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OCTOBER 17TH - 19TH
Rancho Mirage, CA

Valor Award, Life Saving Award and 2023 Security Officer of the Year Award

Valor Award

The CALSAGA Medal of Valor is an award for bravery usually given for individual acts of extraordinary bravery or heroism performed in the line of duty at extreme, life-threatening personal risk.

Life Saving Award

The CALSAGA Life Saving Award is reserved for those who saved the life of another person while on duty as a private security officer.

Security Officer of the Year Award

The inaugural CALSAGA Security Officer of the Year Award was presented at the Annual Conference in 2012. The award is given to an officer who, during the year, has either performed a heroic act involving circumstances where the officer risked their life to save another person, or the officer performed a routine task in an exemplary manner. The award winner for the Security Officer of the Year will be taken from the applications for both the Valor Award and Life Saving Award.

Application Process

To nominate an individual (or yourself) for this award, please submit a nomination form by 5:00pm on September 15, 2023, in accordance with the criteria listed.

Nominations should detail specific actions taken in the previous year, as opposed to over their career.

Criteria for the Valor, Lifesaving and Security Officer of the Year Award

Successful candidate will have exhibited some, or all, of the following:

- Has performed in a superior or heroic manner while on duty during the year and, in doing so, has exceeded expectations of training and post orders.
- Must be an employee of a CALSAGA PPO or PSE Member Company in good standing with the association. The nominee must also have a valid guard card or PSO registration and any additional BSIS approved licensing to have achieved the act that they are being nominated for (i.e. baton license, firearm permit etc.).
- Should possess on the job initiative, industry leadership and an overall commitment to the private security field in California.
- Should set an example for their colleagues by presenting a strong work ethic and high moral character.

How to Nominate:

Email the following information along with details regarding the officer's actions supporting the nomination ***no later than 5:00pm on September 15, 2023.***

- Your name, company, and title
- Your contact information
- Nominee name and contact information
- Detailed information on event or event(s) leading to nomination
- Attach any supporting documentation (achievements, articles, reports).
- Send materials via email to members@calsaga.org

2023 Al Howenstein Lifetime Achievement Award

About the Award

The Al Howenstein Lifetime Achievement Award (AHLAA) was originally presented at the 2008 Annual Conference to Al Howenstein, a founding member of CALSAGA and tireless industry ambassador. The late Mr. Howenstein - the Award namesake - dedicated his career to advocating on behalf of the private security industry and played a key role in forging relationships between CALSAGA and other key influencers in the private security industry, the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services and members of the California Legislature.

Application Process

To nominate an individual (or yourself) for this award, please submit a nomination form by 5:00pm on September 15, 2023, in accordance with the criteria listed.

Criteria for Al Howenstein Lifetime Achievement Award

Successful candidate will have exhibited some, or all, of the following:

- Demonstrated experience in the security industry
- Has been instrumental in professionalizing the private security industry (including training, background checks and education of security officers)
- Has actively participated as a respected leader in volunteer security organizations, such as CALSAGA, ASIS or any other related organization
- Has played a key role in increasing the prestige and credibility of the private security industry as perceived by the public.
- Has played a key role in bridging relationships between the public and private sectors
- Has assisted in legislation, lobbying efforts, and overall benefits to the best of the private security industry
- Has forged a relationship with the BSIS, while representing the security industry's interests at all Times

How to Nominate:

Email the following information as well as detailed information pursuant to the criteria in the section above ***no later than 5:00pm on September 15, 2023.***

- Your name, company, and title
- Your contact information
- Nominee name and contact information
- Criteria for submission
- Attach any supporting documentation (achievements, articles, reports).
- Send materials via email to members@calsaga.org