

ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS
for
NAVPA Service Award
The Ron York Meritorious Achievement Award
Distinguished Service Award

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National Association of Veterans Program Administrators

Dear NAVPA Member,

The NAVPA Special Recognition Committee invites nominations for our annual awards. These awards provide an opportunity to express appreciation to an individual whose performance on the job is exemplary and who demonstrates a commitment to veteran's programs.

Do you know a NAVPA member who works unselfishly with veterans, or has conducted special programming for them? Sometimes we get so busy helping veterans or planning events/projects that we don't think about the important contributions we make toward the quality of a veteran-student's life. We welcome self-nominations.

This is an excellent opportunity to identify our NAVPA colleagues who deserve this special recognition. Those chosen for awards will be recognized at this year's Annual Fall Conference, October 20 - 23, 2009, "*Gateway to the West for Education*" in St Louis, Missouri.

The awards and their descriptions are as follows:

NAVPA Service Award – recognizes individuals for their contribution and dedicated service to Veterans and Veterans programs. Persons selected must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a NAVPA member (Institutional, Individual, or Associate) in good standing
- Contributed significantly to veterans education programs providing outstanding service to veterans, servicepersons, and their dependents
- Persons selected must be characterized as exceptional. Repeatedly making contributions that are above the requirement of the position

Individuals must be nominated by a member and selected by the Special Awards and Recognition Committee. The individual so honored shall receive recognition in the form of a suitable plaque, to be presented (in absentia, if necessary) at the annual conference of the association.

The Ron York Meritorious Achievement Award – Recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the purpose and goals of NAVPA and has demonstrated leadership in the profession. This award is intended to bestow highest honors to long-time members of the association. Persons selected must meet the following criteria:

- Person must have served in a Veterans program administrator position for a period of no less than ten years
- Must be a NAVPA member no less than seven years

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Distinguished Service Award – Honors an individual/organization for outstanding leadership in NAVPA and/or has made a significant contribution to veterans programs at the national, state, or regional level and has contributed to the betterment of Veterans education and supports the goals of NAVPA.

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We encourage your participation in nominating those with whom you work, or yourself, who qualify for recognition! Deadline for submission is **Friday, September 3, 2009**. The Committee needs time to make selections and appropriate considerations for the awardees at the conference. You can either mail or fax the form* to me. My information is on the nomination form.

Sincerely,

Special Recognition Committee

Dorothy Gillman, Chair

Kathryn Guenary

Meredith Nickles

*Nomination form and a description of *all* awards can be found on our website: www.navpa.org