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FROM: Military Firefighter Heritage Foundation (MFHF)

TO: Any Member of the Department of Defense Fire & Emergency Services Community (active or retired)

SUBJECT: Call for Nominations for the 2025 MFHF Lifetime Achievement Award and Hall of Fame Inductees.

1. It is time once again for the call for nominations and selection of the 2025 MFHF Lifetime Achievement Award & Hall of Fame Inductees. The MFHF will select judges from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Defense Logistics Agency services to validate each submission for justification and induction, to either the Hall of Fame or Lifetime Achievement categories. ***Nominee packages must arrive at the Military Firefighter Heritage Office by Friday, 17 January 2025. Inductees will be notified NLT 14 February 2025.***
2. The MFHF Awards Committee reserves the right to review and overall approve the Selection Committee's Inductee selections for the Lifetime Achievement Award & Hall of Fame Inductees. Furthermore, the committee also reserves the right to disapprove an Inductee package if sufficient information was not provided.
3. Inductee's will be honored at the Annual MFHF Annual Event, held 29 March 2025. This year's Firefighter's Awards Banquet/Ball will be held at the San Angelo McNease Convention Center at 5:30 p.m. The dress will be Semi-Formal.
4. Please included a high-resolution digital photo of the nominee with the Inductee package for submission to the following address: Military Firefighters Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 60241 San Angelo, Texas 76906. Submissions can also be emailed to info@mffhf.com
5. Any questions, contact TSgt Andrew Fruehan: (325) 654-5400, Andrew.fruehan@us.af.mil, or info@mffhf.com

Best of Luck to all the nominees.

MICHAEL D. ROBERTSON, President
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2025 Lifetime Achievement & Hall of Fame Awards Criterion

1. The criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the Hall of Fame are listed below. Highlight the accomplishment(s) of the individual and the impact they had on their branch's Fire and Emergency Services section and/or on the Department of Defense, Fire and Emergency Services community. Nominators are not limited to individuals from their respective service component.
2. The overall winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award as well as the four (4) runner ups will be inducted into the MFHF Hall of Fame for a maximum of (5) inductees annually.
3. Packages will be scored by a Selection Committee panel comprised of individuals who are external to the MFHF board and its committee members.

Lifetime Achievement Award & Hall of Fame Induction:

1. Individual must have completed at least 20 years of service to Military Fire and Emergency Services (provide service dates on nominee package) or committed an act of extreme merit. If 20 years have not been met, a justified reason must be attached.
 - a. Military inductee has to be retired/separated (honorably)/discharged (honorably).
 - b. Civilian inductee does not have a time frame to be retired.
2. All nominations shall be submitted in a word document in Times New Roman "12" font. Nomination shall be no more than Fifty (50) lines in either bullet or narrative format. Headings shall read:
 - a. NOMINEE INFORMATION
 - Full name to include middle initial.
 - Current address, phone number and e-mail address (if available)
 - b. ASSIGNMENTS/SERVICE DATES
 - c. CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS
 - d. DOD F&ES IMPACT
 - e. F&ES AFFILIATIONS
 - f. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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NOMINATION PACKAGE SAMPLE FORMAT

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD And HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

(Title) Louis F. Garland
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2. ASSIGNMENTS/SERVICE DATES

- Chief, Fire Emergency Services, Eglin AFB, FL (2006-Present)
- Chief, Fire Emergency Services, Holloman AFB, NM (2003-2006)
- Asst Chief, Nellis AFB, LV (2001-2003)
- Chief, Fire Emergency Services, Misawa AB, Japan (1998-2001)
- Fire Protection Manager, Air Education & Training Command, Randolph AFB, TX (1997-1998)
- Deputy Fire Chief, RAF Mildenhall, UK (1995-1997)
- Asst Chief, RAF Mildenhall, UK (1990-1995)
- Master Instructor, DoD Fire Academy, Chanute AFB, IL (1986-1990)

3. CAREER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During his career, Chief led various departments to 2 DoD, 2 AF and 11 AFMC level awards. In 2007, he received Chief Fire Officer Designation thru the Center for Public Safety Excellence and in 2014 led EFES to its first Accredited Agency status thru the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. Most recently, Chief was praised by the AF, USMC, USCG and the LANG for his exceptional performance as Incident Commander during the response/recovery of a U.S. Army National Guard, UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter with 11 personnel on board which crashed into the Inter-Coastal waterway adjacent EAFB. Chief led 35 emergency response agencies (400 personnel) over a 10 day period, recovering all 11 crew members, the aircraft and its flight data recorder which proved crucial in determining the cause of the crash. Chief was highly commended by all service officials for his professional recovery operation briefing to multiple national media outlets as they reported the helicopter crash story “live” as breaking news across the country.

