

## **Certificates of Appreciation**

Certificates of Appreciation recognize individuals, groups, and employers who have provided outstanding services to blind and low vision veterans, their families, or to BVA at the national level. These services could include the creation of greater awareness of blind and low vision veterans, their abilities, and their achievements. Typical recipients are, but are not necessarily limited to, VA employees or individuals and agencies engaged in blind rehabilitation. BVA members, their family members, and Association employees are not eligible for Certificates of Appreciation.

Nominations must include the following:

- A letter of support by the person or group responsible for submitting the nomination
- A brief biographical sketch of the individual or group
- A recommendation setting forth detailed justification of the outstanding service rendered by the individual or group being nominated

Nominations may be made by the following. Each individual or group is limited to one nomination for each award period:

- Individual members of the Board of Directors
- Executive Director
- Director of Public Relations
- Director of Government Relations
- National Service Officers
- Regional Groups in Good Standing

The Certificate of Appreciation is presented at the National Convention when the recipient is present. The time and place of the presentation during the Convention is left to the discretion of the Board of Directors. The citation for the recipient who is unable to attend the Convention will not be read unless a designated representative is present to receive the award on behalf of the recipient.

BVA will provide the annual recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation with a complimentary convention registration.

Please submit nominations with three copies, postmarked on or before the final Friday in April, to: Blinded Veterans Association Attn: Awards Committee PO Box 90770 Washington, DC 20090

Or online <u>here</u>.