



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTER
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ATZP-DOP

20 Dec 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR SERVICE PROGRAM MANAGERS (SPM)

1. Purpose. To announce the Department of Defense (DoD) Language Professional of the Year (LPoY) competition for FY19.

2. Background. The DoD LPoY competition is designed to identify and recognize outstanding military language professionals and their accomplishments as well as the critical role that military linguists play in supporting the warfighter mission. A joint-Service panel of senior enlisted leaders will select the FY19 LPoY winner who will be recognized at the Advanced Command Language Program Manager Workshop in August of 2020. All Service LPoY winners will also be recognized.

3. Nomination Criteria. Each Service may nominate one military language professional for consideration. Criteria for nominees include:

- Must be E6 or below and a member of the active or reserve component
- Must have achieved a score of at least 2/2 in the Control Language (CLANG) on the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) or equivalent (e.g., OPI, etc.)
- Must meet Service height and weight standards
- Must meet Service physical fitness standards
- Must be a DLI graduate

4. Nomination Packet. Commanders must prepare and staff a nomination packet through the respective MACOM/MAJCOM to the Service proponent. The packet shall consist of the following:

- Unit Commander nomination memorandum, endorsed by subsequent members of the Chain of Command. The memoranda should detail the nominee's accomplishments and contributions to the mission as well as to the Command Language Program. The nomination will specifically address the criteria that qualify the candidate for this esteemed award.

- An 8" x 10" head and shoulders photo of the nominee
- Copy of the nominee's current DA Form 330 or equivalent documentation of DLPT certification for each language tested
- An essay written by the nominee, not to exceed five double spaced typewritten pages (11 point Arial font), addressing the following topic:

Describe a strategy to train and sustain military language professionals in your organization to a proficiency level of 3/3 or higher in their CLANG within the first ten years of their career. NOTE: this is an essay, not a research paper. Therefore, no references or footnotes are needed.

5. All Service LPoY winners will be present at the DLIFLC Advanced Command Language Program Manager Workshop in August of 2020 when the FY19 DOD LPoY winner will announced. Uniform: OCP or equivalent.

6. Submission Procedures. Service Program Managers will submit one nomination packet via email or hardcopy to the following DOD Command Language Program Management Office POC:

Mr. J. Frank Everson: jene.f.everson.civ@mail.mil

Commandant, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center

ATTN: ATZP-DOP (DCSOPS-CLP Mgmt Office)

1759 Lewis RD, BLDG 614, STE 251

Presidio of Monterey, CA, 93944.

7. Suspense. Completed nomination packets must arrive to the POCs listed in paragraph 8 NLT COB on 10 July 2020.

8. POC this memorandum is the undersigned at DSN 768-7341; COMM (831) 242-7341, email jene.f.everson.civ@mail.mil or jene.everson@dliflc.edu.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Frank Everson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. Frank Everson
Director, DOD CLP Management Office