

KENTUCKY VETERANS HALL OF FAME
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Rotary Clubs of District 6740:

The Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for induction into the Hall of Fame in September of 2015. They are asking Rotary members around the State of Kentucky to submit nominations of someone they feel should be in the KVHOF. The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2015.

Gary Griesser, D6740 and H.B. Deathridge, D6740 would like to ask for your club to consider a program that would include a speaker from the KVHOF. The Hall of Fame will provide the speaker. Please contact H.B. at hbdeathridge@aol.com or Gary at griess1006@aol.com. H.B. Deathridge is the Executive Director, Founder and CEO and Gary Griesser is a member of the Executive Board of Directors of the KVHOF. I want you to know that I whole heartedly endorse this program and the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.

There were several well-known Rotarians from Kentucky Rotary installed as members of the inaugural class of the KVHOF earlier this year. Included in the class of 2014 are Larry Arnett, Frankfort club, Thomas Baker, Lexington club, H.B. Deathridge, Past President and Honorary Member, Florence club, and Larry Hager, Jr., Owensboro club. Enclosed in this email, and following in the newsletter are information and a nomination packet for the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.

Don't forget the KVHOF will provide a speaker for your club, as time permits. What a great opportunity for us to recognize our distinguished veterans in Kentucky.

John Salyers
District Governor
2014-2015



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KVHOFF Vision:

The Kentucky Hall of Fame Foundation (KVOFF) Inc. seeks to be recognized as a leading advocate for Kentucky veterans, military personnel, their families, and survivors.

KVHOFF Mission:

The mission of the KVOFF is to preserve and perpetuate the traditions of the American military and all who serve in it, to undertake charitable and other projects of both a national and local character, to work with veterans organizations in the attainment of their objectives, and to promote and to encourage responsible citizenship among all Americans.

KVHOFF Goals:

Our goals articulate our vision and mission.

- I. To support and enhance the Kentucky Veteran's Hall of Fame (KVHOF) program.
- II. To enhance and perpetuate the image of KVHOF.
- III. To better serve the Kentucky Veteran and Military Communities.
- IV. To acquire the necessary resources to accomplish our goals and objectives.
- V. To foster a bond of friendship and camaraderie among Foundation members while continuing to serve the community, state, and country.



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KENTUCKY VETERANS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION PACKET
Class of 2015

Nominee Information

Full Name: _____ Service Branch: _____ /Rank _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Years & Location of Kentucky Residence: _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

Email address: _____

Is nominee deceased: Yes _____ No _____ Occupation _____

Military Conflict _____ Military Picture Enclosed _____ Years of Service _____

Purple Heart _____ POW _____ MOH _____

DD 214 Or Equivalent _____

*****Nominator Information**

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home # _____ Work # _____ Cell # _____

Email Address: _____ Occupation _____ /Relationship _____

I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding and is in compliance with the Nomination Guidelines posted at www.kvveterans.org. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation.

Nominator Signature (required)
DEADLINE MAY 1, 2015

Date: _____

Packets must not be more than ten (10) pages single sided excluding DD 214 or equivalent document. Packets will not be reviewed without proper documents. Submitted packets become the property of the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation Inc., (H.B.Deatherage, Executive Director). Contact information: (859) 512-2247, hbdeatherage@aol.com, or www.kyveterans.org. Information is privileged and will not be disclosed.

