

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
LOUIS P. NANGERONI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LOGISTICS**

PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Purpose

The Louis P. Nangeroni Award Program recognizes contributions made by VA materiel management teams or individuals, including program officials that create more efficient materiel management practices and enhance customer service. VA is committed to rewarding employees for these efforts, which improve mission accomplishment and lower costs within the Department.

Mr. Louis P. Nangeroni last served VA as the Veterans Integrated Service Network 2 Network Chief Logistics Officer until his death in 2002. He epitomized service to our Nation's veterans through his dedication to continually improving acquisition and logistics management. This award not only honors Mr. Nangeroni's memory, but it also serves as a beacon to other Acquisition and Materiel Management employees to strive for excellence in job performance.

2. Dissemination of General Award Information

The Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management (OA&MM) will announce the Louis P. Nangeroni Award for Excellence in Logistics Program in an OA&MM Information Letter (IL 049-05-10), *Materiel Dispatch* newsletter, and on the OA&MM website at <http://vaww.cfwebdev.va.gov/oamm2004>. This award will also be announced in the *VANguard* magazine, and a broadcast message will be issued. Announcements will be sent to all appropriate mail groups in MS Outlook as well.

To ensure ongoing visibility and support of this program, periodic broadcasts, conference calls, and announcements at nationwide conferences and seminars will be used as publicity vehicles.

Additional releases of general award information will be made when requested from field facilities and other employees.

3. Nomination Process

The nomination process requires review and approval by the facility director. Any VA logistics employee, team member, manager or program official can submit a nomination. Nominations must be submitted using the attached Louis P. Nangeroni Award for Excellence in Logistics Nomination Guidelines. Questions regarding the nomination process should be directed to Mr. Freddie Martinez at (202) 273-6119 or freddie.martinez@va.gov OR Mr. Jesse Beaman at (202) 273-9533 or jesse.beaman@va.gov.

4. Areas of Consideration

The **following areas** in the logistics field can be considered for nominating groups or individuals:

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- a. Disposal
- b. Utilization
- c. Equipment Program
- d. Storage
- e. Customer Service

MATERIEL MANAGEMENT

- a. Inventory Control
- b. Mail Management
- c. Distribution
- d. Customer Service

MATERIEL HANDLING

- a. Receiving
- b. Warehousing
- c. Freight Management
- d. Distribution
- e. Customer Service

5. Evaluation Criteria

The Louis P. Nangeroni Award for Excellence (1st Choice and Honorable Mention):

To be considered for either the 1st choice or honorable mention awards, nominees must meet the following basic criteria. Nominee's outstanding performance must:

- Be the result of an individual or group effort.
- Contribute to the creation of more efficient and effective materiel management practices.
- Cover an initiative that was accomplished within the last year.
- Improvement mission accomplishments and show considerable cost savings.

Nominees will be judged on their creativity, innovation, originality, costs effectiveness, customer service, professionalism, and interaction with professionals in other organizations. The 1st Choice Louis P. Nangeroni Award for Excellence in Logistics (monetary) winner will be the superior choice (the one receiving the highest rating from the VA Central Office Award Review Committee (VACO ARC). The honorable mention nominee or group will receive the Louis P. Nangeroni Honorable Mention (plaque) award.

6. Review Committee

Following receipt of the nomination packages, the VACO ARC, representatives from OA&MM and each of the VA Administrations and key staff offices will meet to evaluate and rank the nomination packages. The Committee Chairperson will be the Director, Material Policy, Operations, and Training. All committee members will receive an advance copy of the nominations prior to the review

meeting. Members will be tasked to individually evaluate and score the nominations. Winners will be determined by combining each nominee's scores assessed by each committee member and giving awards to the first place and honorable mention award winners. The committee chair (who will be a non-voting member) will break any ties. The VACO ARC will forward a list of the recommended winners to the DAS, OA&MM, who will make the final selection.

7. Presentation of First Place and 2nd Place Awards

The Deputy Secretary, or his designee, will be asked to present the annual Louis P. Nangeroni Award for Excellence in Logistics. Award recipients will be invited to VA Central Office for the award ceremony, which will be held during Acquisition and Materiel Management Week, usually the first week in November. **OA&MM will fund the travel costs for the first place winner, (up to three members if a group).**

Award presentations should be publicized to the maximum extent possible, since it is a significant way of sharing information on materiel management improvements that result in better customer relations and patient care.

OA&MM will accommodate the special wishes of each of the VA Administrations and staff offices to ensure wide publicity and recognition of award recipients.