



SANDY NININGER AWARD

Each year the Pennsylvania District of Key Club International awards the “Sandy Nininger Medal” to an outstanding Pennsylvania Key Clubber. Any Key Clubber is eligible for this award. The local Key Club may nominate ONE outstanding member. The Key Club District Board will select the winner.

BACKGROUND:

The man who was Lieutenant Alexander “Sandy” Nininger, hero, sprang from a boy who was at first sickly and frail, then later an athlete with more determination than either ability or strength, and finally a Key Clubber with a task to perform.

In his early years, Sandy, because of ill health, was taken from his home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to the Catskill Mountains. There, at the age of five he witnessed a parade of West Point cadets, and conscious of their strength and his own physical weakness, vowed that some day he would become one of them.

His health improved and he returned to Florida. At Fort Lauderdale High School, he joined the football team and won a letter. His play was never spectacular, yet the coach regarded Sandy highly because he could be depended upon to repeat during a game the lessons he had been taught at practice. He seemed to have a great capacity for self-discipline and teamwork.

In his high school Key Club, of which he was a charter member, Sandy asserted another quality - leadership. Recognizing the lack of support by school and community, he rallied, after many unsuccessful attempts, his fellow Key Clubbers to alert their parents and townspeople. Eventually, a new grandstand was constructed, and soon after that ticket sales jumped from 100 to 1500.

Faithful to his early decision, Sandy Nininger enrolled at West Point. Upon graduation in 1941, he requested duty in the Philippines, feeling that his country needed him there most. On January 12, 1942, after his own company had been retired from the front lines to rest, he, at his own request, joined Company K. That day he courageously met and killed the enemy and was himself killed. His Medal of Honor was the first to be awarded by the President of the United States in World War II.

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Official Nomination Form

Each Key Club wishing to make a nomination for this award must complete all information requested and mail this form by **February 17, 2007** to:

Mr. Robert Bagans
District Key Club Administrator
320 Nicholas Place
Sewickley, PA 15143

If necessary, attach an additional sheet to this nomination form for any of the items listed below. Any forms postmarked after **FEBRUARY 17, 2007**, will be disqualified.

1. Key Club of _____

2. Name and Address of Nominee _____

3. State in detail why you feel your nominee should win this award.

4. How has your nominee been an inspiration to your Key Club?

5. Please give a brief biographical sketch of your nominee, including school and community activities. List any accomplishments or awards he or she might have received. If your nominee is employed so indicate and list the number of hours that are worked.

Signed _____
(Key Club President) (Date)

