



From the Desk of the Field Artillery CSM

Knox, Hamilton and Gruber 2016

The deadline for the United States Army Field Artillery School's Knox, Hamilton and Gruber award program is almost here. On Nov. 1, by close of business, all nomination packets must be received by the Field Artillery Proponent Office located at Fort Sill, Okla. As the deadline nears, the question we must often get is...what should be in the packet?

All submission narratives of the unit's or individual's achievements should cover the period of FY16 (Oct 2015 to Sept 2016), and should be formatted in accordance with AR 25-40, Preparing and Managing Correspondence. All submissions must use Arial font, 12 points, single spaced, and must be a minimum of one page. Submission packets should include JPEG photos of the units/individuals to support the narrative. The photos should have captions to describe what the photo is about. All submission narratives should be accompanied with a Brigade and Battalion Commander's Letter of Endorsement. Each packet will be graded on its own merit by a carefully selected panel of senior Colonels and Sergeants Major. Be sure that the write-ups address the appropriate criteria for the award (para. 5b. and 5c. of MOI). The more detail, examples, and achievements that are directly related to or attributed to the criteria, the easier it is for board members to score the submission; and the better chance you have. Bottom line -- if there are no mentions of results -- there will be no points. I understand there may be cases where the unit or Soldier might not have accomplished something in one of the areas listed in the criteria and that's OK. What doesn't help is to have a full page of 'stuff' versus stuff that is related to the criteria.

There is a rich history of units and individuals receiving these awards throughout the years. The MOI for the competition is posted online on the USAFAS internet page located at <http://sill-www.army.mil/USAFAS/index.html>. Scroll down and hit the "Knox, Hamilton, Gruber MOI" tab and the link will open to a PDF. As always, please do not hesitate to

contact FAPO or myself if you have questions about how to compose a nomination packet or a question about the submission process.

This program is designed to promote, sustain and recognize excellence within the U.S. Army Field Artillery. Commanders, First Sergeants, Command Sergeants Major, don't miss out on this opportunity to make your unit shine and get the recognition your people deserve!

The Henry A. Knox award is given to the best active duty battery, while the most outstanding battery within the Army National Guard is presented the Alexander Hamilton award. An individual whose thought and innovation results in significant contributions to or the enhancement of the field artillery's warfighting capabilities, morale, readiness, and maintenance is awarded the Edmund L. Gruber award.

The Henry A. Knox Award is named after the first Chief of Artillery, and first Secretary of War, Major General Henry A. Knox. Originally called the Knox Trophy and Medal, the awards were established in 1924 by the Chief of Field Artillery and presented annually. The Trophy recognized the best artillery battery and the Medal recognized the best enlisted Artillery Soldier based on performance, excellence, leadership, and proficiency. The awards recognized hard work, talent, determination, and high standards that resulted in the highest performance. Before World War II, the awards were not presented. In 2002, the Knox Trophy was reinstated and the Medal was replaced with the Gruber Award to recognize the individual Soldiers. In 2015, Battery C, 2nd Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery, Fort Bragg, N.C., received the Knox award.

The Alexander Hamilton Award recognizes the best Army National Guard (ARNG) Battery. It was created in 2002 and is named after American Statesman and Continental Army Artilleryman Alexander

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Hamilton. Alexander Hamilton was an outstanding artillery battery commander and a skilled cohort of General George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Hamilton helped write the U.S. Constitution and served as the nation's first Secretary of the Treasury. In 2015, the Hamilton awarded was presented to Alpha Battery, 3rd Battalion 197th Field Artillery Regiment (HIMARS) with the New Hampshire Army National Guard.

The Edmund L. Gruber Award is named after Brigadier General Edmund L. Gruber, a noted Field Artillery Officer, who as a First Lieutenant in 1908 composed the "Caisson Song," which the Army adapted as "The Army Song" (The Army Goes Rolling Along) in 1952. The Gruber Award was estab-

lished in 2002 to recognize individual Field Artillery Soldiers for innovations that result in significant contributions to enhance the Field Artillery's war fighting capabilities, morale, readiness, and maintenance. In 2015, the Gruber award was presented to SFC Jorge A. Moraguzman of C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Drum, N.Y.

We want to have a record amount of entries this year!

**King of Battle!
Fires Strong!**



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DEADLINE IS 1 NOVEMBER 2016!