



2021 Annual Awards

Nomination Deadline: Monday, July 5, 2021

The National Association of Veterans' Research and Education Foundations (NAVREF) is again pleased to announce that nominations are being accepted for the annual "Awards for Distinguished Service & Innovation." These awards recognize professional contributions by individuals to NAVREF, its member nonprofit corporations (NPCs) and affiliated organizations within the fields of VA research and education. Awards will be presented at the NAVREF Annual Conference Awards Celebration.

NAVREF Award Categories:

- 1) **Barbara West Award for Distinguished Service - \$500 prize**
To showcase outstanding service in the development of NPCs and/or NAVREF. Service can be in the form of the following:
 - ✓ A specific service or a history of service(s) as a board member, staff or volunteer to an NPC and/or NAVREF with a direct and positive impact in fulfillment of its mission; and/or
 - ✓ Contributions to the NAVREF Annual Conference, website, or best practice consultation.
- 2) **NAVREF Board of Directors Distinguished Service Award - \$250 prize**
To recognize an NPC staff member for any of the following:
 - ✓ Having excelled in meeting the purpose of expanding the knowledge and tools supporting VA research and education; and/or
 - ✓ Exemplary performance by a principal investigator (PI), board member, or other constituent in the advancement of professionalism and diligence.
- 3) **Innovation and Best Practices Award - \$250 prize**
To recognize an individual who has demonstrated innovation, implemented a best practice, and/or designed a unique approach to promote or advance the NPC's mission.

— Nominees —

Is there an individual at your VA NPC or an affiliated organization who has been extremely helpful to you, your board, and/or your staff in the development or transfer of knowledge, skill and/or practices who you believe deserves national recognition? The NAVREF Board seeks to recognize those individuals who have stepped forward to advance NAVREF's 29-year mission of supporting NPCs and VA research and education. A nominee may be a current, former, or retired NAVREF or NPC staff, board member, volunteer, or affiliate representative. The NAVREF Board intends that these recognition awards will be an incentive for all staff and volunteers to continue striving for excellence in all aspects of advancing the health of Veterans.

— Nomination Process —

A nominator may be a current, former, or retired NPC staff, board member, volunteer, or affiliate. A nominator may submit only one nominee per award category and should submit the nomination to a current NAVREF-member NPC for actual submission. As a nominator, if you wish to remain anonymous, please check the box on the application. A person may receive only one NAVREF award in a given year. If one person is nominated for two awards, the awards committee chair will contact the nominators to determine the most appropriate award category. All awards committee decisions are subject to NAVREF Board approval.

— Steps —

The nomination process is simple:

- 1) Nominator to visit the NAVREF website to access the nomination form: www.NAVREF.org
- 2) Complete the form and send to NAVREF@navref.org.
The submission deadline is Monday, July 5, 2021.
- 3) Receive confirmation of receipt and register to attend the conference to celebrate our recipients!

Please address questions regarding this process to Hawk Tran at htran@navref.org or by calling 301-656-5005, ext. 101.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Check this box to remain anonymous

Full Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For which award are you nominating this candidate? (Please check only one award)

The Barbara West Award for Distinguished Service to a VA-affiliated Nonprofit Corporation	
NAVREF Board of Director's Distinguished Service Award	
The Innovation and Best Practices Award	

Please provide a brief description of why this candidate deserves this award.

Please describe how this nominee positively impacts NPCs and the VA research & education field.

Questions before you submit?

Contact Hawk Tran | HTran@navref.org

Submissions are due by Monday, July 5, 2021.