# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



Applications due postmarked no later than December 23, 2022.

## Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year

This award recognizes a sheriff who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and the criminal justice profession, demonstrates exceptional service to their community, and has contributed to the betterment of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

#### Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award for an active sheriff who has performed the duties of his or her office in the highest professional manner as well as enhance the Office of Sheriff. The award is given in memory and honor of Ferris E. Lucas, who served as President of the National Sheriffs' Association (1944-1946) and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association (1964-1982).

#### Sponsorship

Turnkey Corrections and the National Sheriffs' Association

#### Awards Panel

Comprised of (a) past winners of this award and (b) several persons (non-sheriffs) appointed by NSA's President, who are associated with law enforcement and familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff.

#### Categories

An award will be given to an active sheriff, who is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

#### Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a sheriff who has shown *unusual initiative and imagination* in the performance of his/her duty. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. Any involvement in the community that goes beyond the responsibilities of the office will be considered. Those actions the sheriff took to improve the stature of the Office of Sheriff locally and statewide, as well as any contributions on the national level and to NSA will be given a high priority.

#### Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time sheriff; a member in good standing of the NSA; and a member of his/her state sheriffs' association.

#### Application

Complete the attached form and submit with supporting documentation listed below. Nomination submissions will be held on file for two subsequent years and re-considered each year.

#### The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities and major accomplishments and description of involvement with state as well as National Sheriffs' Association (no more than 1500 words)
- Nominee's resume (mandatory)
- State Sheriff's Association Endorsement or Letter of Recommendation (mandatory)

### Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for Deputy Sheriff of the Year

These awards recognize deputy sheriffs who have made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and his/her agency or who has demonstrated conspicuous bravery in the performance of his/her duties.

## There are now two awards given in this category: one for VALOR and one for MERIT.

#### Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to law enforcement. The awards are given in memory and honor of Charles "Bud" Meeks, who served as Sheriff of Allen County, Indiana, (1975-1982) and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association (1989-1997, 2000).

#### **Awards Panel**

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Working Group.

#### Sponsorship

Motorola Solutions and the National Sheriffs' Association

#### Categories

An award will be given to deputy sheriffs from any city/county Office of the Sheriff, provided that the sheriff is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association.

#### Criteria

The two awards are intended to recognize employees (i.e. Chief Deputy, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff) from an Office of the Sheriff who have shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. A heroic or meritorious service act involving any of the functions of the Office of the Sheriff (i.e. law enforcement, jails/corrections, courtroom security, service of process) is not mandatory. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. The quality of the service or program is the essential factor. Contributions and service within the community are also considered.

#### Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid officer or deputy sheriff (all ranks below sheriff are eligible) from a city/county office of the sheriff. The nominating sheriff **MUST** be a member in good standing of the NSA and **MUST** sign the application.

#### Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with supporting documentation listed below.

#### The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities & major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video.)

### **Chaplain of the Year**

This award recognizes a chaplain who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and his/her agency or who has demonstrated conspicuous excellence in the performance of his/her duties.

#### Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual(s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to chaplains in law enforcement.

#### Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Working Group.

#### Categories

An award will be given to a chaplain from any city/county office of the sheriff, provided that the sheriff is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association.

#### Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a chaplain from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. A heroic or meritorious service act involving the Office of the Sheriff is not mandatory. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. The quality of the service or program is the essential factor. Contributions and service within the community are also considered.

#### Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time or part-time employee or volunteer from a city/county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating sheriff **MUST** be a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, and **MUST** sign the application.

#### Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

#### The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities and major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video)

#### **Other Award Information:**

NSA will make arrangements for the award to be presented locally at the awardee's office.

## Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor Award

This award recognizes an outstanding contribution by a Post Advisor to a Law Enforcement Explorer Post sponsored by a sheriff's office.

#### Purpose

To establish an award to recognize and demonstrate NSA's support by recognizing a Sheriff's Office and a Post Advisor for his/her contribution to Law Enforcement Exploring.

#### Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Working Group.

