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 25th Congressional District. Honorees are exceptional Americans in every way.

The 2019 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 25th Congressional District of Florida. To verify, please visit 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.

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**Nomination Instructions**

Please send the following items, in one cohesive package, to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, ATTN: Congressional Veteran Commendation, 8669 NW 36th Street, Suite 100, Doral, Florida 33166 or email to Jennifer.Blanco@mail.house.gov by **Monday, October 21st, 2019**:

- 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: __________________

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Medals, Awards, and Commendations: ____________________________________
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Is the veteran aware of his/her nomination for the 2019 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 25th 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:** ________________

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