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## **NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

### **1. OUTSTANDING COMPANY GRADE OFFICER- ARMY AND AIR**

a. Major Commands are to consolidate nominations for the Major General James F. Cantwell Outstanding Company Grade Officer- Army and Air Award for Calendar Year **2024** and forward to the awards chair listed below.

b. This award is given annually by this association to recognize the most outstanding company grade officer from the NJ Army Guard, and the most outstanding company grade officer from the NJ Air Guard. The format for recommendations is provided in Annex A of the NGANJ Awards Program. Major Commands and their subordinate units are as follows (number of nominations in parenthesis):

c. Eligible Officers must be an active regular member of the National Guard Association of New Jersey in the grades of 0-1, 0-2, or 0-3, who are not members of the NGANJ Executive Council, and who have not previously won this award.

d. Nominations for Army National Guard officers will be submitted THRU the Major Command Commander (Chief of Staff, JFHQ for JFHQ nominee) to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. Nominations for Air National Guard officers will be submitted THRU NJANG/CC to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 01 March 2025.**

d. During the April time frame a **Selection Board** to consider nominations will review and assess the packets of the nominations. The Army Major Commands indicated above are requested to select one (1) field grade officer (each) to serve on the Board. JFHQ – Air Component is requested to select two (2) field grade officers to serve on the Board. The names of the officers selected, along with their home address, and home and work telephone numbers will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman.

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### **2. THE MAJOR GENERAL FRANCIS R. GERARD TROPHY ARMY AND AIR**

a. Major Commands are to consolidate nominations for the Major General Francis R. Gerard Trophy for Calendar Year **2024** forward to the awards chair listed below.

b. This award is given annually to recognize the most outstanding individual on flying status for performance of rated and assigned duties which includes one or more of the following criteria: a) heroic act involving lifesaving, or possible life-threatening situation during flight activities; b) heroic act involving saving aircraft, facilities or personnel during flight activities; c) outstanding participation in unit exercises, deployment and/or training. Major Commands and their number of nominations in parenthesis are as follows:

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c. Any active regular member of the National Guard Association of New Jersey on flying status, in any grade is eligible for consideration. The format for recommendations is provided in Annex C of the NGANJ Awards Program.

d. Nominations for Army flyers will be submitted THRU the Major Command Commander (Chief of Staff, JFHQ for JFHQ nominee) to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. Nominations for Air flyers will be submitted THRU NJANG/CC to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 01 March 2025**

e. A Selection Board to consider nominations will be convened at the Joint Training & Training Development Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey in **February timeframe**. Nominees will be notified to appear before the Board. The Army Major Commands indicated above are requested to select one (1) rated pilot (each) to serve on the Board. JFHQ – Air Component is requested to select two (2) rated pilots to serve on the Board. The senior member will be the President, and the junior member the Recorder. The names of the officers selected, along with their home address, and home and work telephone numbers will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman **NLT 01 March 2025**.

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**3. OUTSTANDING ARMY SENIOR WARRANT OFFICER AWARD (NON-AVIATION).**

a. Major Commands are to consolidate nominations for the Brigadier General Patrick McCarthy Outstanding Army Senior Warrant Officer (Non-Aviation) Award for Calendar Year **2024**, given annually to recognize the most outstanding senior warrant officer from the NJ Army Guard.

b. The format for recommendations is provided in Annex D of the NGANJ Awards Program. Major Commands and their subordinate units are as follows (number of nominations in parenthesis):

c. Eligible Warrant Officers in the grades of W-3, W-4, and W-5 must be an active regular member of the National Guard Association of New Jersey, who are not members of the NGANJ Executive Council, not serving on flight status, and have not previously won.

d. Nominations will be submitted THRU the Major Command Commander (Chief of Staff, JFHQ for JFHQ nominee) to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 01 March 2025**

e. A **Selection Board** to consider nominations will be convened at the Joint Training & Training Development Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey in **the February timeframe**. Nominees will be notified to appear before the Board. The Army Major Commands indicated above are requested to select one (1) senior warrant officer (each) to serve on the board. The Retirees Groupment is also requested to provide one (1) retired senior warrant officer to serve. The names of the board members selected, along with their home address, and home and work telephone numbers will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman,

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**4. OUTSTANDING ARMY JUNIOR WARRANT OFFICER AWARD (NON-AVIATION).**

a. Major Commands are to consolidate nominations for the Brigadier General Patrick McCarthy Outstanding Army Junior Warrant Officer (Non-Aviation) Award for Calendar Year **2024**, given annually to recognize the most outstanding senior warrant officer from the NJ Army Guard.

