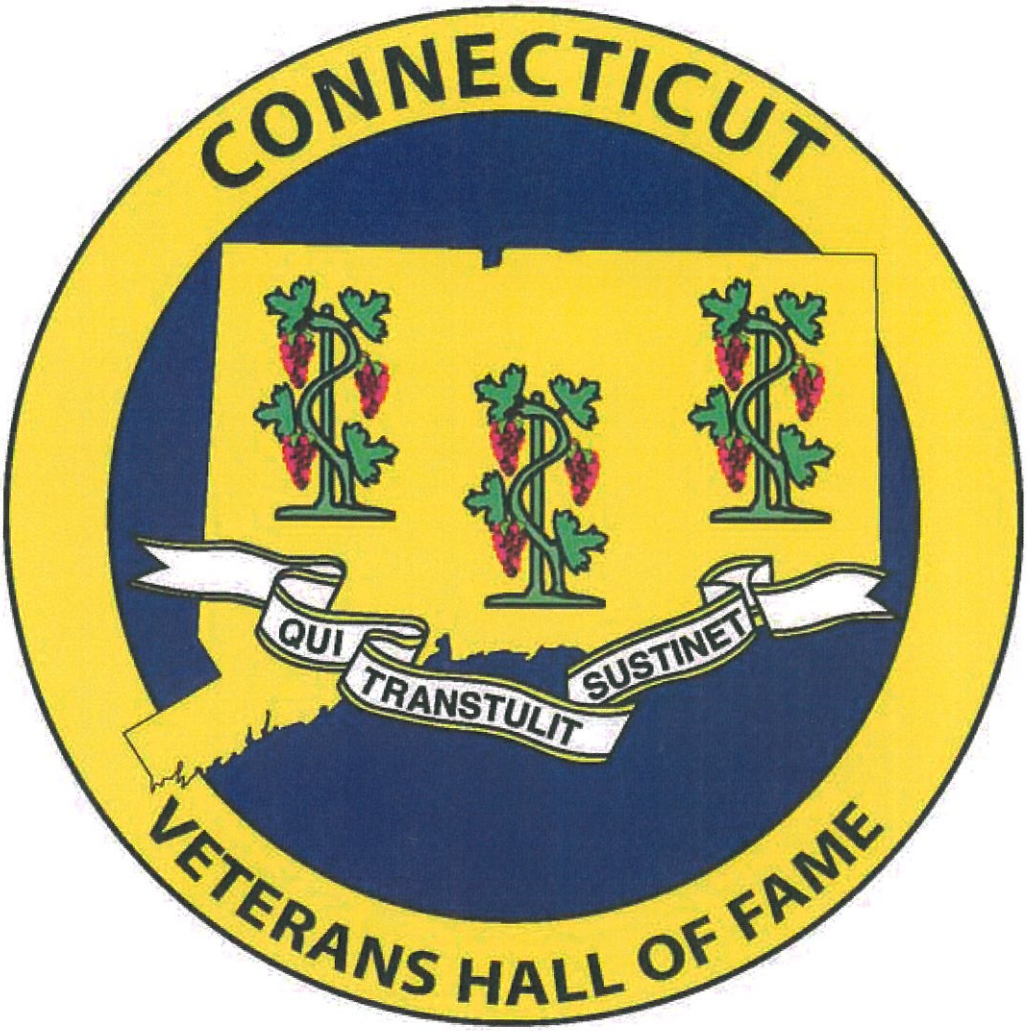

Nomination Packet

CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME
2006 Nomination Packet

History

The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame was created by Governor M. Jodi Rell in 2005 to demonstrate her concern for Connecticut veterans returning home from military duty during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Governor Rell proposed the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame to recognize the post-military achievements of outstanding veterans and emphasized how such a program would spotlight all veterans' contributions to the civilian workplace. In 2005, the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame was established to increase the awareness of the lifetime contributions of veterans after completion of honorable military service. The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame is not a military hall of fame.

