



## 8. MOAACC CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

### a. Awards Committee.

The Awards Committee is composed of three members, preferably past presidents or members in long standing. The function of the Committee is to identify those Chapter members who are eligible for an award. Any MOAACC member may make an award recommendation to the Awards Committee. Once the identification is made, the Chairman will forward the name/names of the Award Nominees and the award title to the MOAACC President for review and approval by the Board of Directors. The President at his/her discretion may appoint one or more individuals to assist with administrative duties such as writing the citations and/or filling in and framing the certificates, ordering plaques, medallions, etc. Recognition of an individual's service to the Chapter and military or civilian community may be made by presentation of the following MOAACC awards:

### b. Distinguished Service Award

#### (1) Award Criteria:

- (a) Long and distinguished service in position(s) of great responsibility requiring diligence and leadership.
- (b) Recognition by peers for major contributions to the goals and objectives of the Chapter.
- (c) Active member of the Chapter for at least five years.

#### (2) The Award:

A good quality wood finish base approximately 6" deep by 4 3/4" high. Atop the base is mounted a bronze eagle approximately 7 1/2" high with a wingspan of approximately 8." Mounted on the front of the base below the eagle is a 4 1/2" by 4" black with bronze trim plaque with the following engraved in bronze under the MOAA logo:

Cape Canaveral Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD  
Rank, Name, Service or Type of Membership  
Date presented

(3) **The Medal:**

A bronze medallion 2½” in diameter displaying the MOAA crest suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon 1 3/8” in width. The ribbon is worn around the neck and suspends the medallion 16½” down from the back of the neck. The reverse side of the medallion is engraved with the following: “MOAACC Distinguished Service Award, recipient’s rank, name, service or type of membership and date”.

(4) **Selection Procedure:**

- (a) The Awards Nominating Committee shall provide to the Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee a list of suggested nominees with supporting rationale. The list shall contain a minimum of two names.
- (b) The Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee shall consist of the Chapter President and the two Vice Presidents who shall recommend a single candidate to the Board for approval.
- (c) Only one Distinguished Service Award shall be presented in a calendar year.
- (d) The award shall be signed and presented by the outgoing Chapter President at the annual installation banquet.
- (e) Actions concerning this award shall be kept confidential until presented.
- (f) A photograph of the recipient and a write-up shall be published in ***The Intercom*** in the month following the presentation.

**c. MOAACC Award.**

(1) **Award Criteria:**

- (a) Outstanding service by a Chapter member in one or more key elected or appointed positions, which demonstrates the spirit and dedication expected of MOAACC leaders to their Chapter or their military and civilian communities.
- (b) Normally this outstanding service would have taken place over several years.

**(2) The Award:**

A 9" by 12" walnut wood plaque upon which is superimposed an 8" by 11" black enameled brass plate bordered in gold-colored metal. Three inches below the top of the brass plaque is superimposed a 2" circular brass disc with a MOAA emblem in color and the words "Cape Canaveral Chapter." A gold-colored wreath surrounds the disc. The following shall be engraved below the disc:

- "Cape Canaveral Chapter, MOAA."
- The recipient's name, rank, and branch of service;
- The words "For Outstanding Service to the Aims and Goals of the Cape Canaveral Chapter, MOAA and support of the Military and Civilian Communities".

**(3) Selection Procedure:**

- (a) Recommended by the Awards Nominating Committee and approved by the Board.
- (b) Normally no more than two awards will be presented in a calendar year.
- (c) The award shall be announced and presented as directed by the President, normally at the Installation Banquet.
- (d) A photograph and a news item shall be included in ***The Intercom*** in the month following the presentation.

**d. Certificate of Merit:**

- (1) **Award Criteria:** Awarded for meritorious service in elected or appointed positions of responsibility in which the individual has made significant contributions toward the goals and objectives of the Chapter or the military and civilian communities.
- (2) **The Award:** The MOAA National Certificate of Merit will be framed and personalized by adding the Chapter and recipient's names, date, and the Chapter President's signature.
- (3) **Selection Procedure:**
  - (a) Recipients are selected by the Awards Nominating Committee and approved by the Board.
  - (b) No more than four awards per year.

- (c) The award will be announced and presented as directed by the President. Normally presented at TMBC.
- (d) A news item will be included in *The Intercom* in the month following the presentation.

**e. Other Military Awards:**

Awards in support of Patrick AFB: Senior NCO of the Year/Quarter and Junior NCO of the Year/Quarter; Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) and the Cape Canaveral Coast Guard Station Senior Enlisted of the Year/Quarter and Junior Enlisted of the Year/Quarter.

- (1) Award Criteria: Patrick AFB, NOTU and the Coast Guard Station will notify their appropriate MOAACC Liaison of the award recipient for each award category and the presentation date.
- (2) All Non-Commissioned officer and enlisted awards will be presented during the unit's award ceremony by their appropriate MOAACC Liaison. The MOAACC award will consist of a certificate and a check (amount to be determined by the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation).

**f. Outstanding Citizen Award.**

- (1) **Award Criteria:** Awarded based on exemplary service outside the MOAACC area of operations and influence. The individual must have made the contribution on an ongoing basis or a recent one-time significant event as determined by the Awards Nominating Committee.
- (2) **The Award:** To be approved by the Board. Usually a Letter of Citation and a Plaque.
- (3) **Selection Procedure:**
  - (a) Recipients are selected by the Awards Nominating Committee and approved by the Board.
  - (b) Two awards a year are authorized.
  - (c) The award will be announced and presented as directed by the President.
  - (d) A news item will be included in *The Intercom* in the month following the presentation.

**g. Special MOAACC Mementos.**

- (1) At the discretion of the President a memento, to be determined by the current Board, will be given to distinguished guests and speakers.
- (2) Similar mementos will be awarded to outgoing officers and directors when their terms of office are successfully completed.