

NDIA SO/LIC Call for Awards for Period CY11

National Defense Industrial Association Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict Division

The Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) Division of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is soliciting nominations for the R. Lynn Rylander Award, DeProspero Lifetime Achievement Award, and Individual Achievement Awards which will be presented during the Annual SO/LIC Symposium, February 6-8, 2012 in Washington, DC. Additional details concerning the symposium may be found on the event website at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/2880>.

The NDIA SO/LIC Division Awards are open to all personnel from USSOCOM and its elements, and to personnel within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Service staffs and other organizations with connections to the SO/LIC community.

R. Lynn Rylander Award

The Rylander Award, our highest honor, recognizes distinctive contributions in the areas of Special Operations, Low Intensity Conflict, or Irregular Warfare. Achievements may be singular or cumulative, but in the spirit of R. Lynn Rylander's service, the policy, guidance, leadership, or mission contributions must have been of the highest impact – highly significant and lasting – to the SO/LIC community and show support of the goals and objectives of NDIA and the SO/LIC Division.

DeProspero Lifetime Achievement Award

The DeProspero Award recognizes sustained, distinguished service and is presented annually to an individual who has made distinctive lifetime contributions with significant impact in the areas of Special Operations, Low Intensity Conflict, or Irregular Warfare.

Individual Achievement Awards

These awards recognize individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions in the areas of Special Operations, Low Intensity Conflict, or Irregular Warfare within the award period (2011 calendar year). These awards are open to all functional categories and career fields across the SOF community. There will be one award each to an active member of the USA, USMC, USN, USAF, and USCG, and one award to a government civilian from any organization.

Nomination Procedures

Nominations must be written in a memorandum format in 12pt Times New Roman font. Each awards package is to consist of the following:

- A Nomination memorandum that contains
 - The Nominee's full name, rank, billet title/position, address, phone number, fax number, and email address.
 - The Nominator's or Command POC's full name, rank, billet title, address, phone number, fax number, and email address
 - Signature of the nominator.

- Attachment 1 should be a concise, detailed description of the accomplishments of the nominee (must be within or have achieved culmination in the 2011 calendar year for Individual Awards) no longer than two pages, double-spaced. Either bulletized or paragraph format will be accepted.
- Attachment 2 should be a draft award citation of no more than 15 lines of text, using 1 inch left & right margins, suitable for transcription on an NDIA certificate.

Submission Procedures

All nominations should be emailed to the NDIA SO/LIC Awards Committee Chair, Gretchen Larsen Idsinga, at gidsinga@caci.com. Each nomination should be a separate MS Word or .pdf attachment.

Submission Deadline

PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION:

- Rylander and DeProspero Award nominations are due NLT August 31, 2011
- Individual Achievement Award nominations are due NLT October 31, 2011

Selection Procedures

All nominations are voted on and selected by the NDIA SO/LIC Executive Board. After award, the individual and his commander will be notified of selection by the Awards Committee Chair NLT December 31, 2011.

The Awards Banquet will be held on February 7, 2012 in conjunction with the SO/LIC Symposium at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel in Washington, DC. This is a high-visibility event which traditionally attracts Congressional, OSD, and industry support from the highest levels. Last year, CJCS was the evening's Guest Speaker, and key leadership from across the SOF community were in attendance.

Please assist us in recognizing the tremendous contributions of the entire SO/LIC community by nominating your deserving personnel and participating in this outstanding program.

Questions

For questions or additional information, please contact the NDIA SO/LIC Awards Committee Chair, Gretchen Larsen Idsinga, at (703) 460-1287 or gidsinga@caci.com.