The Women in Defense – Michigan Chapter established the Excellence in Leadership Award in 2009 to recognize women who have made a significant contribution to United States defense and national security. The award recognizes female senior executives in the defense industry who embody the mission of Women in Defense.

Email completed nominations to [awards@wid-mi.org](mailto:awards@wid-mi.org) by September 15, 2024. One amazing leader will be selected, and they will be honored at our annual gala on November 8, 2024.

**Nomination Criteria**

* At least ten years of experience in the defense industry.
* Connection to Michigan (work history, education, etc.)

**Past Recipients**

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| 2023 | Ms. Marta Tomkiw, U.S. Army DEVCOM GVSC |
| 2022 | Ms. Wendy Staiger, General Dynamics Land Systems |
| 2019 | COL (Ret) Nancy Dakin, 127th ANG |
| 2018 | Ms. Constance Tucker, U.S. Army PEO GCS |
| 2017 | Ms. Marion Whicker, U.S. Army TACOM ILSC |
| 2016 | COL (Ret) Patricia Sellers, General Dynamics Land Systems |
| 2015 | Dr. Jennifer Hitchcock, U.S. Army TARDEC |
| 2014 | MG Gwendolyn Bingham, U.S. Army TACOM Lifecycle Management Command |
| 2013 | Ms. Teresa Takai, U.S. Department of Defense |
| 2012 | MAJ Carrie Atkinson, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Command |
| 2011 | Ms. Monica Emerson, U.S. Department of the Navy |
| 2010 | COL Jeanne Smith Hooper, U.S. Army TACOM Lifecycle Management Command |
| 2009 | Ms. Janet Bean, ILSC, TACOM Lifecycle Management Command |

**Section One: Nominator Information**

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| **Nominator Name** |  |
| **Company** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Relationship to Nominee** |  |

**Section Two: Nominee Information**

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| **Nominee Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Organization / Business Unit** |  |
| **Position / Title** |  |

Is the nominee aware of the nomination?

May we contact the nominee directly with any follow up questions?

**Section Three: Narrative**

Please attach a bio for the nominee. In 6,000 or fewer characters, please tell us in detail about the leadership attributes of the nominee, the impact they have had on the defense industry, and their connection to Michigan.