

NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL GRAND PLAQUE AWARD RECIPIENTS 1965-2020

| | CLASS I | CLASS II | CLASS III | CLASS IV | CLASS V | ARMED FORCES | STATE PARKS |
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| | Population 400,001 and over | Population 150,001-400,000 | Population 75,001-150,000 | Population 30,001-75,000 | Population less than 30,000 | | |
| 2020 | Toledo Metroparks, Toledo, Ohio | City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation, Greensboro, NC | Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, Carmel, IN | Decatur Park District, Decatur, IL | Green River Parks and Recreation, Green River, WY | Fort Riley Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Recreation Division – Kansas | |
| 2019 | Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax, VA | Metro Parks Tacoma, Tacoma, WA City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department, Arlington, TX | The Woodlands Township, Woodlands, Texas City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Bloomington, IL | City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, Westerville, OH Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation, Castle Rock, Colorado | Glencoe Park District, Glencoe, IL Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, IL | Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler – Okinawa, Japan NAS Pensacola Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Pensacola, FL | Department of Environmental Protection, Florida State Parks |
| 2018 | Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department, Florida | Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, Grand Prairie, TX | Roswell Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs Department, Roswell, GA | Bismarck Parks and Recreation District, Bismarck, ND | Itasca Park District, Itasca, IL | MCCS Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC | Arizona State Parks |
| 2017 | Johnson County Parks and Recreation, Shawnee Mission Kansas | | | Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Springfield, OR | Frankfort Square Park District, Frankfort, IL | | |
| 2016 | Cleveland Metro Parks, Cleveland, OH | Cary Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Cary, NC | Allen Parks and Recreation Department, Allen, TX | | | USCG Base Kodiak, AK Marine Corps Community Services, Marine Corps Installations West, Camp Pendleton, CA | Delaware State Parks |
| 2015 | The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD | Plano Parks and Recreation Plano, TX | City of St. George, St. George, UT | Park District of Oak Park, Oak Park, IL | Oak Brook Park District, Oak Brook, IL | Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Naval Submarine Base, GA | |
| 2014 | Chicago Park District, Chicago, IL | City of Henderson, Henderson, NV | Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, Carmel, IN | City of Kettering, Kettering, OH | City of Lafayette, Lafayette, CO | | |
| Catagories | Population over 250,000 | Population 100,000- 250,000 | Population 50,000-100,000 | Population 20,000-50,000 | Population less than 20,000 | | |
| 2013 | City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach, CA | Round Rocks Parks and Recreation, Round Rock, TX | Waukegan Park District, Waukegan, IL | City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, Westerville, OH Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation, Castle Rock, CO | Town of Erie Parks and Recreation, Erie, CO Durango Parks and Recreation, Durango, CO | Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Fort Knox, KY | Florida State Parks |
| 2012 | Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation, Charlotte, NC | Rockford Park District, Rockford, IL City of Lakewood Department of Community Resources, Lakewood, CO | James City County, Williamsburg, VA City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry, Waukesha, WI | Town of Parker Parks and Recreation, Parker, CO | City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation, Fairfax, VA | | Michigan Department of Natural Resources |
| 2011 | Portland Parks and Recreation, Portland, OR | | | | | | |
| 2010 | Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax, VA | Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Peoria, IL | Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation, Lee's Summit, MO | Gurnee Park District, Gurnee, IL | City of Golden Parks and Recreation, Golden, CO | | |
| 2009 | Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, Wauwatosa, WI | Fox Valley Park District, Aurora, IL | Hoffman Estates Park District, Hoffman Estates, IL | Lombard Park District, Lombard, IL | Itasca Park District, Itasca, IL | | Pennsylvania Department of Comnservation and Natural Resources |