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b. The format for recommendations is provided in Annex D of the NGANJ Awards Program. Major Commands and their subordinate units are as follows (number of nominations in parenthesis):

c. Eligible Warrant Officers in the grades of W-1, and W-2, must be an active regular member of the National Guard Association of New Jersey, who are not members of the NGANJ Executive Council, not serving on flight status, and have not previously won.

d. Nominations will be submitted THRU the Major Command Commander (Chief of Staff, JFHQ for JFHQ nominee) to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 01 March 2024.**

e. A **Selection Board** to consider nominations will be convened at the Joint Training & Training Development Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey in **the February timeframe**. Nominees will be notified to appear before the Board. The Army Major Commands indicated above are requested to select one

(1) senior warrant officer (each) to serve on the board. The Retirees are also requested to provide one (1) retired senior warrant officer to serve. The names of the board members selected, along with their home address, and home and work telephone numbers will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman,

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**5. THE LIEUTENANT THOMAS E. WILLIAMS LEADERSHIP AWARD**

a. The award presentation will recognize an individual who has demonstrated strong personal character, evidence of citizenship/leadership and a dedication in the battle against intolerance, social injustice, and discrimination and to affirm the New Jersey National Guard and Association's commitment to diversity.

b. Eligibility: Commissioned Officers in the Grades of 01-06 and W1-W5 who are active regular member or non-active regular member of the Association National Guard Association of New Jersey.

c. Nominations for Army National Guard officers will be submitted THRU the Major Command Commander (Chief of Staff, JFHQ for JFHQ nominee) to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. Nominations for Air National Guard officers will be submitted THRU NJANG/CC to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 01 March 2025.**

d. A **Selection Board** to consider nominations will be convened at the Joint Training & Training Development Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey in **the February timeframe**. Nominees will be notified to appear before the Board. The Army Major Commands indicated above are requested to select one

(1) field grade officer (each) to serve on the Board. JFHQ – Air Component is requested to select two (2) field grade officers to serve on the Board. The names of the officers selected, along with their home address, and home and work telephone numbers will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman **01 March 2025.**

**6. THE OUTSTANDING ROTC CADET AWARD**

a. The award presentation will recognize an individual who has demonstrated strong personal character, evidence of leadership potential, dedication to duty and the highest standards of excellence in military training.

b. Eligibility: Contracted ROTC Cadets who will be commissioned into the New Jersey National Guard this year.

c. Nominations for Cadets will be submitted directly to the NGANJ Awards Committee Chairman. Nomination needs to include a memorandum from an ROTC instructor, a copy of the recent physical fitness test, and a resume. **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 01 March 2025.**

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(1) field grade officer (each) to serve on the Board. JFHQ – Air Component is requested to select two (2) field grade officers to serve on the Board. The names of the officers selected, along with their home address, and home and work telephone numbers will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman **01 March 2025**.

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**7. GENERAL INFORMATION.**

- a. Reference: NGANJ AWARDS PROGRAM dated **18 November 2024**.
- b. Nominations for all awards must be in accordance with the referenced Annex or document. Failure to follow the guidelines will disqualify your nomination. Mail to:

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- c. Copies of the current Awards Program may be obtained by accessing the Association Web Page at [www.NGANJ.org](http://www.NGANJ.org), then pressing the National Guard Association “radio button” and go to Awards Program. You may also call 1LT Akhil Chakka, Awards Committee Chairman, at 609-608-5912.
- d. The award period being considered is calendar year; **01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**.
- e. All nomination packets **must** contain the current home and e-mail address, as well as business and personal number of the nominee.
- f. Award Winners will be notified of presentation.

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