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THE GUY BRADLEY AWARD

2024 REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS for State Agency and Federal Agency Wildlife Enforcement Officers to Recognize Outstanding Lifetime Service

NOMINATIONS DUE BY *Friday, January 19, 2024, by 11:59pm Eastern Time*

OVERVIEW

In 1905, a Florida game warden named Guy Bradley became the first wildlife law enforcement agent killed while performing his duties to protect the nation's wildlife. Law enforcement agents like Bradley are essential to virtually every aspect of wildlife conservation, from recovering endangered species to managing waterfowl and big game resources. In honor of Guy Bradley, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation established this lifetime achievement award to recognize individuals for their commitment and performance in the field of wildlife law enforcement.

The Guy Bradley Award will be presented to one state agency and one federal agency officer whose dedication and public service to protecting the nation's natural resources demonstrates outstanding leadership, excellence in implementation, knowledge, and actions that have advanced the cause of wildlife conservation.

AWARD

One state and one federal recipient will receive a check for \$2,500 and a commemorative plaque in recognition of their efforts. Recently retired officers and previously nominated officers are eligible to receive this award. In the event that a recipient cannot accept a cash award, as is the case for federal employees, a donation of \$2,500 will be made in the recipient's name to the organization/project of his or her choice.

SPONSORING AGENCY

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NOMINEE'S YEARS OF SERVICE

Sergeant Primeaux began his career in Law Enforcement with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks in April 2017. Sergeant Primeaux has excelled as a Conservation Officer in 2023 by combining his investigative skills, leadership abilities, technical knowledge, physical endurance, and professional development to enhance conservation efforts in Southeast Mississippi. Through his diligent efforts, Sergeant Primeaux has solved, apprehended, and brought to justice multiple violators who committed serious crimes to wildlife and who without his relentless efforts would most likely have continued to impact Mississippi's wildlife populations in a negative manner. He serves as a Field Training Officer and a member of the MDWFP Special Response Team, Honor Guard, and Whitetail Deer Enclosure Inspection Team. Sergeant Primeaux enforcement efforts resulted in a total of 175 citations to this date. His accomplishments, however, do not stop with the apprehension of poachers. Throughout the year, Sergeant Primeaux mentors to youth pertaining to his duties as a Conservation Officer, teaching hunter and boating safety, and wildlife identification.

Sergeant Primeaux resides in Forrest County, Mississippi with his wife Ellie and children. There, he displays the best of what all Wildlife Enforcement Officers should strive to be by dedicating their time, energy, and life to the profession. His dedication and professionalism reflect great credit upon himself, to The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, the State of Mississippi, and to the profession of Wildlife Law Enforcement worldwide.

NOMINEE'S CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- In physical year 2023 Sergeant Primeaux has accomplished the following:
- Headlighting case that resulting in the arrest of 3 subjects for killing 7 deer at 7 different locations around south Forrest County between the hours of 1-3 A.M. A total of 21 Class 1 Violation tickets and 63 other charges were issued to the 3 subjects.
- Made 4 additional headlighting cases in or around Forrest/Perry County
- Apprehended 2 subjects and charged Class 1 Violations to each for selling whitetail deer meat.
- Charged 2 subjects for hunting Turkeys out of season, resulting in 6 citations.
- Located and charged 2 subjects hunting in the Camp Shelby Military Base impact area. An area off limit to hunting.
- Recovered a stolen pick-up truck resulting in the felony arrest of 2 individuals.
- 2 felony drug arrest while conducting checks of local fishing areas.
- Currently, he has issued approximately 175 citations.
- Issued a total of 27 Class I violations and 4 felony arrest.

