



ARMED FORCES MERIT AWARD

Nominations sought 2019 Armed Forces Merit Award

Fort Worth, Texas - Fort Worth, Texas--Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the Football Writers Association of America.

Coordinated by the staff at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, the Armed Forces Merit Award presented by the FWAA was created in June 2012 “to honor an individual or a group with a military background and/or involvement impacting college football.”

Nominations for the 2019 Armed Forces Merit Award will be accepted through October 1. At that time, a selection committee of five FWAA members and two representatives from the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl will review the list of candidates. The 2019 recipient will be announced on Veteran’s Day, November 11.

“We are pleased to join with the Football Writers Association of America to honor an individual with a military background or group that works with our armed services that has an impact within college football,” said Brant Ringler, the Executive Director of the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl.

FWAA Executive Director Steve Richardson echoed Ringler’s sentiments, adding that the group “has an outstanding list of candidates each year, making it difficult to honor only one recipient when there are several individuals and programs so very deserving of the honor.”

From among 56 nominations considered for the 2018 award, Robert Morris President and Air Force veteran Dr. Chris Howard was selected as the seventh recipient of the Armed Forces Merit Award. A 1991 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, Dr. Howard was a Rhodes Scholar and received the 1990 Campbell Trophy, the highest academic award in the nation presented to a senior college football player by the National Football Foundation.

Armed Forces Merit Award, presented by the FWAA

NOMINATION FORM

The Armed Forces Merit Award criteria:

- An individual who is associated with a collegiate football program and was in the military prior to competing, coaching, staffing and/or administrating the sport; or
- A group that creates, develops and produces a program within the realm of college football and provides care, concern and support for past or present members of the United States Armed Forces and/or their families.

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION

To nominate an INDIVIDUAL, please provide details of the player, coach, staff member and/or administrator including the person's military past and current involvement in college football:

First, Last Name: _____

School: _____ **Position:** _____

Military Past: _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

PROGRAM/GROUP NOMINATION

To nominate a PROGRAM/GROUP, please provide details by answering the following questions:

Program/Group Name: _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Nominator Affiliation to Program/Group: _____

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| • Describe the program. | • Who has the program impacted? |
| • When, where and why was this program created? | • What are the benefits of the program? |
| | • Where is the program based? |

Supporting Documents:

- Please submit any newspaper clippings/web information which highlight the nomination of an individual or group.
- One-to-three endorsement documents, including letters from individuals and/or groups impacted by the individual or program.

SUBMITTED BY

First, Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Please submit the nomination form, supporting documents and endorsement documents to:

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