Nomination deadline: May 1, 2015

Section 1: Contact information. Section 1 of the nomination form, consisting of the page one of the Nomination package, requires the nominator to provide information on both the nominee and the nominator. The nominator must Sign the nomination form. The nominator's signature verifies the accuracy of the information and its submission within the standardized format. Nominators should not pass over the requirement for accuracy lightly. The Selection Committee reviews the public record to guard against selection on the basis of false information. (§ 16.010 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Section 2: Verification of veteran's eligibility. Section 2 requires a certified true copy of an official document verifying a veteran's service, usually a DD214 or a substitute certification in the event that the nominee's DD214 is ineligible or unavailable. If the DD214 cannot be located, the veteran may sign a completed SF Form to obtain a replacement. If a nominee has multiple discharges, nominators are required to submit all discharges. To insure accuracy, it is highly recommended that the final discharge paper (e.g., DD Form 214) be attained through primary sources such as www.archives.gov. Packets shall not be falsified in any way to include falsification of military records. (§ 16.020 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Section 3: Summary of education and training accomplishments. Section 3 requires a resume of education, achievements, and training accomplishments. It is inherent in the nature of a hall of fame to recognize outstanding achievements or accomplishments that elevate a nominee above and beyond all others. Thus while it is important to list even mundane education and training achievements, it is more important to spotlight a nominee's most significant education and training awards and certifications. (§ 16.030 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Section 4: Summary of veterans professional or employment history. Section 4 requires a list of professional or employment history in resume or curriculum vitae style. Again, it is important to expand upon a mere list to emphasize significant achievements, accomplishments, and honors. (§ 16.040 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Section 5: Summary of veterans' advocacy contributions. Section 5 requires a resume of a nominee's veterans advocacy contributions or veterans support programs or initiatives including active involvement with veterans organizations. The Executive Committee will evaluate the measure of a man or woman based on what he or she has done after obtaining education and training. Key to this evaluation are efforts going beyond a nominee's job requirements. Thus the summaries required in Sections 2-4 may consist of simple listings, except as augmented by details of exceptional praiseworthy actions, the summaries required in Sections 5-7 are expected to be more in-depth and should show by extensive detail that not only did the nominee participate in important endeavors, but that he or she was a primary mover in successful endeavors. Key to this summary is the phrase "active involvement." While it is important to list all activities, mere association or membership in numerous organizations does not make for greatness. A nominator should emphasize those activities in which a nominee has undertaken an active role. (§ 16.050 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Section 6: Summary of civic activities and contributions. Section 6 requires a detailed summary of civic activities and contributions, *e.g.*, Rotary Club, Kiwanis, schools, political or fraternal organizations, etc. While many nominees make their mark in veterans' advocacy, many others make their mark in other organizations or institutions with no direct correlation to veterans' organizations. Still others make their mark outside of organizations altogether. The Executive Committee values worthwhile achievements and accomplishments in any calling or multiple callings. (§ 16.060 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Section 7: Major awards and honors. Section 7 requires a listing of awards and honors not otherwise discussed in Sections 3-6. Nominators should elaborate on the background of awards or honors and the basis for the nominee's recognition. As noted above, the nominator's task is to make the case for distinction. Doing so requires more than presenting raw data such as a photograph album or newspaper clippings. Instead, nominators should undertake the process of refining and polishing to present not a hidden gem, but a shining star. (§ 16.070 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Section 8: Narrative supporting the Nominee's consideration for the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. Section 8 requires a detailed, comprehensive narrative making the case for inclusion in the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame (*e.g.* civic contributions, veterans' advocacy, exemplary professional contributions, *etc.*). The operative phrase is "detailed comprehensive." Packages with well thought out analysis and detailed examples of significant contributions and their impact locally, statewide, nationally, or internationally compare favorably to packages which either merely list awards and honors in the monotone outline form. At the other extreme, nominators who submit letters of recommendations with grandiose language, but which provide insufficient detail to bear intense scrutiny, suffer in comparison to nomination packages full of hard hitting facts. In this regard, a picture or even a newspaper clipping by itself may be worth a thousand words, but the nominator's essay telling the nominee's story best makes the case for recognizing the life of one who valued others above all. (§ 16.080 KVHOF Nomination Guidelines).

Mail completed nomination package with DD214 (or equivalent separation documents) to:

Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc.

H.B. Deatherage, President & Executive Director

P.O. Box 1446, Florence, KY 41022

NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2015.

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