January 12, 2018

Subject: **Request your Agency Lead Point of Contact (POC) for Nominations** for the 11th Annual AFCEA Washington, DC Military IT Leadership Awards

Dear Colleague:

AFCEA Washington, DC is proud to announce the criteria and open nominations for its 11th Annual *Military IT Leadership Awards*. The awards recognize service members who have made significant contributions to their fellow Warfighters through the use of information technology - selected from a pool of global nominations. A total of 14 awards are presented, including one enlisted and one officer from each of the Armed Services, plus another four service members (two enlisted, two officers) who were in joint billets - based on service from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Special consideration will be given to nominees who displayed decisive bravery in their actions.

The Leadership Awards will be presented in Arlington, Virginia, in ceremonies on May 23rd and May 24th (see details below). We are planning a keynote speaker for this year's 2018 Awards who will be equally as inspiring as the past events, which have featured: Gen (R) John Paxton in 2016, then Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, ADM (R) Sandy Winnefeld in 2015, then Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; ADM (R) William Fallon, former CENTCOM Commander in 2014; ADM Mark Ferguson, Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO) in 2013; Gen Joseph Dunford in 2012, then Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; GEN Peter Chiarelli in 2011, then Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; and, ADM Jonathan Greenert in 2010, then Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

We would very much appreciate your assistance in appointing a lead POC / committee member from your office/organization to work directly with the AFCEA Washington, DC Awards Outreach Committee - to socialize this announcement throughout the Services/COCOMs/Combat Support Agencies, and help identify exceptional candidates for nomination. We ask you to reply to this email with your staff volunteer nomination, as soon as possible, or if you have further questions please contact Ms. Leslie McIndoe, Awards Committee Chair, as soon as possible at: leslie.mcindoe@dc.afceachapters.org , tel: (202) 642-9293.

The announcement, criteria and link for the online Awards Nomination Form is below. *Nominations are due no later than March 9, 2018.*

Nominations may be submitted online at:
https://dcevents.afceachapters.org/leadershipawards2018

The 11th Annual AFCEA Washington, DC Leadership Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at the Ritz Carlton: Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia. In addition, AFCEA Washington, DC will host a luncheon the following day, Thursday, May 24, 2018, at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia, where awardees will be publicly recognized by a large number of

their peers in the Military-Government information technology community, representing government, industry and academia.

Detailed information about these events will be provided separately to award winners and their nominators, and will be available on the AFCEA Washington, DC website at dc.afceachapters.org.

For Award Nomination, Selection or Criteria related questions, please contact:

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Kevin Thompson
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For Awards Dinner & Luncheon Recognition Events related questions, please contact the AFCEA Washington, DC registrar:

Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Email: registrar@dc.afceachapters.org
Telephone: (202) 509-9577

On behalf of the AFCEA Washington, DC Board of Directors, our entire membership, and the greater Military-Government IT Community, we look forward to making this a great event for our service members. Although they deserve so much more than one award and the associated events can show, AFCEA Washington, DC is working to see they are recognized for their above-and-beyond selfless service to the Warfighter, and the Nation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and consideration of this request.

With Warmest Regards,

Nathan Jones
President
AFCEA Washington, DC

Leslie McIndoe
Awards Committee Chair
AFCEA Washington, DC

Steve Harris
Awards Dinner Chair
AFCEA Washington, DC

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
for the 11th Annual Military IT Leadership Awards

Submissions due <u>NO LATER THAN March 9, 2018</u>

Please nominate all candidates via the web at:

https://dcevents.afceachapters.org/leadershipawards2018

Criteria, Nominations & Eligibility

Nominees must have been member of the U.S. Armed Services, either reservist or active duty, between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017. Successful Nominees will have made a **"significant contribution to supporting their fellow Warfighters through the use of Information Technology (IT)".** Special consideration will be given for decisive bravery displayed in the course of their service and at the time of their contribution. *Nominations may only be submitted by active duty military, reservists, guard & government civilian employees – their peers, colleagues & supervisors.* Awards will be presented to one enlisted & one officer from each of the Armed Services (U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Coast Guard) Four additional awards – two officers and two enlisted – will be presented to service members assigned to a joint billet during the time of their demonstrated leadership. AFCEA Washington, DC's Awards Committee will evaluate info submitted to ensure nominees meet eligibility criteria.

