



CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART

CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

2023 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 26th Congressional District. Honorees are exceptional Americans in every way.

The 2023 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 26th 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 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 36th Street, Suite 100, Doral, Florida 33166 or email to Jennifer.Blanco@mail.house.gov by **Wednesday, November 1st, 2023**:

- 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.
- A copy of the veteran's DD-214
- **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

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: _____

Is the veteran aware of his/her nomination for the 2023 CVC? YES NO

Has the veteran ever been convicted of a crime? YES NO

Has the veteran previously participated in the Veterans History Project? 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 26th 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:** _____