

2010 SO/LIC Division Awards

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, the DeProspero Lifetime Achievement Award and for individual Achievement Awards, which will be presented at the Awards Banquet in conjunction with the 22nd Annual SO/LIC Symposium & Exhibition, February 8-9, 2011 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. Additional details concerning the symposium may be found on the event website at <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/1880>.

AWARDS DESCRIPTION

R. Lynn Rylander Award

This award is presented annually to an individual who has made distinctive contributions in the areas of Special Operations or Low Intensity Conflict. Selection criteria include not only singular achievements but career and lifetime contributions in support of Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict. In the spirit of R. Lynn Rylander's service, contributions must have been of the highest impact – significant and lasting – to the SO/LIC community and in consonance with the goals and objectives of NDIA and the SO/LIC Division.

- Nominations may be made by any NDIA SO/LIC Executive Board member.

DeProspero Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is presented annually to an individual who has made distinctive lifetime contributions that had significant impact in the areas of Special Operations or Low Intensity Conflict and recognizes sustained, distinguished service.

Contributions should be over a significant period and made significant improvements to SO/LIC capability.

- Any NDIA SO/LIC Executive Board member, ASD SO/LIC or 4 Star Command with SOF, LIC or IW mission units/offices may submit a nomination for consideration, but an NDIA SO/LIC Executive Board member must sponsor the nomination for inclusion on the NDIA SO/LIC award ballot.

Achievement Awards

These awards are presented to individuals who have distinguished themselves in the past calendar year in the performance of their operational mission area supporting Special Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict or Irregular Warfare.

The award reflects a single or cumulative actions within the award period of the last calendar year. One award per service will be given to a person while on active duty with the USMC, USA, USN, AF, USCG and one civilian from any relevant command or organization.

- Any NDIA SO/LIC Executive Board member, Command or USG Department lead by a General Officer or SES with SOF, LIC or IW mission units/offices may submit persons for consideration by the SO/LIC Division Awards Committee for inclusion on the NDIA SO/LIC award ballot.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations must be written. Any memorandum format is acceptable, but the nomination must include all of the following:

- Complete, current contact information for the nominee, i.e., full name, rank, billet title/position, address, phone number, fax number, and email address
- A concise, detailed description of the accomplishments of the nominee (supporting documents are welcome, but not required)
- A short citation (no more than 15 lines), suitable for transcription to an NDIA certificate
- Contact information for the nominator or command POC, i.e., full name, rank, billet title, address, phone number, fax number, and email address
- Signature of the nominator

Organizations are not limited in the number of nominations they may submit, but we encourage organizations to hold their own internal selection boards to streamline the selection process.

The Call for Awards extends to USSOCOM, the Theater Special Operations Commands, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Service staffs and other SO/LIC-associated elements. Consequently, an organization's nominations will be weighed against others during the final selection process. All nominations received by the SO/LIC Awards Committee will be reviewed.

Individuals nominated for higher level awards are not automatically considered for a lower level award.

Please submit all nominations to:

Ms. Gretchen Idsinga
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NDIA SO/LIC Division
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TIMELINE

Deadline for submissions	November 1, 2010
Notification of selections	December 15, 2010
Awards Banquet	February 8, 2011

The SO/LIC Division's Awards Program recognizes the tremendous contributions of the entire SO/LIC community. In recognizing the few, we honor the service and sacrifice of all. We urge your full-hearted participation and sincerely appreciate your support.

Please contact Ms. Gretchen Idsinga with any additional questions at gidsinga@caci.com.