



Safety Chair

My name is Ron J. Albert, and I am the Safety Chair for the Dept Ok 2024-2025 year for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Every Year the VFW sends out the Public Servant Award Citations for the Emergency Medical Technicians, Firefighters, Law Enforcement Personnel, 911 Dispatcher and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. We encourage you to submit as many candidates as possible that you believe should be recognized for their outstanding commitments, selfless service and sacrifice they provide and demonstrate to the community. The criteria for those awards are as follows:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN:

Any individual/group, who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue service or civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

FIREFIGHTER:

Any individual/group, who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Any individual/group, who actively serves in a municipal, county, states or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility.

Unfortunately, this award does not apply to individuals who are employed by private companies or security services.

911 DISPATCHER

Any individual/group who serves in a municipal, county, state, or federal unit tasked with providing the vital link between callers in distress & emergency response team by obtaining essential information to send the appropriate responders to the right location.

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN

Any individual/group, who served in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with the enforcement of the laws & special handling pertaining to disposal of explosive threats to our nation's citizens.

All candidates must have demonstrated some if not all of the following:

1. Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties
2. Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities
3. Continuous growth in their skills and responsibilities with their profession
4. Recognition by those they serve and their colleagues.
5. Continuing or previous volunteer work for their community

Please fill out and submit the VFW Public Servant Award Citation (included) for all candidates along with the following:

1. A Photograph from the chest up
2. One page nomination letter containing the candidate's or group's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual/group should be considered to include justification outlining background in the field, accomplishments, and awards.

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All packets must be submitted to me by 16 December 2024 for selection. There are two ways you can submit them to:

1. Via email at vfw5263pso@gmail.com with Public Servant Award Citation from (your department name) in the subject line.
2. Postal Mail at VFW Post 5263
Attn: 2024-2025 Public Servant Award
103 NE 20th Street
Lawton, OK 73507

All candidate packets will be read and judged by an appointed board. One candidate from each category will be chosen and sent up to VFW National Headquarters by 01 February 2024, where they will be combined with other VFW Public Servant Award Citations from all Departments. Once there all candidate packets will be read and judged by an appointed board. One candidate will be chosen from all categories and that candidate will be recognized by the VFW National Headquarters. The Oklahoma candidate for each category will be informed of the recognition date, time, and location when they have been notified of their winning.

If you have any further questions, concerns, clarifications, etc. please contact me via email at vfw5263pso@gmail.com or call my cell phone number at 580-512-0510. Please leave a voicemail if I do not answer. Thank you for your continued unwavering support and I look forward to receiving all the packets. May you have a great day.

Respectfully,
Ron J. Albert
State Safety Chair
District 14 Commander
Safety Chair 2024-2025
District & Post Service Officer
Pass two-time All-State CMR & All America CMR
Pass two-time OK All -Star Grande Commander
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