



SOCIETY OF AMERICAN INDIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES (SAIGE) 2026 MILITARY/VETERANS MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

This award is open to all Active Duty, Reservists, Guardsmen and Veterans employed in Government Service

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is proud to announce the 2026 Military/Veterans Meritorious Service Award, a recognition honoring military members and veterans for their exemplary contributions to government service.

1. Overview:

This award recognizes exceptional service by Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard service members, and veterans employed in government service (Federal, State, Local, Tribal, or any other governmental entity) during the award period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

2. Eligibility:

- a. Current military members (Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard).
- b. Veterans currently employed within a government entity.

Note: Previous recipients are ineligible unless they have transitioned from military to veteran status and are now employed by a government entity. This is a one-time-only award.

3. Award Details:

- a) Submission Due Date: 1 October 2026
- b) Announcement Date: 1 November 2026
- c) Presentation Date and Location: 14 November 2026 on Zoom. Times 1100.
- d) Submission Process: Each DoD Component/Agency may submit nomination packages directly to Mr. Bryce Dick, Director, SAIGE Warrior Society, at warriors@saige.org. The Warrior Society will evaluate submissions and select winners, with up to a maximum of 5 total winners per award cycle depending on participating agencies.

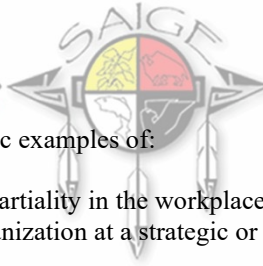
4. Nomination Criteria:

See Transmittal form for nominations process. Nominations must highlight the nominee's significant contributions to their service branch, agency, or tribal nation, reflecting performance above the expected standard for their position and enriching the values of their community, unit or agency.

5. Nomination Package Requirements:

Nomination packages must be submitted electronically in Adobe pdf format, with one JPG file for the photograph. Packages must include the following six attachments:

- a) Tab 1 - Award Nomination Transmittal Form: Use the SAIGE-provided form. File name: Rank_Name_Transmittal.pdf
Note: Veterans must include verification of Honorable discharge and a copy of their DD 214 (mask Social Security Numbers).
- b) Tab 2 - Award Narrative: Max two pages, 10 or 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins. File name: Rank_Name_Narrative.pdf
 - a. First paragraph: Describe the nominee's duties and responsibilities, reflecting the best qualities and core values of their respective service branch, agency, or tribe.



- b. Following paragraphs: Provide specific examples of:
 - i. Promoted a positive image.
 - ii. Contributions to fairness and impartiality in the workplace.
 - iii. Leadership or impact on the organization at a strategic or operational level.
 - c) Tab 3 - Nominee's Biography: Max one page, single-spaced. File name: Rank_Name_Biography.pdf
 - d) Tab 4 - Award Citation: Max 12 lines, landscape format, highlighting accomplishments. File name: Rank_Name_Citation.pdf
 - e) Tab 5 - Photograph: Digital head-and-shoulders photo (JPG format, 2MB max). File name: Rank_Name_Picture.jpg
 - f) Tab 6 - DD 214 for retirees only (no SSN). File name: Rank_Name_DD214.jpg
6. Submit all files to warriors@saige.org, adhering to the guidelines above.

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