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| 2008 | Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, Lawrenceville, GA | Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation Department, Grand Prairie, TX City of Westminster Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, Westminster, Colorado | Canton Leisure Services. Canton, MI | Carol Stream Park District, Carol Stream, IL | Town of Herndon, Herndon, VA | |
| 2007 | Cleveland Metroparks Cleveland, OH City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach, CA | City of Westminister Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, Westminster, Colorado | City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Bloomington, IN | City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, Westerville, OH | Town of Parker Department of Parks and Recreation, Parker, CO | Tennessee State Parks |
| 2006 | St. Paul Parks and Recreation St. Paul, MN | City of Tempe Community Services, Tempe, AZ Bellevue Parks and Community Services, Bellevue, WA | Bend Metro Park and Recreation District, Bend, OR | Homewood- Flossmoor District, Flossmoor, IL Town of Leesburg Department of Parks and Recreation, Leesburg, VA Grand Junction Parks and Recreation, Grand Junction, Grand Junction, CO | Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation, Herndon, VA Frankfort Square District Park District, Frankfort Square, IL | Florida State Parks |
| 2004 | Austin Parks and Recreation, Austin, Texas | Tallahassee Parks and Recreation, Tallahassee, florida | Schaumburg Park District, Schaumburg, IL | DeKalb Park District, DeKalb, IL | Bloomington Park District, IL | |
| 2003 | The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD | City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, Greensboro, NC | Denton Parks and Recreation, Denton, TX | DeKalb Park District, DeKalb, IL | Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Lake Forest, IL | New York State Parks |
| 2002 | Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax, VA | Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Peoria, IL | Ashville Parks and Recreation, Ashville, NC | Carol Stream Park District, Carol Stream, IL City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, Westerville, OH | Evans Parks and Recreation, Evan, IL | |
| 2001 | Cleveland Metropark, Cleveland, OH | Arlington Heights Parks District, Arlington Heights, IL City of North Richlandland Hills Parks and Recreation Department, North Richland Hills, TX City of Westminster Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, Westminster, CO | Arlington Heights Parks District, Arlington Heights, IL City of North Richlandland Hills Parks and Recreation Department, North Richland Hills, TX City of Westminster Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, Westminster, CO | Roseville Parks and Recreation Department, Roseville, MN | Itasca Park District, Itasca, IL | Virginia State Parks |
| 2000 | City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Disision Mesa, AZ | Springfield-Green County Park Board, springfield, MO | City of Westminister Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, Westminster, CO | Roseville Parks and Recreation Department, Roseville, MN | City of Lafayette, Lafayette, CO | |
| 1999 | Lake County Forest Preserve District Libertyville, IL City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach, CA | City of Henderson Parks and Recreation, Henderson, Nevada | Champaign Park District, Champaign, Champaign, IL | Bolingbrook Park District, Bolingbrook, IL | Town of Herndon, Herndon, VA | Florida State Parks |
| 1998 | Cincinnati Recreation Commission Cincinnati, OH | City of Chandler Community Services, Chandler, Az | Champaign Park District, Champaign, Champaign, IL | St. Charles Park District, St. Charles, IL Germantown Parks and Recreation, Germantown, TN | Town of Parker Department of Parks and Recreation, Parker, CO Georgetown Parks, Education and Recreation, Georgetown, TX | Ohio State Parks |
| 1997 | Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Ft. Worth, TX | City of Plano, TX South Surburban Parks and Recreation District, Littleton, CO | Skokie Park District, Skokie, IL | Northbrook Park District, Northbrook, IL | City of Commerce City Parks and Recreation Department, Commerce City, Colorado | |
| 1996 | Johnson County Parks and Recreation, Shawnee Mission, Kansas | City of Tempe Community Services, Tempe, AZ | Wheaton Park District, Wheaton, IL | Northbrook Park District, Northbrook, IL | Commerce City, Colorado | |
| 1995 | Johnson County Parks and Recreation, Shawnee Mission, Kansas | City of Tempe Community Services, Tempe, AZ | Schaumburg Park District, Schaumburg, IL | Columbus Parks and Recreation, Columbus, IN | Channahon Park District, Channahon, IL | |

