	Groveport PD
PA	Philadelphia Continental	Angie Caruso	NA	NA
PA	Philadelphia Continental	Eric Goodman	NA	NA
PA	Philadelphia Continental	Miguel Hernandez II	NA	NA
PA	Philadelphia Continental	Natalie Nichole Spencer	NA	NA
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Tracy Deocales	Paramedic	Williamson Health EMS
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Chris Tanner	Paramedic	Williamson Health EMS
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Chris Hyder	Deputy	Williamson Co. Sheriff's Office
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Kevin Spry	Officer	Franklin PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Tony Diaz-Jimenez	Officer	Brentwood PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Brien Fletcher	Officer	Brentwood PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Chris Woodard	SGT	Brentwood PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Matt Dale	Officer	Brentwood PD
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Jerrod Hawkins	Engineer	Brentwood Fire & Rescue Dept.
TN	LT Andrew Crockett	Dylan Scharlau	Engineer	Brentwood Fire & Rescue Dept.
TX	Robert Rankin	Richard Holland	Detective	Harris Co. Sheriff's Office
TX	Major K.M. Van Zandt	Juan Ramirez	Patrolman	Haltom City PD
TX	Major K.M. Van Zandt	Jasson Samilo	Patrolman	Haltom City PD
TX	Major K.M. Van Zandt	Andy Whitley	SGT	Haltom City PD
TX	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	Percy Holland	Patrolman	Fort Worth PD
TX	Bernardo de Galvez	Carly Hester	Officer	League City PD

TX	Maj. K. M. Van Zandt	Jaziya Parker	NA	NA
TX	Dallas	Ronal Cronin	Detective	Dallas PD
TX	Robert Rankin	Jacque Seaux	CPL	Harris Co. Constables PCT. #5
TX	Freedom	Ralph Kennerly	Officer	Oak Ridge PD
TX	Freedom	Ralph Craig	Officer	Oak Ridge PD
TX	Freedom	Kelly Kennerly	Officer	Oak Ridge PD
VA	Patrick Henry	Robert Lyon	NA	NA
VA	George Washington	Andrew Arvelo	PGC	Fairfax Co. Sheriff's Office
VA	SGM John Champe	Stephen Meyer	Officer	Leesburg PD
VA	SGM John Champe	Matthew Wolfe	Officer	Leesburg PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Charles Grubbs	LT	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Isabella Stunda	Officer	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Kris Whitesell	CAPT	Harrison FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Matthew Bauserman	LT	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Brett Briddle	Master FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Roy Garber	Master FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Chad Smith	Master FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Tyler Burgoyne	Master FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Robert Hilley	Master FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Tyler Phillips	Master FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Rodney Easle	FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Joel Bradley	FF	Harrison PD
VA	Fort Harrison	Morgan McComas	CAPT	Harrison FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Andrew Bauserman	LT	Harrison FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Donne Barb	Master FF	Harrison FD
VA	Fort Harrison	Jonathan McKinney	FF/Medic	Harrison FD
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	David Cole	MPO	Culpeper PD
VA	Culpeper Minutemen	Julia Cole	MPO	Culpeper PD
VA	George Washington	Aloysius Asonglefac	SGT	Alexandria PD
VA	George Washington	Kellie Medeiros	Officer	Alexandria PD
VA	Thomas Nelson Jr.	Benjamin Nicholson	CPL	Isle of Wight Sheriff's Dept
VA	Thomas Nelson Jr.	Johnnie Boone	Deputy	Isle of Wight Sheriff's Dept
VA	George Washington	Jason R. Strasser	Master Deputy Sheriff	Fairfax Co. Sheriff's Office
VA	George Washington	Michael Duncan	LT	Fairfax Co. PD
VA	George Washington	Donnie Poore	MPO	Fairfax Co. PD
VA	Norfolk	Cathleen T. Hawkins	Ret	NA
VA	George Washington	Jeffrey Taylor	CAPT	Alexandria FD
VA	George Washington	Jason Sharpe	LT	Alexandria FD
VA	George Washington	Antonio Trizol	FF	Alexandria FD
VA	George Washington	Joseph White	FF	Alexandria FD

## How to Submit Your Commendations to NSSAR

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The Commendation and Medal fillable PDF reporting form may be found at **sar.org**. One must login to the website using their unique username and password. If an individual has not created a username and password, follow the instructions for obtaining one prior to proceeding further.

After login, locate the **“Members” tab** and from the dropdown menu, click on **“Committees.”** On the Committees page, scroll down to **“Public Service and Heroism Committee,”** then click on the **“WEBPAGE”** icon. The link to the PDF fillable form for reporting is in bold print and located in the second paragraph.

Do **NOT** fill out the blank form, but save the blank form to your computer, using a name and location where you can find it. After saving the

blank form and finding it on your computer, fill it out completely. Be certain to check the type of award you are submitting by checking the appropriate box at the top of the form. Also, send a copy of the completed form to your state society Public Service & Heroism chairman. By clicking on the soft button labeled **“Click to Save and Email,”** the form will be saved and a copy will be prepared for sending to NSSAR. **NOTE:** the form is not sent until you find your computer’s default email program and click the **“Send”** button.

If you prefer not to use your default email, you may email the completed form as an attachment to the NSSAR Public Service and Heroism Chairman.

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Heroism



Law Enforcement



ALABAMA

Tennessee Valley Chapter Awards



Heroism



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Life Saving



Law Enforcement



Life Saving

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Casimir Pulaski  
Chapter Award



EMS/MS

**GEORGIA**  
Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter  
Awards



**GEORGIA**  
Marquis de Lafayette  
Chapter Award



Law Enforcement



Law Enforcement



Fire



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**ILLINOIS**

**Capt. Zeally Moss  
Chapter Award**



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**INDIANA**

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