

TO: DISTRICT COMMANDERS
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FROM: WILLIAM HAINES, DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT CHAIRMAN

RE: EMPLOYMENT AWARDS PROGRAM – 2026 - 2027

DATE: September 15, 2026

All posts are encouraged to submit nominations for The American Legion National Economic Commission Award Program.

Employer and Employment Service nominations are great tools in local, county, District, and Department Public Relations within your communities. This program showcases the relationship between veterans and employers in the community.

- *For instance, the Employer of Veterans Award honors any employer who recognizes the job that Veterans do each day. Applications are easy to complete.*
- *Other categories include The Employer of Older Workers Award which recognizes employers who employ individuals age fifty-five or older.*
- *The Award to Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons is an award for organizations that enhance the quality of life of disabled persons.*
- *The Michael Guty Homeless Veterans Outreach Award is an award to recognize outreach efforts to homeless veterans.*

Use the Employment Service Award nomination form to recognize a Local Office; Veterans Employment Representative (LVER); or a Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP) who work diligently to assist veterans in their careers. The Employment Service Award nomination form may also be used to nominate a

Local Office for its collective employment services. (Posts can nominate candidates in a single category or multiple categories).

Please see the nomination forms for each of these categories that are enclosed for your convenience. Additional packets are available by contacting Department Headquarters – Attn: Karissa Clairmont at kclairmont@nylegion.org or by calling directly to 518-463-2215 ext. 108.

All nominations are due to Department Headquarters NO LATER THAN December 7th, 2026.

Address and Mail All nominations to:

*The American Legion – Department of New York
Attn: Karissa Clairmont, Programs Coordinator
1304 Park Boulevard
Troy, NY 12180*

I am looking forward to your participation at the Employment Committee session during the Annual Mid-Winter Conference at the Crowne Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel in Albany, New York.

Best Regards,

William Haines

Employment Chairman

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