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| 1994 | Cleveland Metroparks Cleveland, OH | Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Peoria, IL | City of Kettering, OH | City of Rockville, Rockville, MD | Leesburg Department of Parks and Recreation, Leesburg, VA |
| 1993 | Metropolitan Dade County Parks and Recreation Department Miami, FL | City of fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale, FL | Joliet Park District, Joliet, IL | Bismarck Parks and Recreation Department, Bismarck, ND | City of Naples, FL |
| 1992 | City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Disision, Mesa, AZ | Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, WA | Arlington Heights Parks District, Arlington Heights, IL | Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst, IL | Louisville Parks and Recreation, Louisville, CO |
| 1991 | Commission Parish of East Batorn Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA | Foothills Recreation and Parks District, Lakewood, CO | Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries Westminsteer, CO | Homewood- Flossmoor District, Flossmoor, IL | Alsip Park District, Alsip, IL |
| 1990 | Broward County Parks and Recreation, Oakland Park, FL | Recrearion Department, Raleigh, NC | Champaign Park District, Champaign, Champaign, IL | Wheaton Park District, Wheaton, IL | City of Brooklyn Department of Recreation, Brooklyn, OH |
| 1989 | Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Minneapolis, MN | Rockford Park District Rockford, IL | Department, Santa Barbara, CA | Loveland Parks and Recreation, Loveland, CO | Town of Herndon, Herndon, VA |
| 1988 | City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Long Beach, CA | South Surburban Parks and Recreaation District, Littleton, CO | Schaumburg Park District, Schaumburg, IL | Kent Parks and Recreation, Kent, WA | Wood Dale Park District, Wood Dale, IL |
| 1987 | Metropolitan Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, Miami, FL | Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, Greensboro, NC | Plano Parks and Recreation, Plano, TX | Elk Grove Park District, Elk Grove Village, IL | Palm Beach Gardens Department of Parks and Recreation, Palm Beach Gardens, FL |
| 1986 | City of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ | Foothills Recreation and Parks District, Lakewood, CO | Ft. Collins Parks and Rrecreation, Ft. Collins, CO | Willamalane Parks and Recreation Department, Springfield, OR | Lemont Township Park District, Lemont, IL |
| 1985 | Dallas Parks and Recreation, Dallas, TX | Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, WA | North Jeffco Park District, Arvada, CO | Denton Parks and Recreation, Denton, TX | Carrollton Parks and Recreation, Carrollton, GA |
| 1984 | The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD | Aurora, CO | Columbia, MO | Wheaton Park District, Wheaton, IL | Mountlake Parks and Recreation, Mountlake Trace, WA |
| 1983 | Annandale, MD | St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL | Arlington Heights Parks District, Arlington Heights, IL | Downers Grove Park District, Douwners Grove, IL | Deefield Park District, Deefield, IL |
| 1982 | Lake Worth, FL | Colorado Springs, CO | Scottsdale, AZ | Gaithersburg, MD | Sterling, IL |
| 1981 | San Antonnio, TX | Ann Arbor, MI | Fox Valley Park District, Aurora, IL | Brooklyn Park, MN | Casa Grande, AZ |
| 1980 | Honolulu, HI | FT. Wayne, IN | South Surburban Park and RecreationDistrict, Littleton, CO | Highland Park, IL | Eden Prairie, MN |
| 1979 | Miami, FL | Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, Greensboro, NC | Champaign Park District, Champaign, Champaign, IL | Bellingham, WA | Herndon, VA |
| 1978 | San Jose, CA | Anaheim, CA | Mesa, AZ | Wilmette, IL | Bolingbrook, IL |

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| | The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning | Portsmouth, VA- Hennepin County Parks, Maple Plain, MN | Kettering, OH | Glenview, IL | Plano, TX |
| 1977 | Commission, Riverdale, MD | | | | |
| 1976 | Nashville, TN Recreation and Park Commission Parish of East Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, | Releigh, NC | Burbank, CA | Lockport, IL | Wheeling, IL |
| 1975 | LA Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, | Huntington Beach, CA | Tempe, AZ | Vancouver, WA | Sterling, IL |
| 1974 | Wauwatosa, WI The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning | Glendale, CA | Southfield, MI | New Hope, MN | North Platte, NE |
| 1973 | Commission, Riverdale, MD | Bridgeport, CT | Aurora, CO | Oak Park, MI | Greenbelt, MD |
| 1972 | Memphis, TN Cincinnati Recreation | Lincoln, NE Pleasure Driveway and Park | Downey, CA | Naperville, IL | Westerville, OH |
| 1971 | Commission Cincinnati, OH Washington State Parks and | District, Peoria, IL | Scottsdale, AZ | Placentia, CA | Bexley, OH |
| 1970 | Recreation Commission | Madison, WI | Stockton, CA | Glenview, IL | Roseville, CA |
| 1969 | Columbus, OH | Hayward, CA | Eugene, OR | Hutchinson, KS | Edinburg, TX |
| 1968 | Phoenix, AZ | Austin, TX | Chula Vista, CA North Jeffco Park District, | Pittsburgh, KS | Lewistown, ID |
| 1967 | Witcha, KS and Seattle, WA | Berkeley, CA | Arvada, CO | Duarte, CA | Brooklyn Park, MN |
| 1966 | San Diego, CA | Oak Park, IL | Livingston, NJ | Bend, OR | Crescent City, CA Crescent City, CA |