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Recognized across AF FES as an innovative leader, exceptional instructor and valued mentor! Chief has been an adjunct instructor for the DoD, Louis F. Garland, Fire Academy, Goodfellow AFB and the Commander's Professional Development School, Maxwell AFB for over 14 years. He mentors students attending executive Fire Officer courses, the Fire Marshal Course, the Mortuary Officers' and Technicians Course, the AF Incident Management and Wing Commander Executive Level Response Courses. Chief has mentored over 1,000 Base Civil Engineers, Group and Wing Commanders, and executive fire officers from across the DoD. Chief was a technical advisor for the AF PPE Strategic Sourcing Initiative; he developed AF PPE technical specifications, conducted garment evaluations and made recommendation for PPE contract award which is an estimated \$80M contract. Lastly, Chief has developed an Active Shooter RTF capability which has been lauded by AFIMSC as the AF model upon enterprise-wide policy guidance/equipment requirements will be determined.

4. DOD F&ES IMPACT

Chief petitioned the NFPA 1500, Technical Committee and OSHA to change aircraft firefighting PPE standards. After a grueling 8 year process, the NFPA/OSHA changed their PPE standards! Chief's stalwart determination to change the standards has improved the safety of 9,200 AF FF's (12,000 total DoD) by ensuring FFs utilize the appropriate PPE based on the daily risks they encounter. Additionally, the change in PPE guidance eliminates the requirement to outfit AF FF's with ProxPPE and structural PPE...this will save the AF an estimated \$25M in PPE costs over the next 5 years. (*source: AF Fire Chief*)

Chief was instrumental in securing, preserving and presenting an O-6 Cardox aircraft firefighting vehicle to the Military FF Heritage Foundation where it sits on display along the Troop Walk for all future and present DoD FF's to reflect upon our rich firefighting heritage

5. F&ES AFFILIATIONS

- Chairman, AF Fire Emergency Services Credentialing Working Group, Tyndall AFB, FL (2009-2015)
- Adjunct Instructor, Department of Defense Fire Academy, Goodfellow AFB, TX (2003 - Present)
- Adjunct Instructor, Commander's Professional Development School, Maxwell AFB, AL (2006 - Present)
- Chief served as Co-Chairman, *Training & Education Committee* for the Tri-County Partnership Committee
- Chief worked with Okaloosa County DPS to deliver HAZMAT/Technical Rescue to Florida Region 1 (3 counties) when local FD's refused to take on the role; 435K protected!

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- Chief served as President, Okaloosa County Fire Rescue Organization, where he led the standardization of county-wide Standard Operating Procedures, ensuring multi-agency interoperability and improving FF safety.

6. AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2016 - Chief is one of 50 fire service personnel selected from across the nation by the National Fallen FF Foundation to profile in their new book titled “*American FF*”; he represents the 12,000 Federal/Military FFs across the DoD
- Chief Fire Officer Designation, Center for Public Safety Excellence (2010 - Present)
- Air Force - Exceptional Civilian Service Award
- Air Force - Exemplary Civilian Service Award
- Air Force Materiel Command - Command Civilian Award for Valor
- Air Force - Meritorious Civilian Service Award
- Air Force Civilian Achievement Award
- Louisiana Army National Guard - Achievement Award
- 2007 - 96th Civil Engineer Group, Category V - Civilian of the Year
- 2004 - Air Combat Command, Harry P. Rietman Award - Senior Civ Manager of the Year
- 2002 - 99th Civil Engineer Squadron, Category II - Civilian of the Year

- 2019 - Air Force Materiel Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2018 - Air Force Materiel Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2017 - Air Force Materiel Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2016 - Department of Defense - Fire Prevention Program of the Year
- 2016 - Air Force Materiel Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2015 - Commission on Fire Accreditation International - Accredited Agency Status
- 2015 - 96th Test Wing, Team of the Year
- 2015 - Air Force Material Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2012 - Air Force Material Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2011 - Air Force, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2011 - Air Force Material Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2010 - Air Force Material Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2009 - Air Force Material Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2008 - Air Force, Fire Department of the Year (Large Runner-up)
- 2008 - Air Force Material Command, Fire Department of the Year (Large)
- 2008 - Air Force Material Command, Civilian Fire Officer of the Year
- 2000 - Department of Defense, Fire Department of the Year

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AF - Air Force
AFIMSC - Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center
AFMC - Air Force Materiel Command
DoD - Department of Defense
DPS - Department of Public Safety
EAFB - Eglin Air Force Base
EFES - Eglin Fire Emergency Services
FD - Fire Department
FES - Fire Emergency Services
FF - Firefighter
HAZMAT - Hazardous Material
LANG - Louisiana Army National Guard
NFPA - National Fire Protection Association
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PPE - Personal Protective Equipment
ProxPPE - Proximity Personal Protective Equipment
RTF - Rescue Task Force
USCG - United States Coast Guard
USMC - United States Marine Corp

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