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Subject: Employer of Veterans Awards

The American Legion is now accepting nominations for three Employer of Veterans Awards. These awards recognize employers for outstanding records in the hiring and retention of veterans in three employer categories: 50 or fewer employees; 51 to 200 employees; and 201 or more employees. The deadline to submit nomination packages is November 11, 2011.

To qualify for consideration, an employer must meet the following criteria:

- 1. At least 10 percent of the nominee's work force must be veterans.
2. The nominee must have been in business for at least five years.
3. The nominee can't restrict employment to veterans only.
4. The nominee must be a private sector employer, i.e., not a city, state, or federal employer.

The winning employer in each category will receive a plaque during the annual Missouri American Legion Convention, in July 2012 in Jefferson City. In addition, these three employers' nomination packages will be submitted to the American Legion national headquarters for selection as the national employer of veterans award winner in each of the three categories. The national winners will be recognized at the annual National American Legion Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 29, 2012.

The nomination forms are attached. In addition, the nomination forms are available on the Missouri American Legion website, www.missourilegion.org. Just click on the link to Employer Awards located on the left side of the home page.

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