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## VETERAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

The Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award honors those who have demonstrated outstanding service to veterans and military members in need. We know that our programs could not exist without our volunteers, and this award is a way to recognize that and honor those outstanding volunteers among our members who make things happen.

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must volunteer to serve veterans in their state. This can be through the Elks Voluntary Service (aka VAVS, aka CDCE) program, as a Lodge Veterans Chair, as a State Veterans Chair, or in another capacity. All Elks members and their spouses are eligible for the award, as long as they are engaged in direct service to veterans and military members in need.

How it works:

- Nomination forms can be submitted directly to your State Veterans Chair by the state deadline. State deadlines may vary but are no later than January 31! (Don't know who your State Veterans Chair is? Visit [www.elks.org/vets/volunteerawards.cfm](http://www.elks.org/vets/volunteerawards.cfm) to find out.)
- State Veterans Chairs then read all nominations and, with the help of the Judging Committee, select two winners. This information is then sent to the ENVSC by February 28.
- The ENVSC office will prepare award certificates and gifts for State Veterans Chairs to present at State Convention.
- All state-level winners will automatically be entered into the running for the National Veteran Service Volunteer of the Year award in the year they win.
- Nominations for National Award winners who have already won their state award must be submitted online here.

A volunteer can only receive this state award once. Visit [www.elks.org/vets/volunteerawards.cfm](http://www.elks.org/vets/volunteerawards.cfm) for a complete list of previous winners.

Your Name:

Name of Nominee:

Nominee Lodge:

Nominee Member #:

What veterans projects is this person involved in? Do they hold any positions at the Lodge, in the community, in the district or at the state level?

*(Lodge Veterans Chair, Veterans Committee Member, Grant Coordinator, etc.)*

How does the nominee serve veterans in a meaningful way? What are the results of their work?

Why should this person be National Veteran Volunteer of the Year?