

## SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

1. A scientific achievement is a contribution that conforms to the following guidelines:

a. Military or national significance: An act, deed, or accomplishment which establishes a scientific or technological basis for subsequent technical improvements of military or national significance;

b. Research and development achievements: A scientific or technological accomplishment of such quality and effectiveness as to have materially advanced the research and development achievements of a command, group or project;

c. Military or national welfare: A significant scientific or technological achievement, which contributes materially to the welfare of the armed services or the Nation;

d. Published contributions - an article accepted for publication in a scientific or technical journal, newspaper, periodical and other media, or a technical paper presented to professional societies which constitutes a substantial contribution to scientific or technical knowledge; or

e. Tactical developments - tactically oriented advances or improvements in weapons system use when a military decoration is not appropriate or if benefits accrue in such a manner as to warrant monetary award.

2. The recommendation for an award is the responsibility of an individual's supervisor. It may, however, be submitted by anyone (except the individual involved) having knowledge of the achievement. In either case, the recommendation is forwarded to the approval authority via the contributor's chain of command. The recommendation may be submitted in narrative form with supporting documentation to briefly describe the achievement, define the results in terms of tangible or intangible benefits, and clearly establish that the achievement is attributable to the individual's own action. Technical review may be obtained by those in the reviewing chain in order to confirm benefits claimed and assist the approving authority in reaching a decision. In the case of articles submitted for publication, notice of intent to publish is sufficient to grant an award.

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