

**Definition:** The Southern Division Marine of the Year (MOY) and Associate Members of the Year (AMOY) Society is open to any Regular Member (Marine or Navy FMF Corpsman/Chaplain Assistant) for MOY or any Associate Member for AMOY. Awardees are recognized for rendered service(s), performed a meritorious deed(s), brought acclaim and prestige to the Southern Division **above and beyond their regular duties and obligations**. In addition, those who have enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America. Or has been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety. These awardees are formerly honored and shall assume the privilege of membership in the Southern Division MOY and AMOY Society.

**Who can Submit a Nomination Package?** The Det Commandant (Cmdt) is responsible for the completion, certification, and submission of the Nomination Packet. Any individual (recommend the Det Sr Vice Cmdt or the Adj) can complete the Nomination Packet for the Det Cmdt. The Nominee must be a “Member in Good Standing” in their Detachment (Det) for at least 12 months prior to the last day of February before the Conference of and within the Southern Division. All Nomination Packets must be endorsed by Regular Members (for MOY) and either Regular or Associate Members (for AMOY). Upon certification, the Det Cmdt and Adj will provide original signatures and email to the Southern Division MOY/AMOY Chairperson.

**How to draft a Nomination Package?** Click on the links for the nomination packet. Download the Cover Letter and Nomination Form and fill in the required information or consider using the online fillable application. An individual (recommend the Det Cmdt, Sr Vice Cmdt or the Adj) can complete the Nomination Packet. All forms must be typed, and the nomination essay must be no less than 400 and no more than 1000 words. The nomination letter must include the Det and the nominee's pertinent information.

The Nomination Letter should be based on those who have rendered service(s), performed a meritorious deed(s), brought acclaim and prestige to the Southern Division above and beyond the regular duties and obligations. In addition, who has enhanced and/or furthered the concepts of the duties of being a citizen of the United States of America; or has, been a deed(s) of courage or valor without regard for his/her own safety.

Each Nomination Packets must be endorsed by at least 4 members of the Det. For the MOY nominee, at least 4 Regular Members must sign and for the AMOY nominee, any combination of at least 4 Regular and or Associate Members must sign. Each Member must be in “Good Standing” in the Det. All signatures must be original.

All letters of nomination shall contain a statement of certification from the Det Cmdt and Adj with original signatures, stating the nominee for Southern Division MOY/AMOY, has been approved by a majority vote of the Det Membership, during a General Meeting, and recorded in the minutes.

**Where does my Nomination Package get sent to?**

Completed Nomination Packets shall be endorsed by the Det Cmdt and Adj. For the email line please use the title “2024 MOY/AMOY Nomination Packet” (this will allow for a quick search by title) and then emailed to the Chairman of the Society, Tony Poletti at [tk.poletti@gmail.com](mailto:tk.poletti@gmail.com).

**Who / where does the voting occur?** The Southern Division MOY and AMOY Society is charged with receiving and reviewing each individual nomination for the MOY or AMOY Award Program during the Southern Division Conference. The time and place of the Society meeting shall be published to the members of the Society prior to the Conference by the Chairman. Past recipients of the MOY and the AMOY Award will then vote for the 2024 MOY and AMOY recipients. Prior to the Southern Division Conference, a spokesperson will be selected from among the Society to announce the names for the 2024 Southern Division MOY and AMOY Awards.

**Can an individual reapply the following year if not selected?** Yes, and it is encouraged.

**When are the Nomination Packets due?** No later than the last day of February, all nominations packets will be emailed to the current Chairman of the Society, Tony Poletti at [tk.poletti@gmail.com](mailto:tk.poletti@gmail.com).

**Where can I get an example of a Nomination Package:** Click on the link and use the 2024 nomination packet Word Document or complete the online fillable form.

**Questions:** Please refer them to Tony Poletti, Chairman of the Society at [tk.poletti@gmail.com](mailto:tk.poletti@gmail.com).