**Military Writers Society of America (MWSA) President’s Award**

**Background: (To be removed once policy is approved.)** The current MWSA President’s Award process is unclear, and MWSA’s website lists the following as the criteria: *President's Award - Award criteria and recipient at the discretion of the MWSA President.* In 2018, members of the board and the MWSA Awards Director determined MWSA required a better process, policy, and definitions for the President’s Award. As a result, the following draft was submitted for MWSA board review, but there is not a record of its approval, so it is being resubmitted for approval this year.

**Terms**

1. The Award shall be presented annually to an individual for distinguished contributions to the Society.

2. The President selects the recipient and will consider the following criteria:

* Candidate should have been a member in good standing for at least three years.
* Candidate must be a recognized active member of MWSA.
* Candidate should attend the MWSA Conference to receive the award (if not posthumously awarded).

**Process**

1. While the award is at the sole discretion of the President, he or she may solicit nominations from any member of MWSA in good standing by June 30thannually. Members may nominate via email notification to the MWSA President, copying the MWSA Awards Directors.

2. The President will make final selection and send notification to the Awards Directors by July 15th annually.

3. The President’s Award recipient will be notified at least 10 days following selection to assist in his/her preparations for the annual conference.

**Award**

1. The winner of the President’s Award will receive an MWSA Medal and a certificate reading:

Military Writers Society of America

President’s Award

is Presented in [Year] to

[Recipient]

Presidents Signature

The President will coordinate with the Board members and the Awards Committee for presentation of the award during the annual conference.

**Previous President’s Award Recipients**

2022 – Jack W. London

2021 – Dawn Brotherton

2020 – Betsy Beard

2019 – Valerie Ormond

2018 – No winner

2017 – No winner

2016 – Betsy Beard

2014 – Joyce Faulkner

2013 – Maria Edwards

2012 - Terry Gould

Chris Wyatt

Jim Greenwald

2011 - Leila Levinson

2010 – Charlayne Henry

2009 – Rob Ballister

 John Cathcart

2008 – Hodge Wood

2007 – Brent Burns

2006 – Barbara Birchim