Selection Process & Selection Board

An Executive Selection Board will make final award determinations, based on a blind, merit-based review process of nominations submitted across the globe. The Executive Selection board shall consist of a distinguished panel of General/Flag Officers and SES' who are now retired from active duty, with each service represented (U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Coast Guard).

Presentation of Award

Award recipients will receive recognition from AFCEA Washington, DC identifying their "Contribution to the Warfighter through the use of Information Technology". The recipients will then be recognized by their peers in the Military-Government Information Technology community – government, industry and academia - at two back-to-back events: the 10th Annual AFCEA Washington, DC Military IT Leadership Awards Dinner (at the Ritz Carlton: Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia, on Wednesday, May 23, 2018), followed by a regional luncheon (at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia, on Thursday, May 24, 2018). Detailed information about these two important recognition events will be published separately to award winners and made available on the AFCEA Washington, DC website.

Schedule

All Nomination Submissions Due:	March 9, 2018, 5pm
Committee Notifies & Invites Award Recipients:	Week of April 16, 2018
Spring Military IT Leadership Awards Dinner	Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Mil-Gov IT Community Leadership Awards Luncheon	Thursday, May 24, 2018

Nominate a Soldier, Marine, Sailor, Airman, or Coast Guardsman Online:
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NOMINATION QUESTIONS & SUBMISSION PLANNING
for the 11ᵗʰ Annual Military IT Leadership Awards

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The Form & fields below are provided for information purposes only, so that you can plan your nomination submissions in advance of visiting the nomination form online.

Please nominate all candidates via the web at:
https://dcevents.afceachapters.org/leadershipawards2018

* = required field

Nominee background information

Nominee is Officer or Enlisted?:* _____

Nominee's Military Branch of Service:* _____

Nominee Current Grade/Rank: * _____

Nominee Name: * _____

Unit nominee was assigned to during period of
leadership contribution: * _____

Was the Nominee in a Joint or Service Billet at
the time? * _____

Nominee's Current unit or status: * _____

Nominee Contact Information (Or in rare cases such as loss of life, a Designee)

Nominee Primary/Work Email: * _____

Nominee Alt/Personal Email: _____

Nominee U.S. Postal Address: _____

Nominee Tel/Mobile:* _____

Nominator Contact Information

Nominator Rank/Prefix: * _____

Nominator Name: * _____

Nominator Primary/Work Email: * _____

Nominator U.S. Postal Address:* _____

Nominator Tel/Mobile:*

Nominator Relationship to Nominee:*

Nominee Leadership Contribution

PLEASE DESCRIBE the nominee's leadership contribution and impact on the Warfighter. Please address the specific criteria identified and provide any other information deemed to be vital to the nominee's selection.

Criteria:

1. Leadership contribution in using / employing / deploying / advancing Information Technology (IT) in support their fellow Warfighters; *(300 words)*

2. Willingness and ability to treat obstacles as challenges, and not barriers; *(100 words)*

3. Measurable improvement in performance linked to mission objectives/results through technology implementation. *(100 words)*

Nominee Decisive Bravery (If Applicable)

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF you believe the nominee exhibited "Decisive Bravery" and you would like the committee to consider your comments below.

If applicable, PLEASE DESCRIBE how the nominee exhibited decisive bravery in the conduct of his/her duties serving the warfighter.

Decisive Bravery Write-up is restricted to 250 words please.

If you have any other problems w/ the nomination page, form, process, or, have other questions regarding nomination criteria, or selections, please contact:

Ms. Leslie McIndoe, Awards Committee Chair, AFCEA Washington, DC, email: leslie.mcindoe@dc.afceachapters.org, tel: (202) 642-9293

Or,

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