

March 29, 2019

To: Trooper Cody King, Michigan State Police

From: Jeff Felts, Chairman of the NPRC

RE: Chudwin Award Notification



Dear Trooper King,

On March 20, 2019, D/Sgt. Heather Lass nominated you for the Chief Jeff Chudwin Patrol Rifle Award.

The NPRC's Executive and Advisory Boards, consisting of 47 armed professionals from around the country, concluded voting on March 29, 2019, at 12:00pm, 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 2019 Chudwin Award Winner for Patrol Rifle Excellence.

You were selected for your heroic, lifesaving actions on January 24, 2018, when you were assigned to assist detectives in the execution of a search warrant on a cold case homicide. Upon making contact at the residence, the suspect brandished a long gun at you and other troopers. A standoff ensued and negotiations were attempted for an hour as MSP Emergency Support Team (SWAT) was on the way.

Just before SWAT arrived, the suspect, who had surveillance cameras set up around the exterior of the home, exited the house armed with a scoped semi-automatic rifle and began to shoot at you and D/Sgt. Steensma. D/Sgt. Steensma was severely wounded in the left shoulder. You returned fire immediately, forcing the suspect to flee to the cover of a wood pile, where the suspect began firing upon other troopers, wounding Trooper Thayer in the hand and chest.

As the suspect was engaging the other troopers, you seized the moment to grab D/Sgt. Steensma who was on the ground, and in the open, and drag him to cover that was 20 yards away. While you risked your life doing this heroic task, the suspect took notice and began to fire and maneuver upon you and D/Sgt. Steensma again.

At this point the suspect was flanking you and other troopers and was about 60-yards away when you unslung your iron sighted M4 patrol rifle, took up a standing shooting position and fired 5 shots on the moving suspect striking him in the temple and ending the violence.

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

Trooper King, you and your peers are a great credit to yourselves, the Michigan State Police and our profession.

Thank you for your service to our profession. Your actions and success in this battle should serve as a wakeup call for all LEOs 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 has 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."

### AWARDED FOR ONE OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS

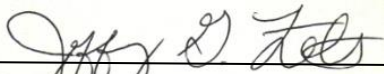
1. An act of **valor** using a patrol rifle.
2. **Excellence** in the field of law enforcement patrol rifle for a particular event or series of events.
3. **Longstanding contribution** in training, education, development and/or leadership in the realm of law enforcement patrol rifle.

### 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. In addition, you will receive various logo and equipment gifts from Center Mass and may receive the same from the event's other sponsors and vendors.
8. Finally, the winner receives a free slot for themselves and one fellow officer to attend next year's NPRC.

This year the NPRC and [North American Active Assailant Conference](#) are on **April 25-27, 2019**, near Detroit, MI. It is our sincere hope that you will join us. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know if you will be attending. [For more info about the NPRC click this link.](#) Your award will be presented to you at the [NAAAC](#) on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in front of roughly 2,000 of your peers.

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



Chairman of the Board, NPRC

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