

## **VETERAN OF THE YEAR** ***CRITERIA***

Each year the Department of Washington works hard to properly recognize the Posts and Districts in the state for all the terrific work they do. It is equally important that each year we recognize one of the many outstanding comrades that make their Post and District proud. It's the individual that is always there in the trenches, doing all the volunteer work with that undying devotion to the ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. You know that one person you can always count on to get the job done with a smile? The following are the criteria for the Veteran of the Year Award:

- The Post Commander may submit only one individual per year from their Post.
- Entries must be to **District** no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Entries must be to **Department** by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The written recommendation should not be more than **300 words** long. You may also include supporting documents which reflect accomplishments and/or recognition separate from the written recommendation, (i.e. a listing of volunteer activities, hospital work, blood donations, community service with emphasis on Veteran needs, etc.) Supporting documentation does NOT count as part of the 300 required words of recommendation. ***Please don't forget the individual's hat size when completing the nominating packet.***
- Department will form a Judging Panel composed of at least 3 VFW members of which one member will be a Past Department Commander.
- The individual who is selected by the Judging Panel will be announced at the State Convention Awards Banquet, and his/ her meal will be paid for by Department.
- The individual will be notified prior to State Convention.

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