



In partnership with Illinois Bicentennial and the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

# ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL HONOR 200

## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bi-Centennial Committee will honor the work of 200 veterans from across the State of Illinois, whose contributions are above and beyond the call of duty as they dedicate their time and energy to assist their fellow veterans and service members. Nominees are evaluated based on their achievements, and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community at large. In Addition, nominees must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. military and reside in Illinois

This award has a very special meaning. It provides our state, as well as the Governor of Illinois, with an opportunity to showcase the value of community service as exemplified by our Illinois Veterans. Through their past experiences, they've embodied his virtue to the greatest extent. Whether it be service to one's country, one's family, friends, neighbors or community, the example set by our veterans illustrates how far individuals are willing to go, to help their fellow citizens.

Both on and off the battlefield, veterans exemplify the meaning of selfless service, courage and compassion. In this way, they are the exact role models we need in our communities!

Illinois celebrating our history, our people, and our communities.



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1. The nominee must reside in Illinois and must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Military.
2. The nominator needs to provide a legible and up-to-date copy of the Veteran's DD214. If the veteran lost or misplaced his/her discharge, they can contact one of the IDVA Veteran Service Offices. The list of locations can be found on our website at [www.illinois.gov/veterans](http://www.illinois.gov/veterans) or call (800) 437-9824 for assistance. Failure to provide record of service documentation will render the nomination ineligible.
3. In addition to the DD214 and the information requested on the nomination form, please provide a written summary of the nominee's achievements, including; (a) a description of significant accomplishments, including dates; (b) information concerning military service; and (c) a list of military awards and decorations received by the nominee. In order to validate these accomplishments, please include or attach documentation(s) that will substantiate the nominee's service and accomplishments (i.e., news articles, relevant online biographies and/or copies of commendations, etc.).
4. The nominator must also provide a description of their association and/or, relationship to the nominee.
5. Nominations will be evaluated on the scope and impact of a nominee's achievements and the extent to which his/her efforts benefit and provide inspiration to their community and other veterans. Please document significant achievements and accomplishments, especially those made after the nominee's military service.
6. 200 Veteran honorees from across the State of Illinois will be chosen for this award. The Honorees will be recognized at the event/dinner on December 3, 2018. Attendance at the Gala is not required, but is recommended.
7. Nomination Deadline is August 31, 2018.

**Nominations should be sent to:**

**Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs  
George W. Dunne Office Building  
Attn: Illinois "Honor 200" Bi-Centennial Award  
69 W. Washington Street, Suite 1620  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
or email - [Patricia.Watkins-Oliver@illinois.gov](mailto:Patricia.Watkins-Oliver@illinois.gov)**



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## VETERAN NOMINATION FORM

Please read the Nomination Guidelines prior to completing this form. The application is subject to proof of valid military service as well as a written summary of the nominee's achievements following the guidelines.

Nominee's Name

Date & Place of Birth

Home Address, City & State, Zip Code

Telephone (work & cell)

Email

County of Residence (Required)

Nominator's Name

Relationship to Nominee (Comrade, relative, etc.)

Home Address, City & State, Zip Code

Telephone (Work & Cell)

Email

I have read the nomination guidelines and attest that the above information is accurate and true. I also affirm, to the best of my knowledge that the nominee state above is in good legal standing.

Signature of Nominator (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the nomination guidelines and attest that the above information is accurate and true. If selected as a recipient of the "Honor 200" Bicentennial award, I agree to attend a public appearance with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs; and I agree to participate in all media and outreach efforts and activities. Attendance at the Gala is not required, but is recommended.

Signature of Veteran (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Must be submitted no later than August 31, 2018





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# Awards and Certificates

Date of Award

Type

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Please attach documentation(s) that will substantiate the nominee's service and accomplishments describe above (i.e., news articles, relevant online biographies and/or copies of commendations, etc.)