

April 1, 2016

To: Officer Nicholas Koahou, San Bernardino PD, CA

From: Jeff Felts, Chairmen of the NPRC

RE: Chudwin Award Notification



Dear Officer Koahou,

On February 10, 2016, Officer Trevor Benson of the Union Pacific Police Department nominated you for the Chief Jeff Chudwin Patrol Rifle Award.

The NPRC's Executive and Advisory Boards, consisting of 36 armed professionals from around the country, concluded voting on April 1st, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (EST), on the actions of this year's nominees.

Sir, on behalf of the NPRC's Boards, it is my honor and privilege to notify you that you are the 2016 Chudwin Award Winner. You were selected for your heroic, lifesaving actions on December 2, 2015, in apprehending Suspects Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik, who were responsible for the terror attack at the Inland Regional Center that killed 14 and wounded 20 innocent victims.

You willingly risked your life during a vehicle pursuit and gun battle where Suspect Malik fired over 216 rifle rounds at you and other pursuing officers. Eventually, the suspects abruptly stopped their vehicle and both began attacking all pursuing officers with a high volume of rifle fire. During this battle, you fired dozens of rounds at the suspects with your patrol rifle. At one point, you observed Suspect Farook begin maneuvering on a deputy sheriff who was pinned down behind a nearby patrol car. You then left your position of cover in an attempt to get a clear shot at Suspect Farook before he could directly engage the deputy sheriff. In doing so, you engaged Suspect Farook with your patrol rifle killing him and stopping the immediate threat to the deputy sheriff. During this action, you were wounded in the thigh with a 5.56mm rifle round from Suspect Malik. You immediately took cover, addressed your wound, conducted a tactical reload, stood up and began returning fire upon Suspect Malik who was pouring down rifle fire on you and other officers. Suspect Malik was eventually killed ending the immediate threat.

This event and your individual actions validate and serve as proof positive of why America's first responders must have rifles and quality training if there is any hope of swiftly stopping those who are happy to do violence to innocent people.

Officer Koahou, you, your peers and all the agencies involved in the swift apprehension of these terrorists are a great credit to yourselves, your agencies and our profession.

Thank you for your service to our profession and to our country as a Marine. Your actions and success in this battle should serve as a wakeup call for all LEO's to improve their individual and organizational readiness. THANK YOU!!!

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 Officer Nicholas Koahou with the 2016 "Chudwin Award" for patrol rifle 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.

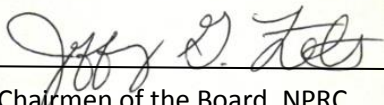
THE CHUDWIN AWARD WINNER RECEIVES:

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 airfare 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 two dinners and two lunches for each person.
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. In addition, the winner receives a free slot for themselves and one fellow officer to attend next year's NPRC.

This year's NPRC is June 4-5, 2016, in Detroit, MI.

It is our sincere hope that you will join us at this year's NPRC. Please contact me as soon as possible to let us know if you will be attending.

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



Chairmen of the Board, NPRC

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