

NCR Award Tips #4: Colonel David Small Jr. sUAS Memorial Award

North Central Region introduced the **Colonel David Small Jr., sUAS Crewmember of the Year** award at the Joint NCR/Minnesota Wing Conference in 2022. Only two submissions were received in 2023 for this Memorial Award -- thank you South Dakota and Missouri Wings for your submissions. Four submissions were received in 2024 – South Dakota, Missouri, Minnesota, and Nebraska Wings. NCR is looking for seven submissions this year, one from each Wing.

NCR is encouraging each Wing to review your members' activities related to sUAS activities during 2025 and beyond. Region emphasizes this award is not necessarily just for pilots. As the title states "Crewmember" so the award may be awarded to a pilot and or a crewmember. The award is not restricted to Senior Members. It is open to Cadets as well.

Please submit either a Senior Member or a Cadet for this Award.

This is a Region Award so it will not be found in eServices. Please submit in email form on CAPF 120. Recommendation for Decoration. Please send the email to ewilliams@ncr.cap.gov and copy abistodeau@ncr.cap.gov. Nominations must be received no later than 15 February, the same date all "of the Year" Awards must be received.

Region encourages all Wings to treat this Memorial Award with the same dignity all the annual "of the Year" Awards are handled with recognition as your Wing recipient at your annual Wing Conference.

The criteria to reference in the nomination write up is as follows.

Colonel David Small, Jr., sUAS Crewmember of the Year Award

An annual award established to recognize active sUAS members from within NCR who have contributed significantly to the success of CAP's emergency services and operational mission. The selection is based on the member's overall sUAS contributions to CAP, not just the accomplishments during the year of nomination, but nominations should focus on recent participation and current benefits. Extraordinary accomplishments during a shorter period may also be considered.

Nominations describing the member's accomplishments and contributions will be submitted through channels in narrative form according to the timetable established below. Be sure the nomination includes the following information:

Emergency services qualifications and participation of the member, impact on region/wing sUAS programs and missions.

This award is meant to recognize and reward members conducting sUAS operations at all levels for their contributions to mission success.

a. By 15 January. Unit commanders will submit nominations to the Wing Awards Board and or Wing Commander for consideration.

b. By 15 February. Wing commanders will screen nominations from unit commanders within their Wings and forward the best nominee to the NCR Awards Board for consideration.

Please forward nominations to Col Erica Williams ewilliams@ncr.cap.gov and

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