



## CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART

### CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

2016 Nomination Form

#### About the Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC)

The Congressional Veteran Commendation is a nominations-based program designed to recognize the wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement of residents of Florida's 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Honorees are exceptional Americans in every way.

The 2016 CVC honorees will be announced and recognized by Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart at a special ceremony in November of this year. They will also be given the opportunity to be interviewed for the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress, should the veterans choose to do so.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Veteran must **currently** reside in the 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Florida. To verify, please visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and enter the veteran's ZIP code in the box entitled "Find Your Representative" or call any of the Congressman's offices. Nominees residing outside the district will **not** be considered.
- Veteran was active duty in the United States Armed Forces or was a reservist called to active duty.
- Veteran served in the military during WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and/or Operation New Dawn.
- Veteran retired from the United States Armed Forces or was honorably discharged.
- Veteran has not previously received the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

### **Nomination Instructions**

Please send the following items, in one cohesive package, to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, ATTN: Congressional Veteran Commendation, 8669 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Doral, Florida 33166 by **Friday, October 28, 2016:**

- This Nomination Form, completed.
- A 1-2 page letter, addressed to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, which details why you believe the nominee should receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation. The letter should contain as much information as possible about the veteran's heroism while in the military **and** community involvement thereafter.
- A current photo of the veteran.
- **Copies** of photos, military records, news clippings and other two-dimensional memorabilia which help you to tell the story of the veteran's military and community service. *These items are considered supplemental and are not required;* should you choose to submit them, do not submit originals. Please limit your nomination packet to three 8.5x11" pages of supplemental materials.



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### Nominator Information

*\*Note: Self-nominations are accepted.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Information

*\*Note: Nominees will be contacted by the Congressional office if selected as CVC recipients.  
At that time, additional data may be requested.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Unit(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Medals, Awards, and Commendations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is the veteran aware of his/her nomination for the 2016 CVC?  YES  NO

**Certification of Nomination**

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, have completed this form in its entirety and can attest to the accuracy of its contents. It is my privilege to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for Congressional Veteran Commendation of Florida's 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Additionally, I understand that if my nominee is selected as a CVC recipient, any announcement to the news media will be made by Congressman Diaz-Balart only.*

**Signature of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_