#### Post Activities Rated in Selection Process (for past 2 years)

- 1. Recruiting Describe recruiting methods. Indicate how many Explorers have been recruited by age of recruit.
- Size of Post and Tenure Indicate number and the length of time in the Post. Indicate number who dropped out.
- 3. Written Program Plans Submit (describe in detail) the program plans for the current and past year.
- 4. Explorer Training Submit details on Explorer training: topics, hours, participation, instructors and purpose.
- Post Activities Describe how Explorers are used in official services, (i.e. crime prevention, traffic/parking control, communications, identification). Describe civic activities and service to the community, (i.e. child fingerprinting, Neighborhood Watch, and Students Against Drunk Driving).
- Participation in State/Regional/National Conference Give full details on Post participation in conferences, events and competitions, number of Explorers attending, etc.
- 7. Awards and Recognition List awards and community recognition earned by the Post and Explorers.
- 8. Endorsement of the Sponsoring Sheriff A statement by the Sheriff describing the benefits of the Explorer program and the role played by the Post Advisor in the success of the Exploring Program.

#### Criteria

Nominations will be judged on the (8) categories of activity and will be evaluated by a panel of judges. All material may be prepared by the Post Explorer except Activity 8 which must be prepared and signed by the Sheriff (who must be a member in good standing of the NSA).

#### Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time, paid employee of the sponsoring sheriff's office; must have served as Post Advisor for the 24 months prior to the time the nomination is submitted; and the Post must have been established at least two (2) years at time nomination is submitted. The nominating sheriff **MUST** be a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, and **MUST** sign the application.

#### Application

Complete the attached form and attach all supporting documentation, appropriate references, letters of support, and photo-copies of any relevant news articles (please do not include any video-tapes).

#### Other Award Information:

NSA will make arrangements for the award to be presented locally at the awardee's office.

### Corrections/Jail Innovation of the Year Award

This award recognizes a Correctional professional in any position who has created an innovative process, program or procedure that has contributed to the improvement of the Corrections/Jail environment in security, safety, custody, or any other significant improvement in jail operations.

#### Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual (s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to improving operations in the Corrections environment via creative and innovative thinking.

#### Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Working Group.

#### Categories

An award will be given to any Corrections professional including officers, jail administrators, support staff, or ranking officers up to and including Sheriff from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

#### Criteria

This award is intended to recognize any Corrections professional from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the development of a new process, program, or procedure that has improved the Corrections environment. The quality of the innovation and its potential application as a Best Practice in other Corrections environments are the essential factors. While technological innovations will be considered, the quality of a new Best Practice in a program, process, or procedure that can be adopted at reasonable or no cost will be given greater consideration.

#### Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid employee (both sworn or non-sworn), officer, or ranking officer from a city/ county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating sheriff **MUST** be a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, and **MUST** sign the application.

#### Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

#### The nomination must include the following:

- Description of of the idea, how it is executed, and how it has benefitted the Corrections/Jail environment (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

#### Other Award Information:

NSA will make arrangements for the award to be presented locally at the awardee's office.

### Court Security Agency/Professional of the Year Award

This award recognizes a Court Security professional in any position who has created an innovative process, program or procedure that has contributed to the improvement of the court environment in security, safety, custody, or any other significant improvement in court security operations.

#### Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual agency that has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to improving operations in the court environment via creative and innovative thinking.

#### Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Working Group.

#### Categories

An award will be given to any agency professional including officers, support staff, or ranking officers up to and including Sheriff from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

#### Criteria

This award is intended to recognize any court security professional from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the development of a new process, program, or procedure that has improved the court security environment. The quality of the innovation and its potential application as a Best Practice in other court security environments are the essential factors. While technological innovations will be considered, the quality of a new Best Practice in a program, process, or procedure that can be adopted at reasonable or no cost will be given greater consideration.

#### Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid employee (both sworn or non-sworn), officer, or ranking officer from a city/ county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating sheriff **MUST** be a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, and MUST sign the application.

#### Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

#### The nomination must include the following:

- Description of the idea, how it is executed, and how it has benefitted the court security environment (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

#### **Other Award Information:**

NSA will make arrangements for the award to be presented locally at the awardee's office.

### **Reserve Deputy of the Year Award**

This award was established to recognize a volunteer reserve or auxiliary deputy who has made significant contributions to law enforcement in his/her agency or to the law enforcement community.

#### Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual(s) who have/has made a significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to law enforcement. The award was established by the NSA Reserve Law Enforcement Officer Committee in 2013.

#### **Awards Panel**

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Working Group.

#### Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a volunteer law enforcement officer (i.e. Reserve, Auxiliary, Special Deputy, etc.) from an Office of Sheriff who hs shown unusual initiative and immagination in the performance of his/her duty. Contributions and service within the local community, the law enforcement community, and within volunteer law enforcement in the nation will be considered. A heroic or meritous service act involving any of the functions of the Office of Sheriff (i.e. law enforcement, jails/corrections, courtroom security, service of process) can be considered but is not a major factor. Long years of service can also be consideration, but are not the determining factor.

#### Qualifications

A candidate must be a volunteer deputy sheriff (all ranks are eligible) who does not receive any more than a minimum stipend for services or as reimbursement for expenses. The candidate must perform law enforcement duties for an Office of Sheriff and must have law enforcement authority. The nominating sheriff **MUST** be a member in good standing of the NSA and **MUST** sign the application.

#### Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below. Nomination submissions will be held on file for two subsequent years and be reconsidered each year.

#### The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritous activity and major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

#### **Other Award Information**

NSA will make arrangements for the award to be presented locally at the awardee's office.

### Sheriff/Private Security Partnership Award

#### Purpose

The award will recognize the partnership between a Sheriff's Office and a private sector partner.

#### Sponsorship

Security Industry Alarm Association (SIAC), The Monitoring Association (TMA), and the National Sheriffs' Association.

#### Awards Panel

NSA Awards Working Group

#### Qualifications

Must be a partnership between private security and sheriff's office. The nominee **MUST** be a member in good standing of the NSA.

#### Application

Complete the attached form and submit with supporting documentation listed below. Nomination submissions will be held on file for two subsequent years and re-considered each year. The nomination must include the following:

- Description of the public-private partnership, project title, project activities and major accomplishments working with and involvement with the sheriff's office.
- Name of the Sheriff's Office and Sheriff
- Nominators name, title and sheriff's office or private entity
- Letters of Recommendation (Sheriff, etc)

#### **Other Award Information**

NSA will make arrangements for the award to be presented locally at the awardee's office.

Contact Sheriff Mark Wasylyshyn, Wood County, OH at 419.354.9008 or mwasylyshyn@co.wood.oh.us.

### **Triple Crown Award**

The Triple Crown Award was established by NSA to recognize those sheriff's offices, which achieve simultaneous accreditation from the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, the American Correctional Association's Commission on Accreditation for Corrections and the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare. Achieving these accreditations individually is a daunting task. Acquiring all three at the same time is an extraordinary feat. In fact, the Triple Crown distinction is so rare, that since the establishment of the award in 1993, 71 Triple Crown Awards have been given.

In addition, at the 2007 Winter Conference, the Awards Committee and NSA Board of Directors decided that sheriff's offices that were prior Triple Crown Award recipients would again be eligible for the award, when achieving simultaneous reaccreditation under the leadership of a new sheriff.

## Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is given for an act of outstanding personal bravery, intelligently performed, in the line of duty at imminent personal hazard of life.

## **Medal of Merit**

The Medal of Merit is given for a contribution to your community, and to the Field of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

### **Purple Heart**

The Purple Heart is given for having sustained personal injury, in the intelligent performance of duty, inflicted by an assailant with a dangerous and deadly weapon.

These awards are given throughout the year. To nominate an individual contact Ross Mirmelstein, Special Assistant to Executive Director, at 571.237.3292 or rossmir@sheriffs.org.

## **RULES FOR AWARDS**

All nominations should be submitted directly to the National Sheriffs' Association.

National Sheriffs' Association Awards Committee 1450 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314-3490

Applications for all awards must be postmarked by **December 23, 2022.** 

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Ross Mirmelstein at 571.237.3292 or rossmir@sheriffs.org.

#### **Special Notation**

The NSA's Awards Working Group may or may not grant an award, at its discretion.

