

## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This Award Program permits The American Legion to honor a VA provider who have provided extraordinary service to our Nation's Veterans.

The Internal Affairs Commission coordinates this program. The Internal Affairs Commission works closely with the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission requesting and reviewing nominations.

**Any member of The American Legion in good standing filed with the Internal Affairs Commission under such procedures established by the commission as are necessary and consistent with the effective administration of such an award may submit nominations.**

Those eligible for the award are any health care provider excluding physicians. Nominees must be a direct patient care provider.

### **NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN NARRATIVE FORMAT WITH NAME OF THE POST AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER.**

Letters of recommendation can be submitted in a narrative format not to exceed 500 words. Legion members making recommendations for this award must send the nomination through their Post Adjutant who will submit the nominations to their Department Adjutant. If a Department receives more than one nomination, they must screen each nomination and select one nominee for submission to the National office.

Departments must submit their recommendation for the award to the Director, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division by September 8, 2017. Failure to do so will invalidate the nomination.

Nominations will be submitted to the VA&R Commission for consideration. The VA&R Commission will rate and rank the nominees and submit one name to the National Adjutant for consideration at the Fall National Executive Committee meeting.

The award will be awarded by the national commander annually at the Commander's Call during Washington Conference.