



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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# **Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame**

As of April 27, 2016

# What is the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame

- Recognizes and honors military veterans who have made a significant contribution to Florida
- Does not solely recognize military achievement
- Not a military Hall of Fame



# History of the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame

- Created in 2012 under Senate Bill 276 and House Bill 469
- Bill sponsors: Sen. Mike Bennett and Rep. Gayle Harrell
- Inaugural class of inductees in 2013 had 6 inductees
- Council provides the top 20 candidates to the FDVA



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# Criteria for Hall of Fame

- Must meet the definition of “Veteran”
- Must have received an honorable discharge
- Posthumous nominations are accepted
- State appointed officials, Veteran service officers, employees of the Governor’s staff and FDVA are ineligible until 2 years after they leave their respective positions.





# Criteria for Hall of Fame, cont.

- Submissions are each year from January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Must not exceed ten pages on 8-1/2" x 11" (excludes discharge documents, eg. DD214)
- Up to 20 inductees can be accepted into the hall of fame each year



# Nomination Packet Format

- Section One: Nomination form
- Section Two: Verification of Veteran's Status
- Section Three: Summary of education/training
- Section Four: Professional/Employment History



# Nomination Packet Format, cont.

- Section Five: Nominee's advocacy on behalf of veterans
- Section Six: Civic Activities/Contributions
- Section Seven: List of awards/honors
- Section Eight: Written narrative as to why veteran should be considered.



# Hall of Fame Ceremony

- Recognition includes name on Hall of Fame plaque, located on the rotunda walls of the Capitol
- Ceremony often at Governor's home
- Occurs on or about November 11<sup>th</sup>



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# Current Council Members

1. Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Ray Quinn, Chair
2. Representative Jimmy Smith, Vice Chair
3. Representative Larry Metz
4. Lt. Col (Ret.) Chris Hart
5. Dr. James Harrell
6. Lt. Col (Ret.) Marlene Carter
7. RADM. (Ret.) Adrian Jackson



# Other Information

- The nominator will be notified if nominee is not selected
- All materials submitted are public records
- **Do not send original documents, they may not be returned.**
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# Nomination Timeline

- Submissions from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Hall of Fame council convenes within 4-6 weeks to review nominations
- Top recommendations (up to 20) sent to Governor and Cabinet
- Final approval made by Governor and Cabinet



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# Hall of Fame Classes 2013-2017

2013 Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Dignitaries and Attendees



2015 Inductees



2017 Inductees



2014 Inductees



2016 Inductees



2018 Inductees





# Honor a Florida Veteran

- The Florida Veteran's Hall of Fame was statutorily created to honor and recognize Florida's veterans.
- With approximately 1.5 million veterans living in Florida, people can take this opportunity to honor and recognize a veteran they know so they can be...
  - Highlighted by the Governor
  - Recognized by the State of Florida
  - Remembered in the halls of the Capitol



# Key Websites & Contact Information

- Visit the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Website for previous classes and to nominate a veteran at <http://www.floridaveteranshalloffame.org/>
- Visit <http://floridavets.org/news/public-notice/2016-public-notices-3/> for updates on council meetings
- Email your inquiries to the FVHOF email at [FVHOF@FDVA.STATE.FL.US](mailto:FVHOF@FDVA.STATE.FL.US)



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