

# Commendation Bars



1. **Award of Valor Gold:** An award for actions above and beyond the call of duty. This award is given when an individual has exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness, and presence of mind; or an unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, to save or protect human life. The Medal of Valor recipient shall receive a gold award for suffering serious physical injury or death while performing in the described manner.



2. **Award of Valor Silver:** An award for actions above and beyond the call of duty. This award is given when an individual has exhibited exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness, and presence of mind; or an unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, to save or protect human life. The Medal of Valor recipient shall receive a silver award for those incidents in which they suffer minor injury or no injury while performing in the described manner.



3. **Award of Officer of the Year:** An honor awarded to a Police Officer of the department annually. This honor is awarded to an officer who has consistently exemplified the mission, vision, and values of the Nixa Police Department during the entire calendar year.



4. **Award of Merit:** An award for exceptional work above and beyond the call of duty to improve the overall service of the department.

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5. **Award of Purple Heart:** The Purple Heart is awarded to department personnel who, while serving or acting in an official law enforcement capacity, have been wounded or were killed by an outward hostile act by a person using active aggression, weapon fire, deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, chemical agent, or explosive.



6. **Award of Lifesaving:** An Award for actions by an individual to provide lifesaving efforts to a person or persons who, without immediate assistance, would be in eminent risk of death.



7. **Award of Lifetime Achievement:** The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes excellence, dedication and initiative displayed by department personnel that demonstrates as much commitment and enthusiasm for the job in their final years as they did in their first.



8. **Award of Marksmanship:** An award given to an officer who demonstrates superior skill and proficiency in marksmanship during a given period, competition, event, or incident.