

# The Surgeon General's Physician Assistant Recognition Award

## **11.6 Introduction**

This section established the TSG-PARA for outstanding contributions to military medicine; it also provides for administration of the awards. TSG-PARA is special in that it requires a command nomination.

## **11.7 Scope and applicability**

*a.* The annual TSG-PARA award provides personal recognition by TSG to one physician assistant who has made significant contributions to military medicine. This award is intended to increase physician assistant motivation for exceptional job performance. It is separate and distinct from any other awards that may be given for exceptional duty performance.

*b.* This award program applies to all commands, agencies, installations, activities, and organizations that have active duty Army physician assistants assigned on a full-time basis.

## **11.8 Eligibility for awards**

Eligibility for the TSG-PARA award is as follows:

Subtopics:

### **11.8.B Army Physician assistants.**

*b.* Army physician assistants. Any active duty Army physician assistant may be nominated for the TSG-PARA. Having once received the award, an individual is ineligible for future nomination. A physician assistant should have at least 1 year of active duty service remaining at time of nomination. Exceptions will be made on an individual basis. Nominations generally will be for duty performance for the year immediately preceding nomination deadlines.

### **11.9.B TSG-PARA.**

*b.* TSG-PARA. One award will be given each year. Nominations must be received no later than 31 December. The recipient will be announced the following April.

### **11.10.A TSG.**

*a.* TSG. TSG is the awarding authority and will exercise staff supervision over the award nomination and selection process.

### **11.10.B Commanders at all levels.**

*b.* Commanders at all levels. Commanders at all levels will--

(1) Identify potential recipients and submit nominations accordingly. Staff surgeons at all major and lower nonmedical command headquarters will assist commanders in the nomination process. With concurrence of these commanders, nominations may be submitted by staff surgeons.

(2) Publicize the award and its recipient when announced. Within security and privacy act requirements, publicity will emphasize duty performance and contribution to military medicine for which the award was given.

### **11.10.C Commander, USAHPSA.**

*c.* Commander, USAHPSA. The Commander, USAHPSA, will program, budget, and fund a sabbatical training opportunity for each recipient.

## **11.11 Nomination procedures**

Commanders and staff surgeon identified in paragraph 11-10*b* will submit nominations for the TSG-PARA directly to HQDA (DASG-PSZ), 5109 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258. Nominations will be made by memorandum, using figure 11-1 as a guide; they will be submitted in triplicate.

## **11.12 Selection procedures**

Nominations for the TSG-PARA will be considered by a board appointed by TSG and coordinated by DASG-PTZ. The board will review nominations, make recommended selections, and forward recommended selections to TSG for approval.

## **11.13 Sabbatical training available for award recipients**

Subtopics:

### **11.13.A Period authorized for sabbatical training.**

*a.* Period authorized for sabbatical training. Award recipient for the TSG-PARA is authorized to take part in sabbatical training for a period not to exceed 14 days at a military or civilian medical facility. This training must be for the same purpose as

outlined in paragraph 11-1. The sabbatical, if taken, must be taken during the same FY in which the award is announced.

#### **11.13.B Submission of DA Form 3838.**

*b.* Submission of DA Form 3838. After notification of selection, the award recipient who desires sabbatical training will submit DA Form 3838 in three copies to Commander, USAHPSA (ATTN: SGPS-EDT), 5109 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258, no later than 60 days before requested dates of training. DA Form 3838 will include information on location and dates of the sabbatical desired. DA Form 3838 will be annotated to show TSG-PARA Sabbatical Training as category of training and will indicate type of medical training requested.

#### **11.13.C Acceptance correspondence.**

*c.* Acceptance correspondence. A correspondence of acceptance from the medical facility in which the sabbatical is to be taken will be attached to DA Form 3838. This correspondence of acceptance must indicate the type of medical training and date of training that can be accommodated by the facility.

#### **11.13.D Endorsement.**

*d.* Endorsement. The sabbatical training request will be endorsed by the commander concerned; it will confirm that the specific training requested is of benefit to the Army.

#### **11.13.E Funding and orders.**

*e.* Funding and orders. Commander, USAHPSA, will provide a fund citation for issuance of TDY travel orders at the local command level.

#### **11.13.F Uniform.**

*f.* Uniform. Officers will be in official TDY status; they will wear an appropriate Army uniform while at the sabbatical training location.

#### **11.14 Command and installation awards**

Commanders and staff surgeons shown in paragraph 11-10*b* are encouraged to establish a similar PARA at local levels. These awards should provide additional recognition for exceptional duty performance. Local command or installation recipients also may be nominated for the TSG-PARA. However, local awards should not be used as the only basis for TSG-PARA nominations.