MORS call for nominations for the Vance R. Wanner Memorial Award. Nomination packets should be sent to awards@mors.org. Suspense: 14 February 2020.

Nominations are considered annually for the Wanner Award to recognize outstanding individuals for consistent, sustained contributions and dedication to the military operations research profession. Persons wishing to nominate deserving candidates for the Wanner 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 living memorial to Vance R. Wanner, a respected colleague who gave 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, not merely a set of techniques for manipulating data and evaluating results. Our discipline has revealed that the human factor of the equation frequently falls victim to the elegance of the mathematics; even the best of solutions fail when the human element fails.

c. To emphasize that leadership in military operations research includes more than mastery of a kit of analytic tools. We, therefore, seek to identify and recognize members of our profession who have advanced beyond mere excellence in individual achievement and have expanded the application of military operations research and raised its standards.

d. To give consideration to the management and leadership of military operations research -- its direction and control, its quality, its applicability, and its timeliness. We hope that this award will inspire members of the military operations research community to broaden their scope of participation in the advancement of the profession by emphasizing the functions as an integral element of the whole profession person.

**Criteria for Eligibility:**

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 broadening the vision of defense decision makers.

c. Sustained, superior performance as a leader and a manager in the conduct of military operations research, resulting in important contributions to national security.

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

e. Contribution to the institutional aims, goals, and professional status of the Military Operations Research Society, leading to long-term enhancement of its role in providing a forum not otherwise available to the community.

f. While serving in an active capacity, Sponsors and the Board Members are not eligible for the Wanner 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.
   
   1. Senior military officers (O-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.
   
   2. 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.
   
   3. Present and former members of the MORS Board of Directors.

b. 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 Wanner Award Committee is responsible to ensure that 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 Wanner Award Committee is satisfied with the accuracy, adequacy, and applicability of the information provided. As a minimum, this will include items shown in paragraph e below.

e. The Wanner 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 Executive Council will approve the Wanner Award recipient and the name of the recipient will be kept in confidence only until the President notifies the recipient.

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

a. Name of nominee
b. Address, email, and phone number
c. Date and place of birth
d. Present position, title, grade, rank
e. Organizational location
f. Immediate supervisor
g. Activity or station
h. Brief description of duties or responsibilities
i. Résumé of previous awards or honors
j. A list representative of published papers, articles or books

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

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 excellent performance as a practitioner in military operations research, resulting in important improvements 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. Contribution to the institutional aims, goals, and professional status of the Military Operations Research Society, leading to long-term enhancement of its role in providing a forum not otherwise available in the community.

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

g. Signature and title of nominator.

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