

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Nomination Guidelines

Who's Eligible?

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize those Ohioans who have worn the uniform of this Nation's Armed Forces, performed their military duties, and then continued to contribute to community, state and nation in an exemplary manner. These outstanding contributions may, for example, be in the areas of professional, civic, veterans' advocacy, public service or significant contributions over the life of the nominee.

Please note: The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is not intended to be a military hall of fame.

Requirements for submission of nomination packet:

1. The nominee must meet the following rules:
 - a. Must have been born in Ohio or lived in Ohio for a minimum of five years.
 - b. Must have received an honorable discharge from active duty other than for training from the U.S. Armed Forces. If nominee received several discharges (e.g. DD 214) please provide the final discharge paper with the nomination packet. The definition of a veteran is in the Ohio Revised Code 5901.01. Packets shall not be falsified in any way, to include falsification of military records. It is highly recommended that the final discharge paper (e.g. DD Form 214) be attained through a primary source such as www.archives.gov. In addition the DD Form 214 should be certified by your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO). To locate your CVSO call 1-877-OHIO VET (1-614-644-6838).
 - c. Be of good moral character and have no felony convictions.
 - d. Once the nominee is considered for selection they will be required to sign an affidavit to that effort (exception: deceased nominees).

2. For the submission process to uniformly portray the efforts and contributions of these great Ohio veterans, the nomination packet must be completed in accordance with the following format.

Section – 1 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination Form:
Please insure the accuracy of the information on the nominee: including phone numbers and address. This form also requires the signature of the nominator to validate that the information is accurate and follows the nomination guidelines.

Section – 2 Verification of Veteran’s Status:
Attach all copies of official documents verifying veteran’s service (e.g. DD 214).

Section – 3 Summary of Education and Training Accomplishments:
Include a simple chronology of education and training accomplishments
(You may list or attach any significant achievements, recognitions, etc).

Section – 4 Summary of Civic Activities, and or Veteran’s Advocacy Contributions:
Summarize the contributions and recognition of the nominee in relation to civic and or veterans’ advocacy.
(Examples may include (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis, schools, political office, fraternal, veterans, etc)

Section – 5 List any civic and or veterans’ awards or honors:
Please provide details on the background of awards or honors received. (e.g. Presidential awards, Citizen of the Year, Veteran of the Year, etc).

Section – 6 Give a detail comprehensive narrative as to why this individual should be considered for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame:

Tell the Selection Committee why nominee should be recognized (e.g., the total body of their civic contributions, veterans' advocacy, exemplary professional contributions, etc).

3. **The nomination packet must not exceed ten (10) pages on 8-1/2" x 11" single-sided paper, excluding discharge papers and required nomination form. If the nomination packet exceeds ten (10) pages the nomination packet will not be considered by the Executive Committee and will be returned to the nominator.** Letters simply recommending nominee for inclusion will not be considered.
4. Posthumous nominations are accepted
5. Nominations packets and attachments become the property of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame and will not be returned.
6. The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee will review nominations. Recommendations for induction are submitted for approval to the Governor of the State of Ohio.

Who is not eligible unless a waiver is granted?

Employees of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, all state elected officials and members of the General Assembly, the the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee, and members of any County Veterans Service Commission are ineligible for induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame until two years after they have left their position. The executive committee may waive the two-year requirement for nominees over the age of seventy.

**Nomination packets must be received no later than
June 30, 2017.**

Mail Nomination packet to:

**Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
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Columbus, OH 43215**

**Any questions or concerns please call (614) 752-8941 or
email**

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