

United States Power Squadrons

Lifesaving Award

“As Chief Commander of the United States Power Squadrons, we remain committed to the continued development and growth of an organization of more than 60,000 members with a rich and proud heritage of service to boaters. We are an organization that is committed to boating education and boating safety. We honor unqualified dedication to the preservation of human life. Your courage is the legacy of our century and a guiding & protecting beacon for future generations of dedicated public servants.

THEODORE H. SMITH

Chief Commander

USPS Lifesaving Award Overview

Background

The USPS Lifesaving Award is administered by the USPS Recreational Boating Safety Committee. Created in January 2002, this award is for public servants in performance of their duties who are not members of USPS. The award recognizes heroism and devotion above and beyond the call of duty as involving individuals who engage in life-saving events.

Award Program Purposes

- ▶ Recognize public servants who engage in activities - directly resulting in the saving of a human life.
- ▶ Promote the sharing and reporting of life saving stories/events.
- ▶ Recognize systematic training (CPR, First Aid, etc.) that assists in preventing personal injury, loss of property and/or damage to the environment or the recurrence thereof.

Recipient/Conditions Eligibility Criteria

- Must be at least 18 years of age or at least of apprentice-age
- Must not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.
- The incident in which the lifesaving occurred must be water/safety and/or boating/safety related.

Application Instructions

The application is a letter signed by the person submitting the information. The letter should contain:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the application.
- The name, address, position/title and telephone number of the individual being recommended for the Life Saving Award
- A description of prevailing conditions causing imminent danger to self in pursuing this life-saving act
- A description of the circumstances leading up to the event which placed the victim in a life-threatening position.
- A newspaper clipping or signed testimonial from an eye witnesses, or a video tape capturing the event, must accompany the letter.
- The letter must be typed in a font not less the 10pt and not exceeding four pages double-spaced total length.

If a Life Saving Award is granted, the recipient must be willing to sign a release authorizing the life-saving story to be published in the USPS national magazine, THE ENSIGN and/or on the USPS national web site. All submissions will be returned only upon request otherwise they become the property of USPS to be disposed of in due time.

Application Evaluation

- Submitted Applications will be reviewed quarterly with recommendations submitted to the USPS Chief Commander and Operating Committee for final approval.
- The preference of the award recipient will determine at which meeting the award is to be presented.