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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
CHIEFS OF THE MILITARY SERVICES  
COMMANDANT, U.S. COAST GUARD

SUBJECT: Nominations for the Spirit of Hope Award

Each year, the Military Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) (inclusive of the Joint Staff, Defense Agencies, and Department of Defense Field Activities) present the Spirit of Hope Award to an individual or organization that epitomizes selfless service and dedicated commitment to our military. The joint ceremony to present these awards is scheduled for November 15, 2011. It is a tremendous opportunity to recognize those who provide valued support to our Department.

The process, selection criteria, and eligibility requirements are at TAB A. The instructions for submitting nominations are at TAB B. For perspective, listed at TAB C are the previous Spirit of Hope Award recipients. Please make your selection and forward your awardee via a memorandum from the head of your component by June 3, 2011. You may send these electronically to [gail.laber@whs.mil](mailto:gail.laber@whs.mil) or by mail to: WHS/Human Resources Directorate, ATTN: LMER, 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 5100, Arlington, VA 22202. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gail Laber, (703) 604-6856.

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## **Process, Selection Criteria, and Eligibility Requirements**

**Process:** All addressees are invited to consider and nominate appropriate individuals/organizations to receive the Spirit of Hope Award. Each of the Military Services, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense (to include Joint Staff, Defense Agencies, and Department of Defense (DoD) Field Activities) will select and forward an awardee that meets the selection criteria and eligibility requirements below. All awardees will be presented a fine art medal created by the sculptor Mr. Don F. Wiegand of Wiegand Studios. This formal Pentagon ceremony will be hosted by the Office of the Secretary of Defense on November 15, 2011.

**Selection Criteria:** Nominees for this award should satisfy the following:

- (1) Epitomizes the values of Mr. Bob Hope: duty, honor, courage, loyalty, commitment, integrity, and selfless dedication;
- (2) Significantly enhances the quality of life of Service members and their families serving around the world;
- (3) Selflessly contributed an extraordinary amount of time, talent, or resources to benefit members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and
- (4) Embodies the values of freedom, the Constitution of the United States, and the military.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- (1) Active duty, Reserve, Guard, former Military Service member, Federal employee, private citizen, or organization.
- (2) Individuals or organizations having a commercial or profit-making contractual relationship with DoD or with a DoD Component, may be eligible to receive the award if:
  - a. The contribution is clearly and substantially outside what is specified or implied within the terms of the contract establishing the relationship; or
  - b. The recognition is clearly in the public interest.
- (3) The award may be presented posthumously.
- (4) The period of service for the contribution is from January 2010 – December 2010 or can be written for a multi-year/lifetime contribution (e.g. contribution took over a year to complete or contribution took place over their lifetime).

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## Instructions for Submitting the Spirit of Hope Award Nomination

When submitting a nomination, please follow the format outlined below.

### **I. Biographical data**

- a. Name of nominee
- b. Nominee's office/home address
- c. Nominee's present position
- d. Name and address of nominee's employer during the period of service (if applicable)

### **II. Summary (not to exceed two double-spaced pages, at least 12 pitch font)**

- a. Act or service rendered
- b. How it epitomized the values of Bob Hope to include:
  - Duty
  - Honor
  - Courage
  - Loyalty
  - Commitment
  - Integrity and selfless dedication
  - Enhanced the quality of life of service members and their families serving around the world
  - Contributed an extraordinary amount of time, talent, or resources to benefit members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

### **III. Supporting documentation (optional)**

### **IV. Proposed citation (not to exceed 90 words) which provides specific examples of the act or service performed**

### **V. Name, address, and telephone number of the point of contact for the nominating organization**

### **VI. Foreign national nominee coordination**

- a. Foreign nationals may receive the Spirit of Hope Award provided they have met the selection criteria.
- b. Before approval of the award, the nominator shall coordinate with the appropriate U.S. Embassy to ensure that the award is consistent with the overall interests of the United States.
- c. The nomination must be coordinated through Defense Intelligence Agency for them to provide a statement of concurrence or non-concurrence upon reviewing the award recommendation. They will conduct a counterintelligence and biographic file check to ensure the foreign national has committed no act, or engaged in any activity, wherein the award of the Spirit of Hope Award would cause embarrassment to the United States.

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## **2009 Recipients of the Spirit of Hope Award**

**Army** Mr. William H. White-Mr. White and his wife, Galia, are the founders of Camp Hope, a handicapped-accessible lodge where disabled veterans can enjoy hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities. They founded Camp Hope to honor their son, Private First Class, Christopher Neal White, a Marine who was killed in combat in 2006. Camp Hope provides a haven for disabled veterans to enjoy outdoor activities free of limits or judgments.

**Navy** Jack and Nina Baugh – established a ministry program to thousands of service members, coordinating the purchase of clothes, scripture “dog tags” and other comfort and care packages for troops deployed to Afghanistan. They provided food, gifts, supplies, and volunteers to support pre-deployment events, return and reunion events, and welcome home parties. They coordinated donations and support of over \$30K to sponsor Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for units and special family day events.

**Air Force** Master Sergeant Chantell Hardaway – as the National Capital Region Air Force Patient Liaison and Survivor Care Manager, she ensured that patients’ clinical and non-clinical needs were addressed, recovered air evacuation missions, and managed treatment for battle-injured patients while spearheading rehabilitation care for multi-trauma amputees, preventing further complications and injury. She organized town hall meetings for patients that provided a venue for enhanced communications and alleviated concerns.

**Coast Guard** Rear Admiral Stephen Rochon, USCG (Ret) – has worked for decades to promote and enhance the diversity of the Coast Guard. His commitment to resurrecting and telling forgotten stories from the Coast Guard’s past, particularly those involving minorities have enhanced the understanding of history. He wrote and produced a video documentary honoring the late Alex Hale, USCG (Ret), the renowned author of “Roots.” He spearheaded the posthumous awarding of the Gold Lifesaving Medal to deserving Coast Guard heroes of the past.

**OSD** Fisher House Foundation – recognizing the need for temporary “comfort” housing for the families of wounded veterans at major military facilities, the Fisher House Foundation has funded the construction of 43 Fisher Houses. They have provided nearly three million days of lodging to 120,000 families, saving them more than \$120 M in lodging expenses. Fisher Houses have been a blessing to our wounded, injured, and seriously ill veterans, providing them with the opportunity to be close to their families who often traveled thousands of miles to be with them.

**Past Recipients:**

USN James H. Gaff, 2005  
USCG The Coast Guard Foundation, 2005  
USA Colonel (Retired) Robert B. Nett, 2005  
USAF Master Sergeant Louis D. Pell, 2006  
USMC Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 2006  
USN James W. Carrier, 2006  
USCG Marvin J. Perrett, 2006  
USA Chaplain (Colonel Retired) Lyle Metzler, 2006  
USAF Mr. Nicholas G. Grand, 2007  
USMC Mrs. Cynthia Martinez, 2007  
USN ASC(AW/SW) Giovanni David Balingit, 2007  
USCG The Crew of the USCGC ALERT, 2007  
USA Mr. Michael Peterson, 2007  
OSD Mr. Walter K. White, 2007  
USAF Ms. Virginia "Ginger" Dosedel, 2008  
USMC Mr. Joseph R. Finch, 2008  
USN Mrs. Laura Froehlich, 2008  
USCG AST2 Tye J. Conklin, 2008  
USA Still Serving Veterans (SSV) Organization, 2008  
OSD Soldiers' Angels, 2008