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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Nominations for the 2022 AFCEA International - Saint Isidore Award

1. **Purpose:** To establish procedural guidance for nominations for the 2022 AFCEA International Saint Isidore Award. All awards will be processed through AFCEA International.

2. **Overview:** The AFCEA-hosted 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, nonprofit international organization focused on advancing information technology, communications and electronics, and cyber for the defense, homeland security and intelligence communities. The award consists of three levels that 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. Nominees are recognized throughout their Service and/or nationally for their cyber contributions. Recipients will be awarded a gold medallion with a ribbon and certificate. This award is not intended as an end of tour or end of service recognition. There are five Gold Level awards allocated for this year. A General Officer or SES endorsement is required for Gold Level awards.

b. **Silver Level Medallion:** The Silver Level Medallion recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the promotion of the cyber mission in ways that stand out in the eyes of recipients, their superiors, subordinates and peers. These nominees are seasoned in the cyber field and well known within their organization and beyond. 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 and certificate. There are 10 Silver Level awards allocated for this year. A Colonel (Commander/Chief of Staff/Director) endorsement is required for Silver Level awards.

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. Nominees are recognized within their organization as knowledgeable within the cyber field and emerging cyber leaders. There are 20 Bronze Level awards allocated for this year. A Lieutenant Colonel (Commander/Deputy Commander/XO) endorsement is required for Bronze Level awards.

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3. Eligibility Criteria: Any service member or DoD civilian assigned to or attached to organizations identified in the distribution list of this memorandum who have demonstrated the highest standards of honor and moral character and provided considerable and lasting contributions to the cyber mission during the past year is eligible for consideration. Exceptions to these criteria will be considered by the selection committee. The selection committee will consist of members of AFCEA, government volunteers and industry cyber professionals who represent the highest standards of conduct and performance.

4. Nomination Procedures:

a. Nominations will be submitted in narrative format and include specific contributions the nominee made to the cyber mission. Nomination allocations by type of award and by element /command are included as examples at enclosures (1) through (3). The nomination summary of action must highlight specific, demonstrable contributions for each category of award that highlights 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 no later than Friday, February 25, 2022. The nomination packet will consist of the endorsed nomination memorandum consisting of not more than one page in 12-point Arial font with a maximum of 250 to 500 words and command or organizational endorsement, not to exceed one page, submitted by email to AFCEA International, ATTN: Col. Mike Warlick, USMC (Ret), Vice President for Defense, at saintisidore@afcea.org. The endorsed nomination must include a completed "Saint Isidore Award Nomination 2022 Points of Contact" form attached as Enclosure (4) to allow quick notification for of all nominees. Nominations received after the February 25, 2022, submission deadline will not be considered during for the 2022 award period.

5. Selection Process:

a. The AFCEA Selection Committee will review and select up to five Gold, 10 Silver and 20 Bronze level medallions for those nominees who have demonstrated exceptional initiative, leadership and cyber excellence. Once AFCEA has completed the selection and approval process, a courtesy copy of the results will be provided to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Cyber Command. AFCEA will prepare the award certificates, to include the medallions and endorsement, and mail to the nominating organization point of contact for presentation.

b. Representatives from AFCEA, when available, along with the Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major of the nominating Command will present Gold level medallions at an appropriate ceremony, such as a Cyber Ball or organizational gathering, to recognize the recipients. As a suggestion, the Silver and Bronze level medallions would normally be presented by the first Colonel or Commander or Directorate Chief at their discretion at an appropriate ceremony.

c. In addition to the award and certificate, AFCEA will also award a no cost one-year membership to the winners of the 2022 Saint Isidore Award who are not active members of AFCEA International.

6. The points of contact are Col. Mike Warlick, USMC (Ret) at 703-631-6132, email: mwarlick@afcea.org or Ms. Mikayla Lyles, Event Coordinator at 703-631- 6162, or email: mlyles@afcea.org.

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AFCEA International

Enclosure (1) Sample Nomination for a Saint Isidore Gold Medallion Award
Enclosure (2) Sample Nomination for a Saint Isidore Silver Medallion Award
Enclosure (3) Sample Nomination for a Saint Isidore Bronze Medallion Award
Enclosure (4) Saint Isidore Award Nomination 2022 Points of Contact

DISTRIBUTION:

Chief Information Officer/G-6 Deputy

Chief of Staff, G-2

Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7

Director, Army National Guard (ATTN: 10/Cyber Branch Chief)

Commander, Air Combat Command, 16 Air Force (Air Forces Cyber)

Commander, Coast Guard Cyber Command

Commander, US Cyber Command

Commander, Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. Tenth Fleet

Commanding General, Marine Corps Cyber Space Command

Commander, Joint Task force-DOD Information Networks

Commander, Cyber National Mission Force

Commander, US Network Enterprise Technology Commander

Commander, Army Cyber Center of Excellence

Director, DISA and Commander Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Network

Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve (ATTN: 10/Cyber Branch Chief)

Commander, Military Intelligence Reserve Command

Commander, 1st Information Operations Command

Commander, 780th Military Intelligence Brigade

Commander, Cyber Protection Brigade

Director, Army Cyber Institute

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Sample Nomination for a Saint Isidore Gold Medallion Award

MEMORANDUM FOR AFCEA International, 4114 Legato Road, Suite 1000, Fairfax, VA 22033 (Attn: Col. Mike Warlick/Ms. Mikayla Lyles)

SUBJECT: Saint Isidore Nomination Gold Medallion Award - Mr. John L. Doe

While serving as the Chief and Cyberspace and Information Operations Management Decision Package (MDEP) Manager, Mr. John Doe was directly responsible for the long-term growth and sustainment of Cyberspace and Information Operations. He personally developed and supervised the completion of several seminal policy, planning, and position documents on critical Cyberspace topics. He advocated on behalf of the Army to lead joint cyberspace capability developments, such as Cyber Training Range Executive Agency and Persistent Training Environment Acquisition Lead. Both capabilities will support Army and Joint cyberspace training requirements. His efforts have been recognized throughout the Army and the Joint Forces.

