

509TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

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509TH - PIA

23 January 2016

MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: 509TH Parachute Infantry Association (PIA) Order of Geronimo Program

1. REFERENCE. IAW 509TH PIA By-Laws

2. PURPOSE. The MOI assigns responsibilities and procedures for selection of inductees for 509TH PIA Order of Geronimo.

3. BACKGROUND.

a. The 509TH PIA Order of Geronimo was established to recognize and honor persons who made positive, lasting and significant contributions to the association.

b. Individuals are chosen solely on their significant contributions to the 509TH PIA and each selectee is able to stand up to close scrutiny. Attainment of high rank or position is not necessarily indicative of a significant contribution to the association.

4. APPLICABILITY.

a. All 509TH PIA members are eligible to receive the Order of Geronimo if they meet the criteria listed in paragraph 3a and 3b.

b. Order of Geronimo Nominees

(1) Order of Geronimo nominees can be active, retired, civilian or separated 509TH Infantry (ABN) members who fall under the following categories:

a. Current or former 509TH Battalion Commanders and Command Sergeants Majors who are members of the association in good standing.

b. Current or former 509TH PIA Presidents, Vice Presidents, Treasurers, and Trustees who are members of the association in good standing.

c. Current or former 509TH Soldiers / PIA members who received a valorous award in combat while assigned to the 509TH Parachute Infantry – ARCOM (V) or higher.

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d. Current 509TH PIA members (all inclusive) who provided significant contributions that have, or will have, a lasting positive impact on the association.

(2) Individuals submitting Order of Geronimo nomination packets may not nominate more than two individuals during a given year.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. President, 509TH PIA, administers the Order of Geronimo Program.

b. Anyone with knowledge of a potential 509TH Order of Geronimo inductee can submit a nomination packet to the President of the association.

6. ORDER OF GERONIMO SELECTION.

a. The selection board for the 509TH PIA Order of Geronimo will consist of the following members:

(1) President, 509TH PIA

(2) Vice President, 509TH PIA

(3) Treasurer, 509TH PIA

(4) Trustees, 509TH PIA

(5) Honorary Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment

(6) Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

b. Order of Geronimo nomination packet must receive 75% Yes vote for approval and induction.

c. Note – In lieu of selection board, the President of the 509TH PIA has selection authority.

7. Procedures.

a. 509TH PIA Infantry Order of Geronimo nomination packets are due NLT 1 February of each calendar year.

b. All 509TH PIA Order of Geronimo nomination packets will be submitted to:

509TH Parachute Infantry Association
47 Washington Avenue
Wheeling, WV 26003

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c. 509TH Parachute Infantry Association Order of Geronimo nomination packets should be scanned and e-mailed to:

(1) Primary: Heath Stanley hastanley44@gmail.com

(2) Alternate: SGM (Ret.) Jaime Garza Jr. jgarza1169@yahoo.com

d. Order of Geronimo nominations packets must include the following:

(1) Completed 509TH PIA nomination form (see enclosure).

(2) Order of Geronimo nomination packets are only active for the year they are submitted. If not selected, Order of Geronimo nomination packets may be resubmitted annually. Order of Geronimo nominees may not submit their own nomination packet and individuals submitting Order of Geronimo nomination packets may not nominate more than two individuals during a given year. Nominee must attend the ceremony to receive this prestigious award. Any exception to policy requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis by President of 509TH PIA. When selection and attendance is confirmed, the submitter will pay for the cost of the award and medal.

8. Point of Contact for the 509TH PIA Order of Geronimo Program is the 509TH PIA President at 210-410-2390.

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