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THE ORDER OF OUR LADY OF LORETO

BACKGROUND

Established in 2004 as a joint venture between the AAAA and the U.S. Army Aviation Center (USAAVNC), the Order of Our Lady of Loreto recognizes individuals who are worthy of special recognition for outstanding support to the Army Aviation Family and Army Aviation Community.

According to tradition, the home in which the Virgin Mary was born was miraculously moved by angels in 1295 from its original site in Nazareth to its present site in Loreto, Italy. Since 1920 Our Lady of Loreto has been recognized as the patron saint of aviators. This award celebrates the sacrifice, support, security, and caring provided by those at home and in the larger Army Aviation Community that make it possible for Army Aviation soldiers to accomplish their missions despite changes in circumstances, location, and separation from loved ones.

CRITERIA

A nominee for the Order of Our Lady of Loreto must have demonstrated conspicuous contributions to support the Army Aviation family and community.

DOCUMENTATION

The official nomination form should be used and is attainable from the AAAA National Office, 755 Main Street, Suite 4D, Monroe, CT 06468-2830. Telephone: (203) 268-2450; Fax: (203) 268-5870. These forms may be reproduced locally. All nominations should be provided to the local AAAA Chapter President for approval.

A brief outline of not more than 100 words citing the main reason(s) for the nomination should be provided. Additional supporting information may be attached as enclosures and is limited to 1,500 words or three pages (whichever is greater).

Justification must contain sufficient details about the nominee to enable the Approving Authority to make an informed decision. The nomination should include a photograph of the nominee in any size.

SUBMISSION

Any active AAAA member may submit the official nomination form to their local Chapter for consideration, subject to the following:

[1] Submission of the Order of Our Lady of Loreto Award Nomination should be made through the local AAAA Chapter. If there is no local chapter, nominations should be sent directly to the AAAA National Executive Director. The nomination packet should contain a nomination form, a photograph, a request form, and the appropriate payment. Award nomination materials, to include photographs, will not be returned. If submitted through the chapter, the local chapter will retain the nomination locally.

APPROVING AUTHORITY & SELECTION

The Approving Authority for the Order of Our Lady of Loreto is the President of the local AAAA Chapter (allow 30 days for processing). In instances where a local AAAA Chapter is not applicable or when the local President is nominated, the Approving Authority is the National Executive Board, AAAA (allow sixty days for processing action). When the nomination cannot be processed in a timely fashion by the National Executive Board, the Order of Our Lady of Loreto Selection Committee consisting of the Chairman of the AAAA Awards Committee and two members of the Awards Committee appointed by the Awards Committee Chairman, are authorized to act for the National Executive Board (allow sixty days for processing).

AWARD CERTIFICATE & LAPEL PIN

Recipients shall receive a Certificate of the Order of Our Lady of Loreto, and a lapel pin.

NOTIFICATION & PRESENTATION

[1] Award nominees will be notified by the local Chapter President.

[2] The nominator will be responsible for induction of the recipient into the Order of Our Lady of Loreto and presentation of the certificate and pin.