



# **NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA AWARDS PROGRAM POLICY**

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## **AWARDS PROGRAM POLICY**

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this awards program is to recognize individuals and organizations who have promoted, fostered and/or improved the well-being of personnel of the South Carolina National Guard. These individuals and organizations will be honored for their outstanding performance, acts of heroism, service of a meritorious nature and patriotic activities which have made a major contribution to the National Guard Association of South Carolina (NGASC) or the South Carolina Army/Air National Guard.

### II. Categories of Awards

There are two general categories of awards as follows:

- a. Awards to individuals.
- b. Awards to National Guard units.

### III. Eligibility

Any individual, groups of individuals, units or organizations which meet the criteria as set forth in each award are eligible.

### IV. Nominations

Nominations may be made by individuals qualified to make nominations in accordance with the criteria which pertains to each award category.

### V. Presentation of Awards

Awards given by the National Guard Association of South Carolina will be presented by the President of the Association at the Annual Conference, or on a suitable occasion as determined by the President and/or the Executive Council.

### VI. Administrative Procedures

- a. Nominations will be forwarded to the National Guard Association of South Carolina, 132 Pickens St, Columbia, South Carolina 29205.
- b. Awards will be purchased from funds designated for that purpose by the Executive Council.
- c. The Secretary of the Association will notify all recipients of awards, to include the time, place and date the award will be presented.
- d. A membership credit (dues) for the National Guard Association of South Carolina will be given to all deployed or mobilized unit members. The units or TAG should forward a list of the deployed soldiers/airman to NGASC so credit can be issued. National dues would still be applicable but will not count against unit membership.

- e. The National Guard Association of South Carolina will pay the first years dues, both local and national, of all Palmetto Military Academy graduates (upon graduation). The Palmetto Military Academy should forward a list of graduates prior to graduation to NGASC so that the proper presentation and credit can be issued.
- f. The National Guard Association of South Carolina will exempt unit REPs or Soldiers in Inactive Duty or Initial Entry Training from calculating the membership percentages in determining the award qualification of the unit.

VII. Responsibilities of NGASC Awards Committee:

- a. The primary responsibility of the Awards Committee is to review all nominations for awards to recognize those persons who have rendered outstanding service to the South Carolina National Guard, the NGASC, the State of South Carolina, or the United States of America.
- b. The Awards Committee will perform all necessary duties relative to the awards program.
  - 1. Review the NGASC Awards Program annually for adequacy and administrative effectiveness, making such recommendations to the Executive Council to enhance the overall Awards Program.
  - 2. Inform National Guard units about awards and nomination process to solicit qualified and deserving candidates for awards 120 days prior to the Annual Conference.
  - 3. Submit recommendations for Awards to the Executive Council 60 days prior to the Annual Conference.
  - 4. After Executive council review, nominations will be returned to the Chairman of the Awards Committee for the following Committee actions:
    - a. Administrative preparation of approved awards to include: typing, engraving, framing or other necessary actions, as appropriate, to be accomplished in coordination with the Secretary and the Executive Director of the Association.
    - b. The Chairman of the Awards Committee will deliver to the President of NGASC all administratively completed awards, ready for presentation at the annual conference.
  - 5. A permanent record of all NGASC Award recipients will be maintained by the Chairman of the Awards Committee.
  - 6. Present NGAUS Awards SOP to membership at annual conference. Solicit NGAUS Award nominations 90 days prior to NGAUS deadline. Submit recommendations for Awards to the Executive Council 60 days prior to NGAUS deadline.