#### Announcement Of Winner(s)

The awardee(s) for the Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the year and the Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for Deputy Sheriff of the year will attend the NSA Annual Conference, where the awards will be presented. In June 2023, the Lucas and Meeks Awards will be presented at the Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, in June 2023. All other awards will be presented at the awardees' sheriffs' offices.

For the Lucas and Meeks awards, NSA will arrange for and pay, a) airline transportation; and b) lodging (NSA's Headquarters Hotel) at the 2023 Annual Conference. In addition, the Association shall provide full conference registration(s) for the award recipient and his/her spouse/guest. The winners of these prestigious awards shall be notified of selection prior to the 28th day of February 2023.

NSA will make arrangements for the other awards to be presented at the awardees' sheriffs office in the spring of 2023 and the winners will be announced at the NSA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, June 2023.

**Please note:** all applications (and supporting documentation) become the property of the National Sheriffs' Association, and will NOT be returned, unless specifically requested in writing, and accompanied with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

## ADDITIONAL AWARDS, SEE REQUIREMENTS BELOW

## **Crime Victim Services Award**

NSA recognizes that victims of crime have unique needs and that appropriate assistance to victims should be provided by law enforcement as early as possible in the response process. In an effort to focus more national and local attention on law enforcement services provided to victims of crime, NSA annually recognizes a Sheriff's Office that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in support of victims with the NSA Crime Victim Services Award. Established in 2005 with funding support from the Office for Victims of Crime, the award has been generously sponsored by Appriss, Inc., since 2008.

Nominations for the Crime Victim Services Award may be submitted by any individual or organization. The Sheriff of the nominated Office must be an NSA member. Nominations should include a brief overview of the Sheriff's Office, and then address the following questions, in addition to any other achievements of the Office that the nominating individual or organization may wish to highlight:

- What accomplishments has the nominated Sheriff's Office made on behalf of crime victims and how are those accomplishments innovative and unique?
- How has the nominee's victim services and/or programs impacted the local citizenry?
- How have the actions of the nominee influenced the policies, practices, and attitudes toward crime victims by its other governmental/non-governmental partner organizations in the community?

#### The deadline for receipt of nominations by NSA is

**December 16, 2022.** To nominate a sheriff's office for this award, please send a description of the victim services program with an explanation of why the agency is deserving of the award. Nominations should be no more than 10 pages in length including attachments. E-mail nominations to the attention of Jessica Vanderpool at jessica@sheriffs.org. For further information, contact Jessica at 703-838-5303.

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## CHARLES "BUD" MEEKS AWARD DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR FOR VALOR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print):		
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E-mail address:		
Nominee:		
Title (rank) of Nominee:		
Nominee's address:		
City:		
Telephone:	Fax:	
E-mail address:		
I certify that the above named candidate for the 2023 NSA Dept full-time sheriff/officer of the:	\$	Award for Valor is aSheriff's Office.
(Signature of nominating Sheriff - MANDATORY)		
(Date)		

## CHARLES "BUD" MEEKS AWARD DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR FOR MERIT

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I certify that the above named candidate for the full-time sheriff/officer of the:		Award for Merit is aSheriff's Office.
(Signature of nominating Sheriff - MANDA'	TORY)	
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## LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST ADVISOR AWARD

Name of nominating agency or person (please prin	nt):	
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Nominee: Sheriff's Explorer Post #		
Title (rank) of Nominee:		
Nominee's address:		
City:		
Telephone:	Fax:	
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I certify that the above named candidate for the NS	A Law Enforcement Explorer Post A	
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## **CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR -**

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## COURT SECURITY AGENCY/PROFESSIONAL -OF THE YEAR AWARD

Name of nominating agency or person (please print):		
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City:		
Telephone:	Fax:	
E-mail address:		
Nominee:		
Title (rank) of Nominee:		
Nominee's address:		
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Telephone:	Fax:	
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I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Cou for 2023 is a full or part time employee of the:	art Security Agency/Profession	al of the Year Award Sheriff's Office.
(Signature of nominating Sheriff - MANDATORY)		
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## **RESERVE DEPUTY OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Name of nominating agency or person (please print):		
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Title (rank) of Nominee:		
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I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Reser	ve Deputy of the Year Award	l for 2023 is a
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