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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Nominations for the 2017 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association - Saint Isidore Medal Award

1. Purpose: To establish procedural guidance for nominations for the 2017 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Saint Isidore Award Medal.

2. Overview. The AFCEA Saint Isidore Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional initiative, leadership, insight, and cyber excellence within their area of expertise. AFCEA is a private, member-based, non-profit international organization that is focused on advancing information technology, communications and electronics capabilities. With the consent of the nominees, the U.S. Army Cyber Command (ARCYBER) will forward nominations to AFCEA. The award consists of three levels which are described below, in order of precedence, with the minimum criteria for each level.

 a. Gold Level Medallion: The Gold Level Medallion is the highest award and recognizes those who have rendered conspicuous, long-term service and significant contributions to the Cyber mission. Recipients have so singularly distinguished themselves as contributors to the cyber mission that they have few peers. Recipients will be awarded a gold medallion with a ribbon, a certificate, and have their name engraved on a plaque at a later date.

 b. Silver Level Medallion: The Silver Level Medallion recognizes those who have made significant contribution to the promotion of the cyber mission in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipients, their superiors, subordinates, and peers. These individuals must also demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display an outstanding degree of professional competence, and serve the cyber mission with distinction. Recipients will be awarded a silver medallion with a ribbon, a certificate, and have their name engraved on a plaque.

 c. Bronze Level Medallion: The Bronze Level Medallion recognizes those who have demonstrated the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence and selflessness, while contributing significantly to the promotion and betterment of the cyber mission. All nominations for the bronze level medallion will be endorsed by the first Colonel level (O-6) Commander or Directorate Chief prior to being forwarded to the point of contact. AFCEA delegated approval authority of the bronze

level medallion to the Chief of Staff (CofS) of ARCYBER. Recipients will be awarded a bronze medallion with a ribbon, a certificate, and have their name engraved on a plaque.

3. Eligibility Criteria: Any service member or DoD Civilian assigned or attached to organizations identified in the distribution list of this memorandum that have demonstrated the highest standards of honor and moral character, and provided considerable and lasting contribution to the cyber mission and AFCEA during the past year is eligible for consideration. Exceptions to these criteria will be considered by the selection committee.

4. Administration of Awards. AFCEA will award a free one-year membership to the winners of the 2017 Saint Isidore Medallion who are not active members of their organization.

5. Nomination Procedures:

 a. Nominations will be submitted in narrative format, endorsed by the first Colonel in the nominees rating chain and include specific contribution made to the cyber mission. The nomination summary of action must highlight specific, demonstrable contributions for each category of award that demonstrates a history of the advancement of cyber operations. Contributions need not be technical in nature, but may arise from doctrinal, financial, organizational, or other dimensions of cyber operations.

 b. Each eligible organization will submit nominations not later than 1 June 2017. The packet will consist of the endorsed nomination memorandum consisting of 1 page, 12-point Arial font and appropriate record brief (ORB, ERB, CRB), if applicable, submitted to the ARCYBER G-1, ATTN: Mr Jesse Cofield/SFC Kerry Jackson, phone: 703-428-6565/7232, or email: jesse.j.cofield.civ@mail.mil or kerry.jackson1.mil@mail.mil.

6. Selection Process:

 a. The selection panel for nominations will be chaired by the ARCYBER Chief of Staff. The ARCYBER Deputy to the Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major serve as voting members. The ARCYBER Secretary of the General Staff (SGS) will serve as the panel recorder. The panel will review nominations and recommend those deserving to the Commanding General of ARCYBER for approval of the nomination.

 b. A selection panel will convene no later than 19 June 2017. Recommended nominations, with the consent of the nominee, will be forwarded to Mike Warlick, Vice President for Defense AFCEA International for review and approval. Once approved, AFCEA will forward the results, to include award certificates, to the ARCYBER G-1 representative.

 c. This year’s selection panel will award 35 medallions, allocated as follows: 5-Gold, 10-Silver and 20 Bronze awards. Gold level medallions will be presented at the Army Cyber Ball on 19 August 2017. Silver and bronze level medallions will be presented by the first Colonel level Brigade Commander or Directorate Chief at their discretion.

7. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Jesse Cofield, ARCYBER G-1, Military Personnel Division at 703-428-6565 or email at jesse.j.cofield.civ@mail.mil.

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