## VIII. Awards

The following individual and organizational awards comprise the category of awards sponsored and or presented by the National Guard Association of South Carolina:

### **AWARDS:**

Certificate of Appreciation  
Certificate of Achievement  
Outstanding Service Award  
Distinguished Service Award  
Honorary Membership Award  
Legislator of the Year

T. Eston Marchant Award - Army - PMA  
T. Eston Marchant Award - Air PMA  
Palmetto Military Academy 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Honor Graduate Award - Army  
Robert L. McCrady Award  
Frank D. Pinckney Award  
SMSgt Charles B. Madden, Jr., Award  
ANG Top Gun Award  
Marksmanship Awards - Army

Sergeant Jasper Award  
Past President's Award  
Outgoing Executive Council Service Awards  
Organizational Awards

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

**I. Purpose**

This award is intended to recognize a member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina who has provided dedicated service to the National Guard Association.

**II. Eligibility**

Any member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

**III. Description**

A framed 8 ½" x 11" certificate with the National Guard Association seal in the upper center below the inscription "National Guard Association of South Carolina." Below the seal, the inscription "Presents this Certificate to (Rank and Name) for (purpose of Award)," dated and signed by the President of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

**IV. Criteria**

An individual must have provided dedicated services to the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

**V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Any member may nominate an individual for this award to the Executive Council. Selection will be made by the President of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

### **I. Purpose**

This award is intended to recognize an individual of the South Carolina National Guard or a member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina who has made a significant contribution to the United States Government, the State of South Carolina, or the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina or the South Carolina National Guard.

### **III. Description**

A framed 8" x 10" certificate with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal in the upper center below the inscription "National Guard Association of South Carolina". Below the seal, the inscription "Presents this Certificate of Achievement to, (Rank and Name)" for "(Purpose of Award)," dated and signed by the President of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **IV. Criteria**

An individual must have provided outstanding service to the United States Government, the State of South Carolina, or the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Any member of the South Carolina National Guard or National Guard Association of South Carolina may nominate an individual for this award to the Executive Council of the National Guard Association of South Carolina. Selection will be made by the National Guard Association of South Carolina's Executive Council.

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

**I. Purpose**

This award is intended to recognize a member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina who has performed outstanding service to the Association.

**II. Eligibility**

Any current or past member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

**III. Description**

A 8" x 10" grooved walnut plaque with a 4 5/8" x 6 1/2" brass plate with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal located in the upper center. An inscription in the lower center stating: "In Appreciation to (Rank and Name) for the Outstanding Service - - \_"

**IV. Criteria**

Any member who has distinguished himself/herself by having performed an act which brought credit upon himself/herself, the South Carolina National Guard and the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

**V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Any member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina who has specific knowledge of the facts and circumstances may submit to the Executive Council for approval/disapproval.

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

To provide significant recognition to any individual who has distinguished himself/herself with outstanding and exceptional service to the United States Government, the State of South Carolina, or the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina, the National Guard of south Carolina, or any individual, military or civilian.

### **III. Description**

A framed 8" x 10" certificate with the NGASC seal in the upper center below the inscription "National Guard Association of South Carolina". Below the seal, the inscription "Presents This Distinguished Service Award to, (Rank and Name)" for "(Purpose of Award)," dated and signed by the President of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **IV. Criteria**

An individual must have distinguished himself/herself with exceptional service to the United States Government, the state of South Carolina, or the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Any member of the South Carolina National Guard or National Guard Association of South Carolina may nominate an individual for this award. Selection will be made by the National Guard Association of South Carolina Executive Council.



## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to recognize a citizen of the state of South Carolina who has rendered conspicuous service to the cause of national defense.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any citizen of the state of South Carolina.

### **III. Description**

A framed 8" x 10" certificate with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal imp- the upper center, below the inscription "National Guard Association of South Carolina". Below the seal, the inscription, "Presents this Honorary Membership Award to, (Rank and Name). "For" (Purpose of Award), dated and signed by President of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **IV. Criteria**

An individual must have rendered conspicuous service to the cause of national defense, at either state or national level.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Any member of the South Carolina National Guard or the National Guard Association of South Carolina may nominate an individual for this award. Selection will be made upon election by the National Guard Association of South Carolina Executive Council.

## **LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to recognize a Legislator of the State of South Carolina who has rendered exceptional service and legislative effort on behalf of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any Legislator of the State of South Carolina.

