



**2023-2024
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION
JOHN C. "ACE" MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR**

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

_____ Cap Size _____

Current Legion Card # _____ No. of years as Legion member _____

Post Name & No. _____ District _____

Please attach letters, documents, clippings, etc. attesting to this individual's accomplishments. These should include Legion activities and may include other activities and community service (*see reverse*).

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above named individual has never been elected to serve in any office for which other than a "Blue Cap" was authorized and that he/she is not currently an elective to such an office. I further certify that the attached documentation, to the best of my knowledge is true and reflective of the named individual.

Post Adjutant

Post Commander

(Please forward to District Commander by April 1, 2024)

District Commander

District # _____

(Forward, one submission per District, to Vice Commander by April 22, 2024)

Section Vice Commander

(Forward, not more than (3) submissions per Section, to Department Headquarters by May 22, 2024 for final selection)

RULES AND DEADLINES ON REVERSE

RULES AND DEADLINES FOR DEPARTMENT JOHN C. “ACE” MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR

OBJECTIVE: The *JOHN C. “ACE” MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR* is designed to recognize a Legionnaire who exemplifies the goals and objectives set forth by The American Legion. *Nominees MUST be a “Blue Cap”.*

ELIGIBILITY for this award requires that the candidate cannot have held, at any time, an elected position authorized to wear a half-white or a white cap; nor at the time of the award, have been elected (though not yet installed) to any such position. (Therefore, to prevent embarrassment, it shall be incumbent upon the recommending Post to report the ineligibility of the individual prior to the Department Convention.) This is the only restriction.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Any Post, District or County may recommend any qualified member. Submissions should include this form (reverse side completed) and supporting documents as necessary for the committee to judge the qualifications, character and dedication of the nominee.

Supporting documents MUST be included. They may include letters from civic groups, churches, other veteran organizations, testimonials from fellow veterans, news clippings, etc.

DEADLINES: *District Commanders must receive submissions no later than April 1, 2024.*

DISTRICT COMMANDERS may only endorse the nomination of ONE District John C. “Ace” Mann Blue Cap of the Year. *This submission must be signed and forwarded to the Section Vice Commander no later than April 22, 2024.*

VICE COMMANDERS may endorse and submit NOT MORE THAN THREE of the nominations received for his Section, with no indication as to their relative standings. *These must then be forwarded to Department Headquarters no later than May 22, 2024.*

FINAL SELECTION of ONE Department of Pennsylvania JOHN C. “ACE” MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR will be determined by the Department Marketing, Media, Fundraising & Communications Committee no later than June 29, 2024. There will be NO honorable mentions. The winner will be honored during the annual Department Convention.

(NOTE: The Marketing, Media, Fundraising & Communications Committee recommends that a DISTRICT JOHN C. “ACE” MANN BLUE CAP OF THE YEAR be designated by each District and that person be appropriately recognized by the District. Department assumes no responsibility for awards to District winners)

WINNERS will be honored at Pennsylvania American Legion State Convention, where the winner will receive a plaque and a legion cap.

