

# Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Service Member of the Year

**Qualifications:** Nominee will have served or still serving in any of the five armed service branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. There are three general categories of military people: active duty, reserve & guard forces (usually work a civilian job, but can be called to full-time military duty), and veterans and retirees (past members of the military).

**Who nominates:** Only a Chamber member can nominate on an official Chamber nomination form.

**Who Decides:** The military committee will choose the top 3 nominees and will then send them for final review as anonymous nominees. The following individuals will then decide out of the 3:

- Mission Support Group Commander or LRAFB Designee
- Mayor of Jacksonville
- Current President of Chamber of Commerce

## **Requirements to be nominated:**

- Loyal Supporter of Jacksonville Community (residency not required)
- Dedicated and Determined to Strengthen the City of Jacksonville's Armed Forces/Community Partnership
- Provided Positive Mission Impact to the City of Jacksonville
- Demonstrated Commitment of Service to Arkansas Armed Forces

## **Nomination timeline:**

Request for nominations will go out in August from the Jacksonville Chamber with a deadline of October 31st. (No late nominations will be accepted) The Chamber will email the Military Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of November all the forms received numbered excluding the names. The Military Committee will meet at their November monthly meeting to choose the 3 top candidates. Top 3 nominees will be given to the deciding individuals the first week of December. We ask that the selection individuals have a decision by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of December.

## **Award Includes:**

The Armed Forces Service Member of the Year will receive an award at the Chamber Banquet, opportunity to partake in city parades, be recognized at the Jacksonville Museum of Military History with a plaque displaying their name and given key and proclamation from the City.