Those selected for the honor of induction are veterans who honorably served their country through military service and who continue to serve and inspire their fellow man with their deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime. Each year the committee will select 10 inductees from applications received from across the state and nation. These veterans will be leaders in a variety of areas, such as arts, education, public service, volunteer activities, and community and business leadership to name a few.

Most importantly, they all will have made significant impacts on the lives of others and their communities. To be eligible for the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame the nominee must have served their country honorably in a branch of military service and continued to serve their communities, state and nation after discharge. Because so many of America's veterans continue to give to their communities, state and nation after honorable military service, the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize them for their countless contributions to society.

Ceremony

The induction Ceremony will honor each new class of inductees to the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame. The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place at the State Capitol around Veterans Day each year.

The Governor, assisted by the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, will preside at the induction of 10 veterans into the Hall of Fame. Each inductee will be presented with a commemorative medallion and a handsomely framed certificate confirming the induction. Plans for a permanent display memorializing those veterans inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame are under development.

The Selection Process

The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame will induct 10 Connecticut veterans each year who have honorably served their country through military service and continue to serve and inspire with their accomplishments throughout their lifetime. An Executive Committee was created to select eligible veterans who have ties to Connecticut.

The Executive Committee will be comprised of and chaired by the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard; a living Medal of Honor recipient from Connecticut; two appointees selected by the Governor; and two appointments from the legislative branch – one from a Senate leader and one from a House leader. Applications for induction are solicited from all Connecticut citizens and according to the Nomination Guidelines. The application guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- **The nominee must have been born in Connecticut or have resided in Connecticut for a minimum of five years.**
- **The nominator must provide discharge papers, which will verify the honorable military service of the nominee.**
- **The nomination packet must contain the nomination form, the discharge papers, and written documentation citing the nominee's service to the community, state, and/or nation. The written documentation should not exceed 5 pages in length, not including the required documents.**
- **All nomination packets must be received by June 30 to be considered for that year's class. Nominations received after June 30 will be automatically considered the next year.**

Nomination Guidelines

2006 NOMINATION PACKET
DEADLINE - JUNE 30, 2006

1. **The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize those Connecticut residents, or former state residents, 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, veteran's advocacy, political or contributions over the life of the nominee.**

2. **Please note: the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame is not intended to be a military hall of fame.**

3. **The nominee must meet the following rules:**

   a. **Must have been born in Connecticut or lived in Connecticut for a minimum of five years.**

b. Must meet the definition of a "veteran" as defined under Connecticut General Statutes 27-103.

c. Must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and provide a copy verifying honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and/or provide a copy verifying honorable veteran's service discharge papers (e.g. DD 214) with the nomination packet. If unable to retrieve discharge papers for historical figures, proof of service as evidenced by historical accounts or military history may be submitted.

d. Be of good moral character and have no felony convictions.

4. In order for the submission process to uniformly portray the efforts and contributions of these great Connecticut veterans, it is recommended that the nomination packet be completed in accordance with the following suggested format.

Section – 1 Connecticut 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:

Please attach all copies of official documents verifying veteran's service (e.g. DD 214).

Section – 3 Summary of Education and Training Accomplishments:

A simple chronology of education and training accomplishments (List or attach any significant achievements, recognitions, etc.)

Section – 4 Summary of the Veteran's Professional or Employment History:

Please provide a simple chronology of professional and employment history. (You may attach any significant awards, recognition, etc. that may be pertinent to this item.)

Section – 5 Summary of Veteran's Advocacy Contributions:

Summarize the contributions and recognition of the nominee in relation to veterans' advocacy or veterans' support programs or initiatives. (Examples may include the nominee's active involvement with veterans' organizations.)

Section – 6 Summary of Civic Activities, and Contributions:

Summarize the nominee's civic affiliations and contributions (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis, schools, political, fraternal, etc.)

Section – 7 List any awards or honors:

(e.g. Presidential awards, Who's Who, Citizen of the Year, etc.)

Section – 8 Give a simple narrative as to why you feel this individual should be considered for the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame:

In this last section you tell the Selection Committee why your nominee should be recognized (e.g., civic contributions, veteran's advocacy, exemplary professional contributions, etc.)

