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American Legion names Deputy Douglas Richardson as their Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2012

A St. Charles Parish Sheriff's deputy who is active in scouting and has helped keep members of an extremist group from disrupting military funerals has been named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by American Legion Post 366 of Destrehan.

Corporal Douglas "Rocky" Richardson Sr., of the Sheriff's Office's Corrections Division was chosen by the members of the American Legion Post 366 for the honor because of his involvement in scouting as well as his activities in the Patriot Guard, which serves as an honor guard at the funerals of military, firefighter and law enforcement officers, according to Post Commander Bob Himmaugh. Richardson also is a member of the Sheriff's Office's Color Guard, he is a field training officer for newly hired deputies, as well as an instructor at the Sheriff's Office's training academy. He also participates in fund-raising events for the Wounded Warrior Program and also is active in scouting and is the leader of Cub Scout Pack 267 Weblos, and Lightning Patrol, in which his son is a member, Himmaugh said.

"I thank the American Legion Post 366 for recognizing Corporal Richardson for his public service and community involvement," said Sheriff Greg Champagne.

Corporal Richardson resides in Destrehan with his wife Maura and his two children, April and Doug Jr.

