

New Army Level Safety award available

The Army Industrial Operations Safety Award is the most recent addition to the Army's safety Awards program. The Army's goal is to increase award submission through a concerted effort to positively reinforce safe practices and records. Timely, accurate and public recognition of deserving units and individuals reinforces accident prevention efforts, increases safety awareness and enhances a positive safety culture.

The submission criteria for the Industrial Operations Safety Award are as follows:

(1) Recipients: Organizations below Army Headquarters level.
(2) Eligibility requirements: The organization as selected by its higher levels of command with the most effective overall industrial safety program. Army Headquarters may select one nominee from Division, Depot, Garrison, down to company, shop and/or section level. Army Headquarters are to develop policies and procedures that foster the competitive and progressive nature of this award, which is akin to an "Army Exceptional Organization Award" or "Army Headquarters Safety Award" competition. The timeframe for the award is based on a fiscal year. Demonstrations of merit may be made using both subjective and objective criteria. Criteria that may be used to support the nomination include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Safety Policy.
- (b) Pre-operational planning.
- (c) Standing Operating Procedures/Job Hazard Analyses.
- (d) Accident prevention plan.
- (e) Emergency response plan.
- (f) Training, licensing, qualifications.
- (g) Personal protective equipment.
- (h) Ergonomics.
- (i) Machine safeguarding.
- (j) Confined Space.
- (k) Lockout/tagout.
- (l) Worker compensation costs.
- (m) Injury/Accident Frequency Rates (exhibit time frame).
- (n) Strategies, controls, or policies that have contributed to mission and operational success, such as Lean Six Sigma and the Voluntary Protection Program. Include circumstances, hazards, movements, etc., evidence and potential for Army wide applicability.
- (o) Proactive measures taken to enhance risk management implementation, such as evidence of a close working relationship among the Safety, Occupational Health and Environmental Offices.
- (p) Description of safety processes, to include incentive programs, inspection visits, training events, etc.
- (q) Description of total command involvement and support of safety program.

- (r) Description of initiatives that are not required but will enhance the command safety program such as partnering with the local community or other activities and organizations.
 - (s) Occupational Health/Industrial Hygiene Initiatives.
 - (t) Environmental Program Initiatives
 - (u) Wellness Initiatives (i.e., integration of Safety and Health Programs [on and off duty]).
- (3) Initiator: Army Commands, ASCCs, or DRUs.
- (4) Nominations: Prepare a THRU memorandum with supporting documentation as needed IAW AR 25-50 thru command headquarters (address thru the first 0-6 or equivalent) and THRU the Army Headquarters TO the attention of the Director of Army Safety, ATTN: DACS-SF Awards Administrator, 223 23rd Street, Room 980, Arlington, VA 22202. The nomination shall include a concise introduction, which describes specific achievements that merit consideration and summary explanation of their accomplishments. Initiator point of contact information will include e-mail address and telephone number. Army Headquarters approved nominations may be electronically sent to ASO@hqda.army.mil no later than November 15th of each year.
- (5) Documentation: The nomination package shall have narrative text and may include graphics; e.g., tables, charts, diagrams, and/or photographs to clarify accomplishments. When printed, the package shall consist of no more than seven standard-size, single spaced pages.
- (6) Judging: The DASAF or a designated representative will convene a panel to make recommendations for recipients of this award. The panel will consist of at least three senior safety professionals.
- (7) Presentation: The SA/CSA will determine the venue for award presentation.
- (8) Approval Authority: SA/CSA.
- (9) Award: Plaque.

For examples of additional award nomination submissions, visit the USACRC Web site at <https://crc.army.mil/home/> and select "Awards Program" and then "Awards Programs and Policies." For DASAF- and SMA-approved awards, contact the awards administrator at ASO@hqda.army.mil, DSN 332-3509 or commercial (703) 602-3509. For the U.S. Army Broken Wing award, contact safetyawards@crc.army.mil or DSN 558-3660 or commercial (334) 255-3660 or USACRC help desk, DSN 558-1390, commercial (334) 255-1390.