



## **SOCIETY OF AMERICAN INDIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (SAIGE) 2023 MILITARY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

**1. Purpose:** The SAIGE Military Meritorious Service Award is a federal government level award that honors the service and accomplishments of Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve Service members and military Veterans in government service, who during the award period made significant contributions in the following areas:

- Promoted a positive image of American Indians/Alaskan Natives within government service (Federal, State, Local or Tribal),
- Contributed and encouraged a greater understanding of the AI/AN culture through activities, both on- and off-duty,
- Supported Federal, State, Local or Tribal interactions with AI/AN people, tribes or events or activities,
- Reflected attributes epitomizing the best qualities and core values of their respective military service or government agency (Federal, State, Local or Tribal).

### **2. Award:**

**Eligibility:**

1. Current military (Active Duty, Reserve or National Guard) members
2. All governmental (Federal, State, Local and Tribal) employed veterans

**Award Period of Performance:** 1 January 2022 thru 31 Dec 2022

**Submission Due Date:** 7 April 2023

**Award Announcement Date:** 1 May 2023

**Award Presentation Date:** 21 June 2023

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The Award Committee will choose a maximum of 10 award winners from the nomination submissions.

Award winners or their representatives will receive the award at the SAIGE Warrior Society ceremony in June 2023 during the SAIGE National Training Program at the River Spirit in Tulsa, OK.

**3. Nomination Criteria:** All nominations must demonstrate the nominee's contributions and investments of inclusion and diversity. Nominee packages submitted must be for either one or both of the following criteria:



a. Nominees submitted for their service must show significant contributions to their agency's or tribe's mission. All interactions need to reflect uniqueness that is above the expected levels of an employee of their position.

b. Nominees submitted for personal actions on and/or off-duty activities, with specific examples of these actions. Please explain how the impact of the nominee actions and how they promoted a positive image for American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

**4. Nomination Packages Requirements and Staffing:** Nomination packages must be submitted electronically through established organizational staffing channels (at least one command level higher than the nominee's level or from Tribal Chair). The final email destination for the nomination packages is [edward.blauvelt@saige.org](mailto:edward.blauvelt@saige.org).

a. Nomination packages must include:

i. Award Nomination Transmittal Form (attached.)

Note: For Veteran nominations, in the *Veteran Service Statement and Condition of Discharge* section, place a statement attesting that the Veteran separated from their respective service under honorable conditions.

ii. A nomination narrative, using criteria in paragraph 3, describing, in not more than two pages the nominee's accomplishments warranting the recognition specific to the award.

iii. An award citation, highlighting the nominee's accomplishments, not to exceed twelve lines.

iv. A single-spaced biography of the nominee not to exceed one page, if applicable include the nominee's tribal membership or AI/AN ancestry.

v. A digital photograph of the nominee (.JPG format.)

b. Submissions will be Microsoft Word .doc format with 12-point font with 1-inch left and 1-inch right margins. Exception: Citations may follow current military service's citation format guidelines.

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