



**The Detachment of Louisiana
Royce J. Doucet Memorial
Son of The Year 2025-2026**

The Royce J. Doucet Memorial Son of the Year is a prestigious award, which is funded through The American Legion and selected by a Committee appointed by the Detachment Commander and is awarded annually at the Department/Detachment Convention. Royce Doucet was the first member of the Detachment of Louisiana to be elected National Commander of the Sons of The American Legion. His character and drive allowed him to accomplish this by his mid twenties. Of the active Squadrons with membership, there is a hard working, dependable member, with similar characteristics of Royce Doucet, who has served his Squadron for a number of years and is deserving of being nominated. The number of Squadrons that nominate a member has been few and far between over the years. This award cannot be presented unless there are applicants that apply for this award. The Committee makes the determining factor if this award will be presented. **Previous award winners need not reapply.**

Procedures for Selecting and Nominating:

- 1. If you have ever received the Son of the Year Award (stop here) you do not qualify.**
2. Use the attached recommendation form and include a letter of recommendation. This letter should be from a person other than the individual making the nomination.
3. Any Squadron member, who is a former recipient of the award at the Detachment level, may nominate an individual from their Squadron. Any member of The American Legion Family may nominate an individual they feel qualifies. The nominee must be a member of the organization for at least two (2) years. **A member having ever been elected to Detachment Commander, Detachment Vice Commander(s), National Executive Committeeman or Alternate National Executive Committeeman does not qualify for the Son of the Year Award.**
4. The Committee will select only one recipient, from all the Squadron nominations, for the Royce J. Doucet Memorial Son of the Year award. The award will be presented at The American Legion's Department Convention.
5. The Royce J. Doucet Memorial, Son of the Year will receive a plaque from The American Legion.

Robert Higgins Jr
Detachment Commander

