

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2026

Mail To: American Legion Department of Tennessee
318 Donelson Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

**NOMINATION FORM
FOR
“LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR”**

Please send candidate’s photograph (bust shot; waist to top of head wearing legion cap, if possible) via email attachment to adjutant@TNLegion.org. For Most Award Credit: Please concentrate on the CANDIDATE’s contribution to The American Legion’s “FOUR PILLARS” and MEMBERSHIP. Please enclose this application along with your candidate’s supporting information at the address above.

Commander McKinley feels that elected DEC members should NOT be eligible to receive this.

PLEASE, DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR CANDIDATE’S NAME IN YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

CANDIDATE’S NAME (FIRST, MI, LAST)

MEMBER #

POST #

Has your candidate completed:

1. The American Legion Basic Training? (If so, include when) _____
2. The Tennessee American Legion College? (If so, include when) _____
3. The National American Legion College? (If so, include when?) _____
4. American Legion Leadership and Development Courses? _____
5. If so, which courses and when? _____

Describe any “Community, Post, District, Division, Department or National Honors” that were bestowed on your candidate “2023-2024 membership year” that reflects an honor to THEIR “Post” and “The American Legion.” Do not send certificates, photos, or newspaper clippings. Make generic reference in 500 word essay.

**ON SEPARATE SHEET, IN 500 WORDS
(NO PHOTOS OR NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS)**

1. **Describe** how your candidate supported specific American Legion “Americanism” Programs within the last 12 months, please expound on each of the following sub-areas as to how, who, what, when, and where:
 - a. American Legion Boys State
 - b. American Legion Oratorical
 - c. American Legion Baseball
 - d. American Legion Scouting
2. **Describe** how your candidate has contributed to “National Security and Foreign Affairs” that involved The American Legion; please expound on each of the following sub-areas as to how, who, what, when, and where:
 - a. Memorial Day Flag Presentations
 - b. Veterans/Memorial/Armed Forces Day Flag Ceremony/Parade and Presentations
 - c. Presentations to Local Civic/Educators
 - d. Promoted voting.
 - e. Other Legion Community activities (Flag etiquette education at a school, etc.)
3. **Describe** how your candidate has contributed to the well-being of the local “Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation” population; please expound on each of the following sub-areas as to how, who, what, when, and where:

- a. Transportation of veterans to Veteran Affairs Medical Facilities/Clinics:
 - b. Assisting veterans to enroll in Veteran Affairs entitlements (VAMC care, education, etc.)
 - c. Donations to a VAMCs or VA Clinics or Veteran Nursing Homes
 - d. Volunteer Service at a VAMC, VA Clinics or Veterans Nursing Home
 - e. Activities for hospitalized or disabled veterans
 - f. Operation Comfort Warrior
 - g. Military Funeral Honors
4. Strong National “Defense” ...how has the nominee contributed? Please expound on each of the following sub-areas as to how, who, what, when, and where:
- a. American Legion JROTC Cadet of the Year
 - b. American Legion Junior Shooting Sports
5. Legislative:
- a. Lobbied members of the United States Congress
 - b. Lobbied State Legislature
 - c. Lobbied local political leaders.
 - d. Promote Legion Legislative Issues
6. **Describe** what positive contributions your candidate has made toward “Legion Membership” within your respective American Legion Post. Please expound on each of the following sub-areas as to how, who, what, when, and where:
- a. Recruit New Members as part of the Post Membership Team
 - b. Renew Current Members Post
 - c. Revitalization
 - d. Reconnect through Department of Defense’s Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program
 - e. Buddy Check

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO THE NAME OF NOMINEE’S COMMUNITY OR THE NOMINEE’S POST IN THE NARRATIVE.

“Nomination Must Be Signed by Two of the Following “Legion Post Officers”

Post Commander _____ Date: _____

Post Adjutant _____ Date: _____

Post First Vice Commander _____ Date: _____

Reminder – Please send photo via email attachment to adjutant@tnlegion.org. Application is available on the Department website.

You May Send the Entire Package as An Email Attachment.