Mr. Doe was instrumental as the Project Manager and a core member of the writing team developing the Army's first Cyber Resiliency Plan for the evaluation and remediation of cyber vulnerabilities in Major Army Weapons systems to meet requirement of the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act of Section 1647. The plan was later approved by the CSA, published and incorporated as an Annex to the Army's Cyberspace Strategy.

Mr. Doe's roots in the MDEP contributed to secure 89% of the critical requirements for FY12 at \$178M and \$1B across FY 12-16. As a testament to Mr. Doe's steadfast hand for POM 18-22, he conducted continuous coordination with over 15 stakeholders to grow critical requirement for FY18 to over \$554.5M and \$2.9B across FY 18-22. This is a 3-fold increase in successfully advocating for Army cyberspace requirements during his tenure. Due to John's professionalism and selfless service, the Army has grown cyberspace capabilities and capacity. His efforts made a direct and positive impact on the evolution of Army Cyberspace Operations.

The point of contact for this submission is the undersigned at commercial: 706-555-1063 and email at Dun.E.Johnthan.civ@mail.mil.

JONATHAN E. DUN
COL, GS
Chief, Cyberspace & Information Division

Enclosure (1)

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Sample Nomination for a Saint Isidore Silver Medallion Award

MEMORANDUM FOR AFCEA International, 4114 Legato Road, Suite 1000, Fairfax, VA 22033 (Attn: Col Mike Warlick/Ms. Mikayla Lyles)

SUBJECT: Saint Isidore Nomination - Silver Medallion Award - MAJ John D. Doe

MAJ Doe serves as the Lead Cyberspace Planner, Cyberspace Branch, Cyberspace/Information Operations Division, Operations, readiness, and Mobilization Directorate, Headquarters, Department of the Army G3/5/7. He develops, coordinates and integrates Army Cyberspace strategy and policies with the Army Staff, Army Commands, Direct Report Units, the Joint Staff, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

MAJ Doe was directly responsible for the Army and Department of Defense achieving and sustaining irreversible momentum in the cyberspace domain by establishing the necessary policies, orders and resources. He coordinated the first Army Cyberspace Council, DCS G-3/5/7 chartered organization, which synchronizes cyberspace efforts with stakeholders throughout the Army. He developed efforts that integrated and implemented cyberspace operations into Army unified land operations.

He served as the United States Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) J39 Strategic Effects and Special Programs Division Cyber/Information Operations Chief. He led Cyberspace Integration operations for the Strategic Effects and Special Program Division for the planning, integration, and coordination of Joint Operations and capabilities unique to Cyberspace and USCYBERCOM.

MAJ Doe expedited the integration of Special Technical Operations and Special Access Programs into cyberspace initiatives to achieve Joint Strategic effects in support of multiple combatant commands. He led the coordination and integration of space and cyberspace operations, significantly boosting mission success and has become to "go to" expert within the Joint Services.

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JONATHAN E.
DUN COL, GS
Chief, Cyberspace and Information

Enclosure (2)

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Sample Nomination for a Saint Isidore Bronze Medallion Award

MEMORANDUM FOR AFCEA International, 4114 Legato Road, Suite 1000, Fairfax, VA 22033 (Attn: Col Mike Warlick/Ms. Mikayla Lyles)

SUBJECT: Saint Isidore Nomination Bronze Medallion Award - MAJ John D. Doe

It is my pleasure to nominate MAJ John Doe, for the Saint Isidore Award. MAJ Doe is a well-developed officer that possesses a calm demeanor that embraces hard work and challenges. As a Cyber Protection Team Lead since 2015, he has profoundly organized his team to meet the rigorous demands of becoming the first DISA DODIN CPT to obtain full operating capacity (FOC) and becoming a complete functioning cyberforce.

MAJ Doe has been instrumental in creating a new capability for the Cyber Protection Brigade with developments in defensive cyber operations as a DISA CPT element. He has the ability to visualize the cyber battlefield and develop solutions to mitigate the situation. John led his team while providing tremendous DCO support during the JTF-ARMA mission in a remote location in the Middle East. He has communicated and demonstrated the ability to deploy DCO capabilities to a JTF element with confidence and intellect. His performance as the Team Lead has shown his ability to be innovative, resourceful, and competent while supporting the DODIN DCO mission for the Brigade.

MAJ Doe's leadership, drive, and presence are the central points of stability and success for his team. He is committed to the mission and personifies selfless service and perseverance to the Cyber Mission Force and therefore warrants recognition by receiving the 2017 Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Saint Isidore Award.

The point of contact for this submission is the undersigned at commercial: 706-787-1063 or email at Jonathan.E.Dun.mil@mail.mil.

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Chief, Cyberspace and Information

Enclosure (3)

Saint Isidore Award Nomination 2022 Points of Contact

Along with the nomination letter please fill out and submit the below information.

Name of Nominee: _ _ _ _ _

Rank/Rating:.....Branch of Service:

Nominee's Organization:.....

Nominee's Email: _ _ _ _ _

Name of Nominator:

Rank/Rating:.....Branch of Service:

Nominator's Organization:

Nominator's Email: _ _ _ _ _

Nominator's Phone Number:

What email should be contacted with status of the award?

Should the Nominee be selected for an award, what address should the award be sent to?

Please include name, organization and address.

Note: If more than two awards are submitted from the same command, please include the contact information above for each additional nominee in the same format for submission.

Enclosure (4)