### **III. Description**

A plaque with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal and the inscription "National Guard Association of South Carolina". Below the seal, the inscription, "Presents this Legislator of the Year Award to, (Name)." "For" (Purpose of Award), dated and signed by President of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **IV. Criteria**

A Legislator must have rendered exceptional service and legislative effort on behalf of the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

The National Guard Association of South Carolina Legislative Committee will recommend Legislators via the Awards Committee. Selection will be approved by the National Guard Association of South Carolina Executive Council.

## **THE T. ESTON MARCHANT AWARD - ARMY**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the PMA Candidate that is selected as the top candidate from the graduating PMA class.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any member of the graduating class of PMA, SC Army National Guard.

### **III. Description**

An official United States Army officer's saber, as provided by the National Guard Association; mounted with its scabbard on a walnut plaque with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal mounted in the upper middle of the plaque. An engraved plate is mounted below the seal with the title "T. Eston Marchant Award - 1st Honor Graduate" and the candidate's name. The recipient also receives a one year complimentary membership in the National Guard Association of South Carolina and the National Guard Association of the United States.

### **IV. Criteria**

The individual will be selected on the basis of the most outstanding overall performance in leadership and academics.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

All individuals in a graduating PMA class will be evaluated on leadership and academics by the PMA instructors and TAC staff, and will then be selected by the PMA Commandant's Review Board.

## **THE T. ESTON MARCHANT AWARD - AIR**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to recognize an active South Carolina Air National Guardsman for outstanding academic achievement and performance while attending the Academy of Military Science or Officer Candidate School at Maxwell Air Force Base.

### **II. Eligibility**

The award will be presented annually to an officer of the South Carolina Air National Guard.

### **III. Description**

An official United States Air Force officer's saber, as provided by the National Guard Association, is mounted with its scabbard on a walnut plaque with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal mounted in the upper middle of the plaque. An engraved plate is mounted below the seal with the title "T. Eston Marchant Award - Air Outstanding Graduate," the candidate's name and year. The recipient will also receive a one year complimentary membership in the National Guard Association of South Carolina and the National Guard Association of the United States.

### **IV. Criteria**

The recipient must have been a distinguished or honor graduate of the Academy during the preceding year, and, if there is more than one, the individual with the highest academic average will be named the recipient.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

All distinguished or honor graduates for the preceding year will be considered with selection made by the Awards Selection Committee of the South Carolina Air National Guard.

**PALMETTO MILITARY ACADEMY**

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> HONOR GRADUATE AWARD – ARMY**

**I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the PMA candidates that are selected as the second and third honor graduates of each graduating PMA class.

**II. Eligibility**

Any member of the graduating class of PMA, South Carolina Army National Guard.

**III. Description**

An 8" x 10" walnut plaque with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal mounted in the upper center of the plaque. An engraved plate is mounted below the seal reading as follows:

1st Line: Class number and year

2nd Line: Palmetto Military Academy

3rd Line: 2nd Honor Graduate/3rd Honor Graduate

4th Line: Candidate's name

The recipients also receive a one year complimentary membership in the National Guard Association of South Carolina and the National Guard Association of the United States.

**IV. Criteria**

The individuals will be selected on the basis of the second and third most outstanding overall performance in leadership and academics.

**V. Nomination and Selection Process**

All individuals in a graduating PMA class will be evaluated on leadership and academics by the PMA instructors and TAC staff and will then be selected by the PMA Commandant's Review Board.

## **ROBERT L MCCRADY AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to recognize a South Carolina National Guardsman for outstanding leadership while attending the Noncommissioned Officer School at the McCrady Training Center Eastover, SC.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any member of the SCARNG who is graduating from a Warrior Leadership Course (WLC), (Formerly Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), an Advanced Leadership Course (ALC), (Formerly Basic NCO Course (BNCOC), or a Senior Leadership Course (SLC), (Formerly Advanced NCO Course (ANCOC) at the McCrady Training Center.

