

## WAYNE E. RICHARDS AWARD

The Wayne E. Richards Award will be presented to an individual Kansas VFW member who has been an active VFW member for several years in the Post, District or Department.

Qualifications and nominating forms will be emailed the latter part of February and completed forms must be received at Department Headquarters no later than the deadline on the form.

The award will be presented at the 2017 Department Convention banquet.

The Wayne E. Richards award, this year's winner will be the 54th, was started by the encouragement of his family to honor past National Commander in Chief Wayne E. Richards, 1953-54, the first Commander-in-Chief from Kansas. There have been three Chiefs from Kansas. They were Wayne E. Richards, John Stang, and Norman Staab. The Wayne E. Richards family wanted an award to go to a Kansas VFW member whom had shown exemplary service over a significant period of time. The first Wayne E. Richards award winner was Louis Rosenburg in 1964. The sixth Wayne E. Richards award winner was Elmer L. Jenkins.

The work for these awards can be done at the Post, District, or Department levels or a combination of two or all three. There have been six double winners with Clyde Hatcher being the first and Lewie Cooper being the latest.

For your convenience, a list is provided of previous winners.

Louis Rosenburg	Harley Whisnant	Bernard Holt	Leon Bortz
Gen Joe Nickell	Ewald Behnke	Charles E. Cook	Lewie Cooper
Merle Jordan	G. L. Belding	Darrell Bencken	Robert Petterson
Bill Fribley	Francis Harshaw	Denny Lawson	Lester Wenndt
Marion T Burton	James Chism	John Fridley	Charley Shoemaker
Elmer Jenkins	Louis Warsinski	Charles Cloud	Leslie Thompson
Floyd McGehe	Harry M. Watkins	Jake Long	Gerald Mangold
Robert Dole	Jay W. Ritchie	Harry Nelson	Norman Gentry
Austin Wells	Harold Rhea	Roger Sellers	John Berkley
John W. Bossler	Kenneth Kirby	Robert Sander	Danny Puckett
George T. Hansen	George Muller	Norman Bottger	J.T. Plummer
Clyde H. Hatcher	Lawrence Tholen	John Shlichting	
Ben Linenberger	Robert R. Whipple	Barney Aldridge	
Ronald Huebert	Vernon McVey	Orlin Wagner	