

April 25, 2012

To: David Raddatz, Fond Du Lac PD

From: Jeff Felts, Chairmen of the NPRC

RE: Chudwin Award Notification



Dear Officer David Raddatz,

On November 15, 2011 Captain Steve Thiry nominated you for the “Chief Jeff Chudwin Award for Patrol Rifle Excellence”.

On April 14, 2012 the NPRC’s executive and advisory board consisting of 36 individuals convened to deliberate and vote on the action of this year’s nominee’s.

Sir, it is my privilege and honor to notify you on behalf of the NPRC’s board, that your heroic actions on March 20, 2011 have earned you this year’s Chudwin Award for Patrol Rifle Excellence.

On that day officers responded to a complaint of a violent sexual assault against a six year girl. The responding officers subsequently were ambushed by an assailant who opened fire with a .308 caliber rifle, striking one officer and killing him. Upon your arrival, you leaned over to secure your M-16 rifle and rounds from the assailant immediately came through the windshield where you had been sitting. In the chaos, nobody was sure where the shots were coming from. You determined the house where the suspect was and which window he was firing from, and began concentrating on that area. Eventually, you observed a barrel poke out of an upstairs window and you took two shots with your M-16 that were aimed where a person would be standing on the other side of the barrel. Your shots hit the assailant in the hand causing him to stop firing at the other officers and take his own life, ending this tragic incident.

Congratulations on a job well done! We hope to see you in Detroit in June.

CHIEF JEFF CHUDWIN PATROL RIFLE AWARD

In honor of the nation's primary champion of the modern day law enforcement patrol rifle movement, it is only fitting that this prestigious award be named after the man who has educated and trained so many individuals and organizations on the benefits of a sound patrol rifle program. His professionalism, candor, and counsel have helped countless law enforcement officers through extremely difficult times. His selfless service to the greater good is evident by his every day actions and his motto; "Just do the right thing." We proudly present the "Chudwin Award" of excellence.

Awarded for one or a combination of the following actions:

1. **An act of valor using a patrol rifle**
2. **Excellence** in the field of law enforcement patrol rifle/carbine for a particular event or series of events
3. **Longstanding contribution** in training, education, development, and/or leadership in the realm of law enforcement patrol rifle.

THE CHUDWIN AWARD WINNER RECEIVES:

1. Travel expenses for the award winner, one family member, and one member of their chain of command to come to the NPRC to receive the award. Includes air fare or mileage expenses, and shuttle to and from airport if required.
2. Hotel accommodations for the award winner, family member, and the chain of command member. Includes up to three dinners and two lunches.
3. There is no cash or money given to the award winner. Instead we offer training opportunities and equipment prizes from our sponsors.
4. The winner receives an Etched Glass Trophy and a Framed Certificate.
5. An additional framed certificate for display in that officer's police department, town hall, etc.
6. Photographs from the awards ceremony.
7. They will receive various logo and equipment gifts from Center Mass and may receive the same from the events sponsors (this is most likely).
8. They will receive a free slot for themselves and one fellow officer for the following year to attend any Center Mass class of their choice.
9. Scholarship for the cost of tuition to attend any one of the following four training opportunities in 2013:

- NTOA Conference
- ITOA Conference
- NPRC the following year

This year's NPRC is June 3-5, 2012, in Detroit, MI.

It is our sincere hope that you will join us at this year's NPRC.

Congratulations and I hope to see you in a few months.



Chairman of the Board, NPRC
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