### **III. Description**

An 8 1/2 inch walnut-based trophy with a National Guard "Minute Man" statuette at the top. In the center of the trophy, a gold-colored plate with the inscription, "SCNG NCO SCHOOL's ROBERT L. MCCRADY LEADERSHIP AWARD PRESENTED TO" the rank and name of the Soldier.

### **IV. Criteria**

Awarded to the student who best demonstrates the outstanding leadership traits of a NCO as observed and evaluated by the Trainer/Evaluator NCOs during the course.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Selection is made by the Training Evaluators, and is awarded to the student who achieves the highest leadership grade during the course. It will be presented to the recipient during graduation ceremonies.

## **FRANK D. PINCKNEY AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of the award is to recognize a South Carolina Army National Guardsman for outstanding academic achievement while attending the Non-commissioned Officer School at the McCrady Training Center.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any member of the SCARNG who is graduating from a Warrior Leadership Course, Advanced Leadership Course, or a Senior Leadership NCO Course at the Mccrady Training Center.

### **III. Description**

A 16" walnut-based trophy with a military Soldier statuette at the top. In the center of the trophy is a gold-colored plate with the inscription, "SCNG NCO SCHOOL RECOGNIZES HONOR GRADUATE", the Soldier's rank and name. At the base of the trophy is a gold-colored plate which reads, "FRANK D. PINCKNEY AWARD".

### **IV. Criteria**

Awarded to the student achieving the highest academic average on all examinations administered during the course.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Selection is made by the Training Evaluators and is awarded to the student who achieves the highest academic average. It will be presented to the recipient during graduation ceremonies.

## **THE SMSgt CHARLES BUFORD MADDEN, JR. AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of the award is to recognize an active South Carolina Air National Guardsman for outstanding academic achievement and performance while attending the Air Force's Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

### **II. Eligibility**

Any member of the South Carolina Air National Guard who graduates from the Air Force's Non-commissioned Officer Academy.

### **III. Description**

A walnut plaque, 7" x 9", with the seal of the National Guard Association of South Carolina in the top center. Inscription on the plate will read "Outstanding Graduate of the Year of the Air Force NCO Academy (ANG)" with the "(Year)" for which awarded and the "(Rank and Name)" of the recipient.

### **IV. Criteria**

The recipient must have been the most outstanding graduate of the air Force's Non-Commissioned Officer Academy for the South Carolina Air National Guard for the preceding calendar year.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

The South Carolina Air National Guard Awards Selection Committee selects the winner after reviewing each graduate's academic curriculum score sheet provided by the Air National Guard NCO Academy.



## **AIR NATIONAL GUARD TOP GUN AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is intended to recognize the overall Top Gun for the 157th Tactical Fighter Squadron for the previous year.

### **II. Eligibility**

All F-16 pilots who have been flying with the 157th Tactical Fighter Squadron for the past twelve months are eligible.

### **III. Description**

An 8" x 14" walnut plaque with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal centered at the top. The individual's name is centered below, along with his tactical call sign with the year in which the award was won. Below the name and centered is the "169th Tactical Fighter Group" F-16 Top Gun.

### **IV. Criteria**

An individual must have qualified in all events required to be MR (Combat Ready) for the previous year. The events for Top Gun are: 20 degree-low angle low drag, 10 degree-low angle bomb, and 0 degree-visual level bomb, and finally, low angle strafe. All day record and non-record bombs, and strafe on scoreable ranges are counters.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

All scores for the previous twelve months are evaluated and a selection is made by the 157th Tactical Fighter Squadron Commander and Weapons Officer according to a combination of lowest CEA (best bombs), and the highest strafe average.

## **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP AWARDS**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of these awards is to increase interest in marksmanship and recognize the best teams and individuals in the combat rifle, pistol and light machine gun matches conducted annually by the South Carolina Army National Guard.

