

Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame

2026 Nominations Rules

Nomination Rules

The Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes the efforts of Fairfield County's distinguished men and women who have worn the uniform of our nation's armed forces and then continued to contribute to their community, state, and nation through exceptional acts of volunteerism, advocacy, professional distinction, public service, and philanthropy.

The Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame is not a military hall of fame, but is a veteran's hall of fame thus, focuses on accomplishments and achievements after military service.

Eligibility

The veteran nominee must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a current resident of Fairfield County, Ohio; or is posthumous, must have resided in Fairfield County, Ohio, at the time of their passing.
- Must have received an "Honorable" discharge for all periods of service. Veterans awarded a "General Under Honorable" discharge are **not** eligible for the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame.
- Must be of good moral character.
- Must meet the definition of a veteran as designated in this document.
- Members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame who were inducted from Fairfield County, Ohio, will automatically be considered for induction into the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame.
- Currently serving elected officials, county level and above, members of the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Board, members of the Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission, and employees of Fairfield County Veterans Services are ineligible for induction into the Fairfield County Hall of Fame until after they have left their respective positions.
 - Exception to the previous eligibility rule: Currently serving elected officials, county level and above, members of the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Board, members of the Fairfield County Veterans Service Commissioner, and employees of Fairfield County Veterans Services who are members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame who were inducted from Fairfield County, Ohio, are eligible for induction into the Fairfield County Veterans hall of Fame.

Definition of Veteran

Veteran Means any person who has completed service in the armed forces, including the National Guard of any state, or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, who has been discharged as “Honorable” from the armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory “Honorable” service. Veterans awarded a “General Under Honorable” discharge are not eligible for the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame.

For the Nominators

All information submitted must be factual. Information the nomination packet shall not be falsified in any manner.

Include final discharge paper, such as DD Form 214, NGB Form 22, and/or discharge orders. If the nominee received several discharges, please provide a copy of the final discharge with the nomination packet. Discharge papers can be requested from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63132, <http://www.archives.gov> or by calling 866-272-6272. You may also seek assistance from your Fairfield County Veterans Services Office at 740-652-7920.

The nomination packet must not exceed 10 pages on 8.5” x 11” single sided paper, including the nomination form and final discharge. Packets that exceed 10 pages will be returned to the nominator.

Do not include original documents with the nomination packet. The nomination packet will become the property of the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame.

Do not include documents such as newspaper articles that lose legibility when copied. Rather, send a clean, legible 8.5” x 11” copy of the article or document.

Posthumous nominations will be accepted.

The Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Board will review nominations in the month of September. Approved finalists and their nominees will be notified by year’s end. Nominators of Veterans who were not selected will be notified.

Nomination Packets

For the submission process to uniformly portray the post-military service achievements and accomplishments of Fairfield County Veterans, the nomination packet must adhere to the following format:

Section 1. Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination Form

This form requires the signature of the nominator to validate accuracy of the information.

Section 2. Verification of Veterans Status

Attach a certified copy of the nominee's final discharge papers such as the DD Form 214, NGB 22, and/or discharge orders.

Section 3. Summary of Post-Military Achievements

Examples include awards for outstanding volunteerism, exemplary service and accomplishments, exemplary professional achievements; contributions through educational, fraternal, faith, Veteran and service organizations; political office; public service; volunteerism; and more.

Section 4. Post-Military Awards and Honors

Provide a list and highlights of accolades and honors. Examples include awards, decoration, tributes, and significant milestones.

Section 5. Summary of Education and Training Accomplishments

Include a chronology of education and training accomplishments.

Section 6. Narrative Detailing the Veteran's Overall Accomplishments and Achievements

Provide a comprehensive narrative detailing why the Fairfield County Veteran should be considered for the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame. Approximately 500 words.

The nomination packet deadline is September 1st of each year. Packets received after the deadline, but postmarked prior to September 2 of that year, will be considered.

Send to or drop off in person to:

Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame
Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission
Administrative Courthouse
210 E. Main St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130
Phone: 740-652-7090