MORS call for nominations for the Clayton J. Thomas Award. Nomination packets should be sent to recognition@mors.org. Suspense: 3 April 2020.

Nominations are considered annually for the Clayton J. Thomas Award to recognize outstanding individuals for consistent, sustained technical contributions to improve the analytical underpinnings of the military operations research profession. Persons wishing to nominate deserving candidates for the Thomas Award should be guided by the purpose, criteria for eligibility, and award candidate procedures that follow.

**Purpose of the Award.**

a. To set up a tribute to Clayton J. Thomas, a respected colleague who has given and continues to give so much of enduring value to the military operations research community as to merit continuing dignified recognition.

b. To give evidence of the belief of the Military Operations Research Society that operations research represents a symbiosis of people and systems, applying the scientific method to build quantitative models, manipulate data and evaluate results.

c. To emphasize that progress in military operations research includes continuous improvement to a kit of analytic tools. We, therefore, seek to identify and recognize members of our profession who have excelled in individual achievement and have expanded the application of military operations research techniques and improved its set of analytical tools.

d. To give consideration to the development of the analytical underpinnings of military operations research. We hope that this award will inspire members of the military operations research community to continue technical, in-depth participation in the advancement of the profession by emphasizing the analytical foundations of the profession.

**Criteria for Eligibility.**

The following criteria for individual qualification for the award are recommended:

a. Distinguished service over time to the profession of military operations research.

b. Enhancement of the image and substance of military operations research as a unique scientific discipline and as a means for providing technically sound alternatives to defense decision makers.

c. Sustained, outstanding performance as a practitioner in military operations research, resulting in important improvements to our tools and to the application of our analytical capabilities.

d. Extension of individual knowledge and talents to others in the profession of military operations research leading to improvement of our analytic capabilities.

e. Current Sponsors and Board Members are not eligible for the Thomas Award.

**Nominations are made by:**
a. Any of the four military services, the Joint Staff, or Office of the Secretary of Defense Sponsors of MORS and military service officials at the assistant secretary level and above.

b. Senior military officers (0-6 and above), or civilians of equivalent rank, in duly appointed positions as managers of staff or field activities, the primary role of which is military operations research.

   1. The senior executive officer of educational, research, or analytic institutions directly and intimately associated with military operations research. Examples of the intent here include the Academic Dean, US Naval Postgraduate School, and the equivalent position at the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Presidents of Defense related Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, and the directors of defense scientific laboratories.

   2. Present and former members of the MORS Board of Directors.

   3. Any member of the military operations research community may propose a name for nomination; however, the name must formally be placed in nomination by one of the above. The nominator then becomes responsible for ensuring that the candidate does in fact meet the eligibility criteria and that his accomplishments and contributions are indeed worthy of consideration for this prestigious award.

c. The chair of the Thomas Award Committee is responsible to ensure that the nominator is providing all the required information. When a present member of the Board makes the nomination, he will be responsible for the data accumulation.

d. The nomination will be deemed incomplete until the Thomas Award Committee is satisfied with the accuracy, adequacy, and applicability of the information provided. At a minimum, this will include items shown in paragraph e below.

e. The Thomas Award Committee is responsible for deciding if the nominees are qualified and for selection of a recipient. There is no requirement to have an annual recipient.

f. The Council will approve the Thomas Award recipient and the name of the recipient will be kept in confidence only until the President notifies the recipient.

**Data to Accompany Thomas Award Nominations:**

The following information must accompany all nominations for the Thomas Award:

a. PART I

1. Name of nominee

2. Address, email, and phone number

3. Date and place of birth

4. Present position, Title, grade, rank

5. Organizational location

6. Immediate supervisor
7. Activity or station
8. Brief description of duties or responsibilities
9. Résumé of previous awards or honors
10. A list representative of published papers articles or books.

b. PART II

Provide information on nominee's qualifications. This should be done separately, addressing each of the following criteria for eligibility:

1. Distinguished service over time to the profession of military operations research.

2. Enhancement of the image and substance of military operations research as a unique scientific discipline and as a means for providing technically sound alternatives to defense decision makers.

3. Sustained, outstanding performance as a practitioner in military operations research, resulting in important improvements to the application of our analytical capabilities.

4. Extension of individual knowledge and talents to others in the profession of military operations research leading to improvement of our analytic capabilities.

5. Additional qualifications: Other important information that is not clearly related to any of the above criteria.

6. Signature and title of nominator.

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