

Chief of Signal Regimental Awards Program

The Chief of Signal Regimental Awards program is designed to foster esprit de corps and contribute to the Signal Regiment's cohesiveness. This is done, in part, through recognizing the exceptional performance of individuals who merit special commendation from the Chief of Signal.

Awards may be approved by the Chief of Signal based on personal observations or upon an individual's written recommendation. Eligible recipients include personnel, both military and civilian, worldwide.

There are six types of awards/recognition:

Regimental Impact awards are unique mementos presented by the Chief of Signal as "on-the-spot" recognition for outstanding performance or achievement.

The Certificate of Achievement (Fort Gordon Form 6723-1) is used to recognize outstanding achievements relative to the Signal Regiment's mission. The certificate recognizes achievements of a lesser degree than required for the Chief of Signal Plaque or Signal Regiment Fellowship Award.

The Chief of Signal Plaque is awarded to deserving individuals based on recommendations from commanders and supervisors citing outstanding achievement or recognition for special projects relevant to the Signal Regiment's mission. The Chief of Signal Plaque is not to be used as an ETS, PCS, retirement or any other official army award.

The Fellowship Award is designed to recognize people not affiliated with the Regiment. The requirements are the same as the Chief of Signal Plaque only the award isn't normally presented to Signal personnel.

The Honorary Member of the Regiment program is designed to recognize soldiers and other individuals who have made a contribution or provided a service to the Regiment, but who are not members of the Regiment. Appropriate recognition is made of active and retired military, Defense Department civilians and other people deemed worthy by the Chief of Signal.

There are no duties associated with this appointment; however, Honorary Members are encouraged to participate in Regimental functions.

Individuals who have been recognized as Signal Regiment Honorary Members include foreign allied exchange/liaison officers and noncommissioned officers who have been assigned for duty at the Signal Center, non-Signal Regiment soldiers, and service members of our sister armed forces.

[Distinguished Members of the Regiment](#) are prestigious or notable military or civilian persons who are recognized for their accomplishments. They must be current or former members of the Signal Corps Regiment. Nominees may be active, U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard or Signal Regiment Department of the Army civilians (active or retired status).

The designation as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment is largely ceremonial and serves to perpetuate the history and traditions of the Regiment, thereby enhancing unit morale and esprit. Since Regimental activation, the Signal Regiment has had a program for recognizing people who have made a special contribution or who have distinguished themselves in service to the Regiment. Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-82 (The U.S. Army Regimental System), all U.S. Army Regiments are authorized to select appointees to the position of Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

There are no limits on the number of Distinguished Members, and their tenure is permanent. The positions are designed to promote and enhance the history and traditions of the Regiment and foster cohesion among members of the Regiment.

The Honorary Colonel, Honorary Warrant Officer and Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment are distinguished, retired Army Signal Regiment special appointees who simultaneously become Distinguished Members of the Regiment when appointed to their honorary positions. These appointees serve a three-year tour and participate in command and award ceremonies, speaking engagements at dinings-in and other similar functions which help bridge the gap between the past and the present. When their honorary appointment term ends, they remain lifetime Distinguished Members.

Criteria and nomination submission procedures for Distinguished Members of the Regiment:

Persons who are recommending an individual for the Distinguished Member appointment, will prepare a justification consisting of a double spaced document of no more than two pages in length. This justification should cover the entire period of service to the Regiment. If the candidate is then selected, a citation will be prepared by the Office Chief of Signal based on this justification. Reviewing existing

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citations at this website will provide the nominator with the type of subject matter and level of achievement that is required. This justification, using a signed memorandum should be mailed to: Office Chief of Signal Attn: ATZH-PO 506 Chamberlain Ave. Fort Gordon, GA 30905-5735 This memorandum must contain contact information for both the nominee and the nominator to include physical address, e-mail address, and telephone numbers. These are used for the purposes of acquiring additional information or notification. These nominations will be reviewed by a Regimental board as convened by the Chief of Signal.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is as follows: Any military personnel who served as a member of the Signal Corps; any functional area 24 or 53 officer who has officially affiliated with the Signal Regiment; any civilian employee who is affiliated with the Signal Regiment. For civilians, this is defined as either any Department of the Army civilian employee who has been employed within the CP34 career field or a civilian from any civilian career field who has worked for a Signal Organization for over ten years. Meeting either of these qualifications results in automatic affiliation with the Signal Regiment.

Criteria:

Service rendered to the Signal Regiment is of such significance with Regimental-wide impact to clearly place this individual head and shoulders above his or her peers. Although there are no specific time requirements for this award, a nominee is to have long term and continuous service to the Regiment. Each nominee must have spent virtually an entire career in service to the Regiment. It is not necessary for the individual to have served within the Signal Regiment as a military member if subsequent service as a civilian is considered to be long term. There are no grade requirements for this award. In meeting the time element of the criteria, however, all but our most senior members will normally be excluded. For military members, that may also mean that the nominee continued to serve the Regiment in some capacity as a civilian. Regardless of time served or rank obtained, the board shall be empowered to nominate to the Chief of Signal any individual whose accomplishments are of such magnitude that he or she must be considered for appointment as a Distinguished Member.

Criteria and nomination submission procedures:

Commanders desiring to recommend an individual for the Signal Regiment Certificate of Achievement, Chief of Signal Plaque, or Regimental Fellowship award will prepare a Recommendation for Award (DA Form 638) with a proposed citation subject to the following limitations:

-Certificate of Achievement: no more than nine double-spaced lines
-Chief of Signal Plaque: no more than 15 words, including individual's name

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