

2023-24 Veteran Of The Year **CRITERIA**

Each year the Department of Washington works hard to properly recognize our Veterans in the state for all the terrific work they do. It is equally important that each year we recognize one of the many outstanding comrades that make their Post and District proud. It's the individual that is always there in the trenches, doing all the volunteer work with that undying devotion to the ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. You know that one person you can always count on to get the job done with a smile? The following are the criteria for the Veteran of the Year Award:

- The Post Commander will submit only one Veteran per year from their Post or Auxiliary.
- Nominees must be Veterans in good standing.
- Entries must be to **District no later** than March 1st.
- Entries must be to **Department by** March 15th.

- The written recommendation **will not** be more than 300 words long. You may also include supporting documents which reflect accomplishments and/or recognition separate from the written recommendation, (i.e. a listing of volunteer activities, hospital work, blood donations, community service with emphasis on Veteran needs, etc.) Do not submit pictures as supporting documents. Supporting documentation does NOT count as part of the 300 authorized words of recommendation. Please don't forget the individual's hat size when completing the nominating packet.

- Department veteran of the year chairman will form a Judging Panel composed of at least 3 VFW members of which one member will be a Past Department Commander.

- During the judging all personal identifying information to include name, gender, post number, etc. and anything not pertaining to the March 2023 to March 2024 year will be redacted.

- The individual who is selected by the Judging Panel will be announced at the State Convention Awards Banquet and will receive a Veteran of the Year Cap, and his/ her and a guest's Banquet meal will be paid for by Department. The Veteran of the Year will be authorized two days travel and per diem reimbursement.

- The individual will be notified prior to State Convention.

Please contact me with any questions:

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

STATE VETERAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

1. Nominee's Name: _____

2. Hat Size: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

3. Post Name & Number: _____

4. Post Phone Number: _____

4. Office(s) held: (Assignments of Nominee in the Post/District) _____

5. Nomination Officer of the Post/District: _____

Post Chairman Signature (If applicable): _____ Post _____

District Chairman Signature: _____ District _____

Please submit this form along with the "Veteran of the Year Criteria" paperwork to:

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