Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year

Award Guidelines

1. General. These guidelines describe the Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award.

a. Name of award: Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year.

b. Authority: Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology ASA(ALT).

c. Purpose: To provide recognition of significant contributions for excellence in the field of Life Cycle Logistics (LCL) and achievements in improving the Total Life Cycle Systems Management (TLCSM) process.

2. Basis for Awards. The Army Acquisition Executive (AAE)/ASA(ALT) will annually grant the award to one Army military or civilian logistician to recognize significant LCL achievements. The Army Life Cycle Logistician Award will be granted to an individual who contributed and or accomplished the following:

a. Demonstrated outstanding management and leadership skills that led to the development and implementation of innovative approaches in areas of supportability and LCL planning and policy implementation.

b. Efforts resulted in increased system readiness in reliability, availability, maintainability, supportability and/or decreased life-cycle costs.

c. Implemented Army TLCSM policy to achieve measurable results in LCL.

d. Used innovative approaches to ensure continued life-cycle support at minimum costs while keeping weapon system readiness a priority.

e. Demonstrated flexibility and superior management skills in adapting to unforeseen supportability requirements and in allocating support resources efficiently.

f. Developed or implemented innovative approaches to provide continued support to a system while optimizing trade-offs between cost and readiness.

g. Enhanced the understanding of LCL by example, mentoring, etc.

h. Reduced life-cycle times.

i. Developed new life-cycle metrics and/or techniques.

j. Developed handbooks that enhance the understanding of how to execute LCL.

k. Demonstrated superior ability to work in a team environment, bringing team members together to build team cohesion to focus on success.

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l. Enhanced life-cycle review, analysis and evaluation techniques, or developed life-cycle analyses/trade off techniques.

m. Sustained pursuit of value-added supportability performance improvements.

n. Significantly reduced logistics footprint/costs on a materiel system.

o. Proposed/developed new innovative logistical concepts/doctrine.

p. Provided post-fielding enhancements, resulting in increased supportability and/or superior customer satisfaction.

q. Reduced operating and support costs and introduced supportability improvements that increase system performance or reduce the logistics footprint/costs.

Note: The above examples are not all-inclusive for the award, but emphasize some key achievements being sought and serve as a competitive basis for the award.

3. Eligibility. All Army military and civilian personnel are eligible for the award and nominations are open to all Life Cycle Logisticians residing in Program Executive Offices (PEOs), Program Management Offices, the Army Materiel Command (AMC), the Army Training and Doctrine Command and other acquisition and logistics organizations. Personnel participating in the selection process are ineligible.

4. Nature of Award. The award consists of an engraved plaque and a citation certificate.

5. Governing Criteria. All Army personnel whose contributions for excellence occurred between 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2013 are eligible for the Army Life Cycle Logistician Award. The contribution can be materiel, information, weapon system or process related. The award winner will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

a. Benefit to the Army or DOD

(1) Identifies and resolves a life-cycle problem that could have resulted in a non-supportable system at fielding or that results in increased customer satisfaction.

(2) Significant LCL management accomplishment on a particular product/project or materiel/information system.

(3) Significant life-cycle cost savings, cost avoidance or cost reduction.

b. Support of LCL goals

(1) Implements policy and applies appropriate techniques and processes to gain efficiencies, lower costs and help to build the future effectiveness of the Army's logistical sustaining base.

(2) Develops an innovative and/or creative research paper or accomplishes a project or study that enhances the LCL functional area or results in improving the LCL process.

c. Innovation

(1) Develops a new, or improves a current, LCL technique (e.g., innovative techniques for product support, product support metrics, business case analysis, performance-based agreements, etc.).

(2) Any achievement that has led to a significant advancement in the LCL field.

d. Impact on materiel system support sustainment

(1) Significant work achievement having a positive impact on the LCL process or on an LCL organization's mission. This achievement could result in eliminating non-value-added steps in streamlining the LCL process or in reducing LCL cycle times.

(2) Demonstrates exceptional LCL management abilities, expertise, initiative and resourcefulness under difficult and challenging environments to support and sustain a materiel system.

(3) Develops an improved method for performing or executing LCL.

Note: Paragraph 2 identified examples applicable to the above criteria.

6. Awarding Authorities and Responsibilities. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition Policy and Logistics (DASA(APL)) is responsible for establishing and managing the Army Life Cycle Logistician Award. The ASA(ALT) will confer the award to the selected awardee.

a. PEOs, Army Commands (ACs), Army Service Component Commands (ASCC), and Direct reporting Units (DRUs) will screen and may submit up to three 3 nominations. Organizations will conduct internal procedures to screen and review nominations to ensure that only the best-qualified applicants are forwarded and are truly deserving of the award. Nominations will be submitted to the DASA(APL). Nominations may be submitted to DASA(APL) via e-mail to susan.f.byrne.civ@mail.mil or by fax at (703) 617-0172 or mailed to the address below:

DASA(APL) Logistics Policy Directorate
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b. Emphasis should be on the assessment of technical merit, product excellence, customer satisfaction, productivity or process enhancements and benefit to the Army acquisition and LCL community.

c. Nominations must reach the Logistics Policy Directorate by 15 July 2013.

7. Awards Decision. The DASA(APL) Logistics Policy Directorate will chair an award selection panel consisting of senior life cycle logisticians (NH-04/GS-15 level) from AMC, DASA(APL), Deputy Acquisition Systems Management and HQDA G-4. The DASA(APL) will review the panel results and make the final selection.

8. Nomination Documentation. Nominations for the Army Life Cycle Logistician Award shall include the following:

a. Name, grade, classification, nominee(s) organization title and a brief statement of official duties.

b. A description of the achievement (not to exceed three pages) that was the basis for the nomination. The description shall state how this achievement for excellence has or will improve the LCL processes for a materiel/information system. The description must specify the nominee's contribution to the endeavor. Short unclassified reports, staff papers or studies may be submitted as part of the nomination package to provide supporting evidence.

c. A proposed citation (75-100 words) for the AAE's signature that highlights the significance of the nominee's achievements.

d. Submit 1 or 2 electronic photo images (300 dpi or higher resolution) of the person you have nominated to receive the award. The photos/images should be in headshot format (official photo format, if available) for individual nominees. Please include the nominee's name as part of the file name for each submitted photo (i.e., Doe_John.jpg).

9. Command and Installation Awards. Each PEO, AC, ASCC, DRU and subordinate commander can best determine specific approaches to the award process.

a. Commanders of major subordinate commands, installations, PEOs and activities reporting directly to ACs/ASCCs/DRUs shall use local award programs as an additional

means of recognizing LCL achievements. Recipients of local awards may be further nominated for the Army Life Cycle Logistician Award.

b. Receipt of the Army Life Cycle Logistician Award and any local awards that are within the purview of this program does not prevent the recipients from consideration for other authorized incentive awards.