

VETERAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

This award program permits State Associations to honor an Elk and a spouse of an Elk, who have given extraordinary service to our nation's veterans. EACH STATE CAN HONOR ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE.

The State National Veterans Service Commission Chairman should coordinate this program if a State desires to participate. The Chairman should work closely with the State President and a committee established for judging nominations.

Nominees for this award must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Work with hospitalized veterans
2. Work with veterans at Outpatient Clinics
3. Work with veterans in Nursing Homes
4. Work with homeless veterans
5. Work with veterans and veterans groups within the community
6. Host veterans' functions in the Lodge –
Memorial Day, July 4th & Veterans Day observances,
Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Party, etc
7. Host veterans' functions outside the Lodge –
Fishing trips, day at the races, baseball games, etc
8. Visit veterans confined to their home
9. Adopt-A-Veteran

Those eligible for the award are: Elks and their spouses, VAVS Representatives, VAVS Deputy Reps, members who visit the VA Medical Centers, Nursing Homes, etc. or work at Lodge veteran events either within or outside the Lodge.

There will be two awards per State Association.

WHEN YOU SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR AN ELK, LIST THE MEMBER'S NAME PLUS LODGE NAME AND NUMBER IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER OF THE PAPER.

Nominations for Veterans Volunteer of the Year must be submitted in narrative form, not to exceed 300 words, to the State NVSC Chairman, or the designated judging committee chairman, by **January 31st of each year**. The Judging Committee, with the assistance of the State NVSC Chairman, will select the winners (one Elks and one Spouse of an Elk), and submit their names and other pertinent information to the National Veterans Service Commission office by **February 28th of each year**, so that inscribed certificates and watches can be sent for presentation at the State Convention.

Award letters postmarked after February 28th will not be considered. Winners will not be eligible for future selection. This will enable other volunteers to receive recognition.