



LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD

NAME: _____
(Applicants will be assessed based on previous year(s) accomplishments)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

POST NAME & NO: _____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: _____ **CONTINUOUS YEARS:** _____

POSITIONS HELD IN LEGION: _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: _____

WHAT EXEMPLIFIES THIS PERSON AS A LEGIONNAIRE: (use additional sheets as needed)

IS THE PERSON A LEADER IN WHAT HE/ SHE DOES: _____

DOES LEGIONNAIRE INTEND TO ASPIRE TO HIGHER POSITIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN LEGION: _____

IS THIS PERSON WELL RESPECTED IN HIS/ HER POST AND COMMUNITY: _____

WOULD YOU AS A CITIZEN LEADER RECOMMEND THIS PERSON FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE AMERICAN LEGION (explain): _____

This form must be submitted to: **Mark Avis, 14 Shaw Street, Palmer MA 01069** no later than **MAY 1**.

SUBMITTED BY: _____

Complete with attached recommendations. Do Not submit more than eight (8) pages of additional documentation.

RULES AND DEADLINES

FOR DEPARTMENT BLUE CAP / LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

OBJECTIVE: THE DEPARTMENT “BLUE CAP” OF THE YEAR is designed to recognize a Legionnaire who exemplifies the goals and objectives set forth by The American Legion. Nominees **MUST** be a “Blue Cap”

ELEGIBILITY: for this award requires that the candidate cannot be in an elected position authorized to wear a half white or a white cap; nor at the time of the award, have been elected (though not yet installed) to any such position. (Therefore, to prevent embarrassment, it shall be incumbent upon the recommending Post to report the ineligibility of the individual prior to the Department Convention.) This is the only restriction.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Any post, District or County may recommend any qualified member. Submissions should include this form (reverse side completed) and supporting documents as necessary for the committee to judge the qualifications, character and dedication of the nominee. **Nominee should be present at the Department Convention.**

Supporting documents MUST be included: They may include letters from civic groups, churches, other veteran organization; testimonials from fellow veterans, news clippings, etc.

DEADLINES: Blue Cap/Legionnaire Committee Chairman must receive submissions no later than May 1, 2026.

FINAL SELECTION OF one Department of Massachusetts BLUE CAP/LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR will be determined by the Legionnaire of the year Committee no later than May 25, 2026. There will be no honorable mentions. The winner will receive a plaque and Legion cap.

WINNER will be honored and a guest of the Massachusetts American Legion State Convention in 2026.

