

VFW MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Purpose: The award is to recognize a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of our Organization in serving the needs of their Post, and Community, and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization.

Posts are asked to nominate one of their members as Veteran of the year. Look for those comrades from your post who stand apart from the rest by serving the community and Veterans. Embodying the purposes of our congressional charter: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist the family members left behind; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

Eligibility: This award is intended to recognize a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has been a member at least one full membership year and has received a nomination for their activities during the award Year from their Post.

Award candidates holding any of the following elected or appointed offices during the award year are not eligible. Specifically-Commander, QM, Adjutant, Service Officer, or Chaplain. In addition, Past State Commanders and Past National Council members are ineligible.

Nominations are due at State Headquarters by 1 April 2024. Nominations to National are due by April 28th, 2024.

- Nominations to Post by March 15th, 2024.
- Nominations to District by April 1st, 2024
- Nominations to Department by April 15th, 2024
- Department will submit to National **NLT May 12th, 2024.**

Criteria: This award recognizes exceptional performance as a member of the VFW. Examples of service that would be considered in judging the nominee include the following:

- Nominee presents themselves in a professional and helpful manner within the Organization and within the Community.
- Nominee shows an active interest in their Department by attending meetings and showing a willingness to consider leadership roles.
- Nominee participates in activities and events within the Department to help raise awareness of the Organization in the Community.
- Nominee has shown a willingness to work together with other VFW, Auxiliary, and Riders Members in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish the same goals.
- Nominee volunteers for and participates in activities and events that address the needs of target groups and individuals in the Community.

- Nominee has demonstrated actions which contribute to improving the quality of life for those we are intended to serve, whether they are children or adults, and whether they are homeless, hospitalized, handicapped, in need of a job or education.
- Nominee encourages members of the Community to support VFW programs and continually encourages others to become members.
- **Nominee must have been submitted for #StillServing campaign recognition at <https://todaysvfw.org/>**

Nominations will be submitted by a nomination form to State Headquarters by April 15th, 2024. The nomination form will contain the veteran's name, Post Number, and a description of what the veteran has done since July 1, 2023, that makes them worthy of being the Veteran of the Year. Nominations are to be sent by email to adj@vfwinc.org. The Veteran that is selected will receive recognition from the State Commander as the Veteran of the Year and recognized at the State Convention. The selected veteran will also be submitted to National.



**VFW Veteran of the Year Award
Nomination Form**

Nominator's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Nominating Post: _____ Nominating District: _____

Veterans Office and Name: _____

Veterans Post: _____

1. Explain how this Veteran made a positive impact on the VFW.

2. Explain how this Veteran has made a positive impact in the lives of his / her fellow veterans.

3. Explain how this veteran has made a positive impact in his / her community.

Please attach additional pages, as necessary.