

Eastern Division Achievement Award

A few years ago we established the Eastern Division Patriot Star Award to recognize the contributions of our members who served our country in a combat zone. Since that time other Divisions have followed our lead and have created similar awards. Once again with the support of the Eastern Division Board of Directors and our Region Awards Advisors we are leading the way in developing a new and unique way to recognize contributions of our members.

The Eastern Division Achievement Award is designed to recognize long tenured members who frequently go above and beyond in their contributions to NSP and their local Patrol but have not had the leadership opportunities to be eligible for a National Appointment(NA) or Leadership Commendation Appointment(LCA). The minimum requirements for this award are 15 years as a Patroller or 10 years as a Senior Patroller. Beyond that credits are given for working as an instructor in any NSP discipline and as a CPR instructor. Completion of NSP courses such as MTR 1 & 2 and Avalanche Level 1 and Level 2 also receive credits. All NSP Merit Stars are considered with the Purple Merit Star receiving the most credit. There is a matrix on the Eastern Division Web Site that includes all the details.

Members who have received either a NA or LCA are not eligible and receipt of this award does not prevent a member from receiving a NSP Appointment in the future. The process for nominating a member for this award is detailed on the web site and nominations must go through your Patrol Director to the Region Awards Advisor. Unlike other awards there is a three month nomination period, normally June, July, August, and there will be a limit of 150 recipients a year. In 2012, because we needed some time to finalize the requirements, the nomination period will be August, September and October. Recipients will receive a Sweater Pin and possibly a Patch the design of both can be seen on the web site.

Most of the credit for this award goes to former Eastern New York Region Director John Beach. John has been promoting this concept both in our Division and at the National Level for a number of years. I am sure you know many of your fellow Patrollers who fit the profile. Your Region Awards Advisors(RAA) and Region Directors(RD) will be happy to answer questions and guide you through the process of completing a nomination. Contact

information for your RD and RAA can be found on both your Region Web Site and the Eastern Division Web Site. As your Division Awards Coordinator I will also be happy to answer your questions and my contact information is on the Eastern Division web site under programs/awards.

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