



# Grand Polemarch's Distinguished Military and Veteran Service Award

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## 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The “Grand Polemarch’s Distinguished Military and Veteran Service Award” will be presented to one deserving veteran of United States Armed Services who distinguished himself among his peers with accomplishments, achievements and contributions which have a lasting impact on the prestige of the Fraternity, as well as, in the fields of business, community service, government and military service. Nominees shall be an individual who:

- a. has held significant positions of increasing responsibility in a “*Military Service*”, including the Coast Guard (Elaborate on the magnitude of these responsibility and significant accomplishments for at least 2 positions).
- b. has held one or more significant positions within the Fraternity at the local, Province or National Level (Elaborate on the positions and significant accomplishments attained).
- c. has performed significant duties in his community, church, veteran or other civic organizations (Elaborate on positions held and significant accomplishments for 2-3 positions held).

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

The nominee must be a veteran member of any Active Component, National Guard or Reserve Component member, regardless of rank, from any branch of the military service, as well as, in good financial standing at all levels of the fraternity.

## 3. NOMINATION PROCESS

The following are guidelines for the nomination and selection process, *and will occur during the year of the Grand Chapter Meeting*:

- a. any member of good financial standing can submit one nomination to their Province Military and Veterans Action Committee (MVAC).
- b. nomination of candidate should be based on the nominee’s eligibility requirements, strength of application, and any additional methods of selection process deem appropriate by its Province MVAC committee (i.e., phone/face-to-face interview, membership vote, etc.).
- c. Province MVAC will select one nominee and forward nominee’s packet to the Grand



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Chapter MVAC awards committee for screening and verification.

- d. Grand Chapter MVAC award committee will forward nominees' packets to the Grand Polemarch and MVAC Chairman for evaluation and selection of winner.
- e. Grand Polemarch and MVAC Chairman will evaluate nominees' packets/portfolios, and the Grand Polemarch will select the winner in this category at least 90 days prior to Grand Chapter Meeting. Winner will be notified upon selection.
- f. winner will be recognized at Grand Chapter Meeting at a time/location to be determined.

## **4. APPLICATION PACKAGE**

The nominee's application packet will include the following for consideration:

- a. completed nominee's awards application form.
- b. transmittal letters from the nominee's local and province chapters verifying nominee is in good standing with the Fraternity. Transmitter letters must be approved and signed by the chapter's polemarch.
- c. a nominee's portfolio consisting of:
  - 1. chapter shall submit a 3-5-page narrative discussing the nominee's accomplishments and why he should be considered for the award.
  - 2. digital photo (waist-high, jpeg format) of nominee in the Kappa Blazer and tie.
  - 3. three letters of recommendations (non-Kappa members) attesting to the character and reputation of the nominee by the community-at-large in terms of possible effect or impact on the Fraternity's prestige.
  - 4. supporting documentations to include newspaper articles, award citations, exhibits, etc.
- d. submission of a color photo (waist-high) of nominee in Kappa Blazer and tie.

## **5. AREAS TO BE JUDGED**

As stated in the general description of this award, chapter committees should consider the nominee's standings and contributions to the prestige and honor of the Fraternity, and his



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obligations as a fraternal brother and veteran. Key areas of consideration:

- a. individual must have held significant positions of increasing responsibility in a Military Service including the Coast Guard. Examples of military service positions significant positions:
  1. served as first African American Adjutant General of the Arkansas Air National Guard.
  2. served as Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic (CNRMA) during first phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003-2005.
- b. individual has held one or more key positions within the Fraternity at the local, Province or National Level. Examples of “Key” positions:
  1. served as Southwest Province Polemarch from 2012-2018; member, Grand Chapter Board of Directors.
  2. served as Chairmen, and long-time board member of St. Jude’s Hospital Fund Charity Giving Board; raised \$25 million dollars in donations over a five-year period.
- c. individual has performed significant duties in his community, church, veteran or other civic organizations. Examples of significant civic duties:
  1. served as President, and long-term member of the Des Moines Metro Government Globalization Community Initiative board from 2005-present.
  2. served as Chairmen, Veterans Council Alliance of Louisville Board of Directors.

## **6. THE AWARD**

Winner and nominees of “Grand Polemarch's Distinguished Military and Veteran Service Award” will be recognized for their accomplishments. Nominees and the eventual winner will be recognized by a token of recognition:

- a. local/province chapters - Suitable wood-based plaques or certificate commemorating this accomplishment.
- b. Grand Chapter – determined by MVAC awards committee per guidance of the Grand Polemarch or designated representative for oversight of this award.



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## PETITION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_, Achievements and Awards Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City/State Zip Code

From \_\_\_\_\_ Polemarch \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ College/University \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City/State Zip Code

RE: Brother \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City/State Zip Code

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### **Signatures**

Polemarch \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please type) Signature

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of Records \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please type) Signature

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please type) Signature

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter Province

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## NOMINATION PACKET

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Component (Active/Gaurd/Reserve) \_\_\_\_\_

### **NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

(Please attach a 2 to 3 page narrative/ double spaced)