5. **The nomination packet is not to exceed five (5) 8½" x 11" pages excluding the nomination form and proof of service. Multiple nominations of the same individual are discouraged.**

6. **Posthumous nominations are accepted**

7. **Nomination packets and attachments become the property of the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame and will not be returned.**

8. **Nominations will be reviewed by the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee. Recommendations for induction are submitted for approval to the Governor of the State of Connecticut.**

9. **Employees of the Governor's staff, all state elected officials and members of the General Assembly, and the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee, are ineligible for induction into the Connecticut 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, 2006

Mail Nomination packet to:

Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame
Attn: Commissioner
287 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

Any questions or concerns please call (860) 721-5818.

Please view the following websites at:

www.ct.gov/GovernorRell
www.ct.gov/ctva

Be sure to read the Nomination Guidelines prior to completing this form.
All nominations must be received no later than June 30th.

Full Name of Nominee_____

Home Address_____

Home Telephone No._____ **Work Phone No.**_____

Years & Location of CT Residency_____

Did Nominee Receive an Honorable Discharge? (attach verification)_____

Is Nominee Deceased? _____

Please attach the typed summary of the nominee's achievements and contributions in the recommended format along with this nomination form. The nomination packet must not exceed five (5) pages on 8-1/2" x 11" single-sided paper, excluding discharge papers and required nomination form. Letters simply recommending your nominee for inclusion will not be considered. Multiple nominations for a single individual are discouraged and will be condensed into a single ten-page nominating packet for consideration by the committee.

I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding, and in conformance with the Nomination Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the CT Veterans Hall of Fame.

Nominator's Name_____**Telephone**_____

Address_____

Signature of Nominator (REQUIRED)_____

Date_____

PLEASE NOTE: Only the nominator will be notified if this nomination is NOT selected.

Mail this form and completed packet to:
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Sample Package

Section 1 Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination Form Sample Package

Full Name of Nominee: _____
Home Address: _____
Home Telephone No: _____ Work Telephone No: _____
Years & Location of CT Residency: _____
Did Nominee Receive an Honorable Discharge? (attach verification) Yes/No DD214 attached
Is nominee Deceased? Yes/No

Please attach the typed summary of the nominee's achievements and contributions in the recommended format along with this nomination form. The nomination packet must not exceed five (5) pages on 8-1/2" X 11" single sided paper, excluding discharge papers and required nomination form. Letters simply recommending your nominee for inclusion will not be considered. Multiple nominations for a single individual are discouraged and will be condensed into a single five-page nominating packet for consideration by the committee.

I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understand that conformance with the Nomination Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the CT Veterans Hall of Fame.

Nominator's Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____
Signature of Nominator (Required) _____
Date: _____
Please Note: Only the nominator will be notified if this nomination is NOT selected.

Section 2 Verification of Veteran's Status:

Please attach all copies of official documents verifying veteran's service (e.g. DD 214).

Section 3 Summary of Education and Training Accomplishments:

A simple chronology of education and training accomplishments (List or attach any significant achievements, recognition's, etc.)

EDUCATION:

1. Schools attended
2. Degrees earned
3. Academic awards

TRAINING (Other than military training):

1. Vocational/technical training courses and schools

Section 4 Summary of Veteran's Professional or Employment History:

Please provide a simple chronology of post military professional and employment history. (You may attach any significant awards, recognition, etc. that may be pertinent to this item.)

EMPLOYMENT:

1. History of employers/companies/businesses
2. Positions and promotions

Section 5 Summary of Veteran's Community Service/Advocacy Activities:

- Volunteer Activities:
- Civic Activities and Contributions:
- Organizational Affiliations:
- Awards and Recognitions:
- Selected Publications and Presentations:

Section 7 Narrative:

Give a simple narrative as to why you feel this individual should be considered for the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame:

This last section you tell the Selection Committee why your nominee should be recognized (e.g., civic contributions, veterans advocacy, exemplary professional contributions, etc.)

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