- Graduated from Mississippi State University with a bachelor's degree.
- Graduated from The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy with a certification in Leadership and Workforce Development
- Was selected as the 2023 Conservation Officer of the Year

NOMINEE'S DEMONSTRATION OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Sergeant Primeaux is a motivated and highly driven Conservation Officer serving Forrest County and assisting other officers when needed. Sergeant Primeaux will also help when needed by making multiple trips to the Mississippi Coast for Operation Dry Water, unlawful duck hunting details in George County, and conducting 20 high fence inspections in Pearl River and Lamar Counties. He also serves as a Field Training Officer, training two new officers in the last two years by providing to newly hired officers leadership and training on how to perform as a Mississippi Conservation Officer. Sergeant Primeaux also performed daily duties in his assigned county of Forrest and currently, he is the only officer assigned to the county. He faithfully answers complaints and calls for services regularly, even on his days off. He always displays a positive attitude when working.

NOMINEE'S UNIQUE PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS (GOING ABOVE THE CALL OF DUTY)

As a member of the MDWFP Special Response Team, Honor Guard, and High Fence Inspection Team, Sergeant Larry Primeaux constantly proves he is a team player. His commitment to the MDWFP mission statement, fellow officers, and professionalism enabled him to be an essential member of the MDWFP Special Response Team, Honor Guard, and the Whitetail Deer Enclosure Inspection Team.

NOMINEE'S INNOVATION (PROGRAM STARTER)

The Chief of Law Enforcement selected Sergeant Primeaux to draft a proposal to restart the K-9 Unit to be part of the MDWFP SRT. Sergeant Primeaux developed and presented a proposal for adding a K-9 Unit to the MDWFP. During the year long process, Sergeant Primeaux attended multiple meetings at MDWFP Headquarters, presenting the K9 proposals to the Executive Staff and the MDWFP Commissioners. He authored the K-9 General Orders and Standard Operating Procedures covering training, selection of the handlers and the K-9, training for odors, certification standards, and daily responsibilities of a handler. Sergeant Primeaux spent approximately 120 plus hours researching, contacting other states, and creating all the documents to get the K-9 Unit approved. The K-9 Unit in the last 60 days has been involved in 60 plus deployments, seizing 4 deer and over 45 waterfowl that were illegally taken by hunters. With the recreation of the department's K-9 Unit, it has now become a vital asset in our enforcement efforts.

NOMINEE'S IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

Sergeant Primeaux frequently speaks at the Petal and Hattiesburg High School Law Enforcement classes providing information on the daily duties of a Conservation Officer in Mississippi.

Sergeant Primeaux also provides Boater and Hunter safety classes to the Boy Scouts of America Petal Troop 3 and the Carterville Baptist Church Men's Ministry. Sergeant Primeaux is the Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America Petal Troop 3 Outdoor Activity Committee. Sergeant Primeaux is heavily involved in the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association. He was nominated to be on a delegation that traveled to Washington, DC, to talk to Mississippi Senators and Congressmen. During the trip, the delegation he met with multiple US senators and Congress members on problems facing cattlemen and women in Mississippi. These issues include funding for disaster recovery programs, transportation requirements, and others. He is currently enrolled in the Mississippi Cattlemen Young Leaders Program.

NOMINEE'S MENTORING ACTIVITIES

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ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE

Sergeant Primeaux excels beyond the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks. Sergeant Primeaux has served our nation in the U.S. Army for 23 years. He currently serves as the Operation Sergeant Major for the 66th Troop Command. His responsibility in his current assignment is planning future and current operations for the Mississippi Army National Guard response to a natural disaster around Mississippi. The Department of the Army recently selected Sergeant Primeaux to become a Command Sergeant Major with the 112th Military Police Battalion. He will serve as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major. This assignment will have Sergeant Primeaux leading, mentoring, and training over 400 Soldiers under his command. During Sergeant Primeaux's Army career, he has had three combat deployments, two overseas deployments, and a deployment to Washington, DC, for the civil uprising in response to January 7, 2022. Some of Sergeant Primeaux's major awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (6th award), the Army Achievement Medal (6th award), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Star Device, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service ribbon, the Mississippi War Medal, and the Army Air Assault Badge.

SUBMISSION & SUBMISSION ASSISTANCE

Please fill out this form and email it to AFWA Communications Director, Patricia Allen (pallen@fishwildlife.org).

For more information or questions about this request for nominations, please contact Patricia Allen.