### **II. Eligibility**

Each battalion or battalion equivalent is authorized to enter teams in each match. Composition of teams will be in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Military Department of South Carolina.

### **III. Description**

The award will consist of a trophy with the figure of a Soldier marksman armed with the appropriate weapon for each type of match mounted at the top of the trophy. The trophy will be inscribed to indicate the designation of the winning team or name of the individual recipient, the type match and the year.

### **IV. Criteria**

Recipients will be the teams and individuals with the highest score in each of the championship matches.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

The recipients will be selected by Marksmanship Branch, Plans and Operations Director, Military Department of South Carolina. The Marksmanship Branch will notify the National Guard Association of South Carolina of the recipients prior to the Association's annual conference. The Marksmanship Branch is also responsible for procuring and engraving trophies and delivery to the National Guard Association of South Carolina office. Marksmanship Branch will secure approval of funding from the National Guard Association of South Carolina office before purchasing trophies.

## **SERGEANT JASPER AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the major subordinate command of the South Carolina National Guard which has attained the highest membership percentage in the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **II. Eligibility**

All major subordinate commands of the South Carolina National Guard are eligible.

### **III. Description**

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### **IV. Criteria**

A major subordinate command of the South Carolina National Guard must have the highest membership percentage in the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Membership percentages for all major subordinate commands shall be computed by the National Guard Association office staff as of 45 calendar days prior to the National Guard Association of South Carolina conference. The number of members in units shall be taken from the official strength reports, less deployed and Initial Entry Training (IET) Soldiers, of the Army and Air National Guard for 45 calendar days prior to the National Guard Association of South Carolina conference. The Association's membership total shall be taken from the NGASC records. These final computations will then be given to the NGASC Awards Committee, which shall make the nominations and selections of winners. The awards shall be presented at the annual conference.

## **PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this award is intended to recognize the valuable services and substantial time rendered by the National Guard Association's Past President.

### **II. Eligibility**

Individual who was Association's President the preceding year.

### **III. Description**

A 9" x 12" walnut plaque with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal in lower left corner. Presentation plate in upper right corner with inscription on plate stating "Presented to" with "(Rank and Name," words "President NGASC." with dates of term of office "month, year - month, year". Gravel mounted diagonally from upper left to lower right with inscription on gavel with "(Rank and Name)", words "President NGASC" with dates of term of office "month, year - month, year".

### **IV. Criteria**

Must be Past President of Association.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Nominated and selected by National Guard Association of South Carolina Executive Council.

**OUTGOING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SERVICE AWARD**

**I. Purpose**

This award is intended to recognize outgoing Executive Council Members for their exceptional service to the National Guard Association of South Carolina.

**II. Eligibility**

All members of the Executive Council when their term expires.

**III. Description**

A 8" x 10" grooved walnut plaque with a 4 5/8" x 6 1/2" brass plate with the National Guard Association of South Carolina seal located in the upper center. An inscription in the lower center stating: "In Appreciation to (Rank and Name) for the Outstanding Service - - \_"

**IV. Criteria**

All members of the Executive Council of the National Guard Association of South Carolina for their exceptional service.

**V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Any member of the National Guard Association of South Carolina who has specific knowledge of the facts and circumstances may submit to the Executive Council for approval/disapproval.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL AWARDS**

### **I. Purpose**

To recognize outstanding individuals, Squadrons, Companies, Batteries, Detachments, Flights or directorates that support the South Carolina National Guard.

### **II. Eligibility**

Determined by SCNG affiliated Organization's Awards Committee.

### **III. Description**

Organization that presents the award will determine the description of the award and bare all cost associated with these awards to include conference fee, room cost and transportation.

### **IV. Criteria**

If award is to be given at the Annual Association it must be approved by the South Carolina National Guard Association's Awards Committee and it must arrive at the SCNG Association Building two weeks prior to the Annual Conference.

### **V. Nomination and Selection Process**

Determined by SCNG affiliated Organization's Awards Committee.