

ALARACT 006/2024

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SUBJ/ALARACT 006/2024 - REQUESTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE SURGEON GENERAL'S ANNUAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RECOGNITION AWARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

THIS ALARACT MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY JSP ON BEHALF OF HQDA OTSG/DASG-HSZ/DAMO-DASG

1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) AR 351-3, PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS OF THE ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

1.B. (U) AR 600-8-2, SUSPENSION OF FAVORABLE PERSONNEL ACTIONS (FLAG)

1.C. (U) AR 600-9, THE ARMY BODY COMPOSITION PROGRAM

2. (U) SITUATION. THE SURGEON GENERAL'S PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RECOGNITION AWARD (TSG-PARA) PROVIDES PERSONAL RECOGNITION BY THE SURGEON GENERAL (TSG) TO AN ARMY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) WHO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO MILITARY MEDICINE. THE ANNUAL AWARD IS INTENDED TO INCREASE PA MOTIVATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL JOB PERFORMANCE. THE AWARD PROGRAM APPLIES TO ALL ARMY COMMANDS AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVING ACTIVE DUTY PAS ASSIGNED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS IN CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2023 (ACTIVE COMPONENT AND ACTIVATED RESERVE COMPONENT PAS WHO SERVED IN A DEPLOYED OR ACTIVE DUTY OPERATIONAL SUPPORT STATUS IN CY 2023. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD COMPONENT PAS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD).

3. (U) MISSION. NO LATER THAN 26 APRIL 2024, UNITS HAVING PAS ASSIGNED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS WILL NOMINATE ARMY ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PAS FOR TSG-PARA FOR CY 2023. THE 20TH ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST (SP) CORPS CHIEF WILL CONVENE A SELECTION BOARD OF SENIOR SP CORPS PAS WHO WILL MAKE AN ORDER OF MERIT LIST (OML) RECOMMENDATION FROM 06-17 MAY 2024. THE SP CORPS CHIEF WILL SEND AN ENDORSED SELECTEE'S NAME AND THE OML TO THE SURGEON GENERAL FOR DECISION/APPROVAL NO LATER THAN 3 JUNE 2024.

4. (U) EXECUTION.

4.A. (U) ELIGIBILITY/SELECTION CRITERIA.

4.A.1. (U) ANY ACTIVE COMPONENT OR U.S. ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT PA WHO HAS SERVED AS AN ARMY PA ON A FULL-TIME BASIS FOR THE ENTIRETY OF CY 2023 AND HAS AT LEAST 1 YEAR OF SERVICE REMAINING AT THE TIME OF NOMINATION.

4.A.2. (U) PRIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

4.A.3. (U) NOMINEE MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

4.B. (U) RESPONSIBILITIES.

4.B.1. (U) TSG IS THE AWARDING AUTHORITY.

4.B.2. (U) COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS WILL IDENTIFY POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS AND SUBMIT NOMINATIONS ACCORDINGLY. STAFF SURGEONS AT ALL MAJOR AND LOWER NON-MEDICAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS WILL ASSIST COMMANDERS IN THIS REGARD. WITH CONCURRENCE OF THESE COMMANDERS, NOMINATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY STAFF SURGEONS. COMMANDERS WILL PUBLICIZE THE AWARD AND ITS RECIPIENT WHEN ANNOUNCED, EMPHASIZING DUTY PERFORMANCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO MILITARY MEDICINE (WITHIN SECURITY AND PRIVACY ACT REQUIREMENTS).

4.C. (U) A COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKET WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS, IN ORDER, IN A SINGLE PDF FILE, (DO NOT SEND AS A PORTFOLIO):

4.C.1 (U) NOMINATION MEMORANDUM. NOMINATION MEMORANDUM WILL INCLUDE:

4.C.1.A. (U) RANK, GRADE, FULL NAME, COMPONENT.

4.C.1.B. (U) DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF ASSIGNMENT.

4.C.1.C. (U) INCLUSIVE DATES OF RECOMMENDATION. NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE FOR DUTY PERFORMANCE IN CY 2023.

4.C.1.D. (U) CONTACT EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER (GOVERNMENT AND ALTERNATE).

4.C.1.E. (U) STATEMENT THAT THE NOMINEE HAS AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE REMAINING AFTER SELECTION AND IS NOT A PREVIOUS RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD.

4.C.1.F. (U) STATEMENT THAT THE NOMINEE IS NOT FLAGGED OR UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE ACTIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AR 600–8–2 AND THAT THE NOMINEE IS WITHIN AR 600–9 STANDARDS (NOMINEE MEETS HEIGHT/WEIGHT AND/OR PASSES THE TAPE TEST).

4.C.2. (U) COMMANDER’S ENDORSEMENT (IF NOMINATED BY A STAFF SURGEON, ANY LEVEL COMMANDER MAY ENDORSE).

4.C.3 (U) NARRATIVE SUMMARY SHOULD PROVIDE SPECIFIC AND FACTUAL INFORMATION, GIVE CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF EXACTLY WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL DID, DESCRIBE HOW IT WAS DONE, WHAT BENEFITS OR RESULTS WERE REALIZED, AND STATE WHY SUCH RESULTS MERIT RECOGNITION BY TSG. NARRATIVE SUMMARY SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWO DOUBLE-SPACED TYPED PAGES WITH ARIAL FONT, 12-POINT TYPE, AND SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED.

4.C.4. (U) CURRICULUM VITAE

4.C.5. (U) REDACTED OFFICER RECORD BRIEF WITHOUT DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PHOTO.

4.C.6. (U) SEND COMPLETED PACKETS DIRECTLY TO: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, SPECIALIST CORPS: ATMC–CCA, 3630 STANLEY ROAD, SUITE 276, JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO–FORT SAM HOUSTON, TX 78234–6100; OR EMAIL PACKET TO: USARMY.JBSA.MEDICAL-COE.MBX.AMEDD-SP-CORPS-OFFICE@ARMY.MIL.

4.C.7. (U) WHEN PUTTING THE PACKET TOGETHER DIGITALLY COMBINE FILES IN ADOBE AS ONE CONTINUOUS DOCUMENT, DO NOT COMBINE AS A PORTFOLIO.

4.C.8. (U) NOMINATION PACKETS MUST ARRIVE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, SP CORPS NO LATER THAN 26 APRIL 2024.

5. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

5.A. (U) TSG-PARA POINTS OF CONTACT:

5.A.1. (U) ARMY MEDICAL SP CORPS OFFICE: LTC RACHEL E. MORGANS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER; COMMERCIAL: 210–221–8306, DSN: 471; EMAIL: RACHEL.E.MORGANS.MIL@ARMY.MIL.

5.A.2. (U) ARMY MEDICAL SP CORPS OFFICE: LTC SHERYL BOLIDO, EXECUTIVE FELLOW; COMMERCIAL: 210-808-9472, DSN: 471; EMAIL: SHERYL.R.BOLIDO.MIL@ARMY.MIL.

6. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2024.