



## Perris Press Release

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### Iral Evans Honored by the American Legion

Perris resident Iral Evans was honored by the American Legion for his thousands of hours of volunteer service on behalf of the City of Perris.

Evans received the Legion's Community Service Award during a ceremony held at American Legion Post 328 in Norco. The American

Legion Law and Order Awards are presented annually the District 21 which includes posts in Riverside County.

Perris Police Chief John Hill presented Evans with a plaque honoring his volunteerism to the City.

The award commends Evans for his "over 1,700 hours of volunteer service to citizens and veterans in your city."

"You have been Santa Claus at civic and military functions and assisted with the Veterans Day Parade for over 10 years," the award citation reads. "As a Legionnaire, you have served in various capacities at the County and State levels within the Perris post; you have served as an officer for over 27 consecutive years."

Evans also has taken part in planning the City's annual Memorial Day remembrance at the Perris Valley Cemetery. Last year, he also participated in the City's first-ever 9-11 memorial program.

The son of a Perris pioneer family, Evans spent six years in the Navy, where he served as an aviation boatswain's mate on the aircraft carrier USS Princeton. He also spent a year in Okinawa.

Evans said he is surprised and pleased to receive honors from the American Legion. He and his wife, Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans, are mainstays at American Legion Post 595 on D Street and have been for many years.

"I am grateful to receive this award," he said. "I appreciate it very much."



In this image, Iral Evans, a Perris resident and longtime member of American Legion Post 595, accepts the Legion's Community Service Award at a recent ceremony from State Commander Hugh Crooks. Perris Police Chief John Hill is pictured at far left and Pete Ramos, a Legion member from District 21 in Riverside County, is at far right.