

Art McLaughlin Legionnaire of the Year



Nomination Application

In 1947, a young Iowa farm boy was selected to go to American Legion Hawkeye Boys State. Later, after returning from service in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, he immediately joined The American Legion Emil H. Dutler Post #177 in Mt. Auburn, Iowa. Perhaps as a sense of gratitude to the Post - or maybe he felt by being a good member that he could repay those members for the honor of attending Boys State - Whatever his reasons, he loved being a 'blue cap' Legionnaire and always felt they were the strength of The American Legion.

Art McLaughlin was the Post member who took on the 'taken for granted jobs' at the Post, doing the extra things to make activities in the Post and the community even better. He did the little repair jobs around the Post and was always checking to make sure everything was going well. He was happiest when he was actively working to support the Post and his rural community.

A soft-spoken leader, Art was respected throughout Mt. Auburn and The American Legion because of his ability to talk to people. He was a tireless membership worker who was constantly recruiting members for not only his home Post, but throughout Benton County, the Third District, and Iowa. A humble man, Art would be surprised to think that there is an award named in his honor. He was a quiet leader who did not work for recognition, but volunteered because it was the right thing to do.

His wife, Sherry McLaughlin, Past National Auxiliary President had this to say: "I once told someone that The American Legion was Art's life." The young Legionnaire replied, "No, The American Legion was his passion."

The Department of Iowa asks that you nominate qualified Legionnaires for this award as a way of saying "*Thank You*" to a strong 'blue cap' Legionnaire.



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Must be Submitted to Department by June 15

Nominee's Name:

First Middle Last

Address:

Street City State Zip

Contact:

Phone Number E-Mail Address

Full Name and Address of American Legion Post

Nominee's Membership Identification Number

Nominator's Name & Address

Phone Number E-Mail

Form must be received at The American Legion of Iowa,
 720 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309. For more information,
 call 1-800-365-8387 or e-mail info@ialegion.org.
 This form is also available online at www.ialegion.org.

**Eligibility
 Requirements**

The Nominee Must:

- * Be a member in good standing;
- * Can not have held any office higher than District Commander;
- * Shown community involvement;
- * Shown outstanding service within the Post;
- * Have supported and actively participated in The American Legion programs; and
- * Exemplify our motto, "For God and Country"

**In 750 words or less, tell us about the nominee
and how the Legionnaire is of service
to the Post and community.**

*Essay must be printed or typewritten. Use both sides of this form.
You may attach an additional sheet, if necessary.*

Tell us about the nominee (continued)

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