

Veteran of the Year Nomination Guidelines

1. Nominees must reside in El Paso County, Colorado, and must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Military. The nominator must provide a legible and up-to-date copy of the Veteran's DD214. Failure to provide record of service documentation will render the nomination ineligible.
2. The 2025 Veteran of the Year will be recognized for significant public service contributions made at the local, state, or national level and by excellence achieved through action above and beyond the call of duty. Nominees should also have made significant contributions in volunteer work in support of Veterans and/or the military.
3. Provide the reasons the individual is being nominated for this award and describe the contributions and support the nominee has made to our community over the year.
4. Complete the information requested on the nomination form. Please provide a written summary of the nominee's achievements, including: (a) a description of significant accomplishments within the award period, including dates, (b) a short biography with exceptional achievements, with list of military awards and decorations received by the nominee. (c) To validate accomplishments in 2025, please include/attach documentation that will substantiate the nominee's service and accomplishments (i.e., news articles, relevant online biographies and/or copies of commendations, etc.).
5. Nominations will be evaluated on the scope and impact of a nominee's achievements between January 2025 and December 2025 and the extent to which their efforts benefit and provide inspiration to our community and other Veterans. Please document significant achievements and accomplishments.
6. Nominations will be reviewed, and the Veteran of the Year Committee will select the recipient.
7. Remember, the Committee may not be familiar with your Veteran. Your nomination form provides needed information for them. Provide necessary information to understand your nominee's contributions and support to the community. If your nominee is employed, please provide the employment description and contributions they has made over and above that expected and for which they are paid. Describe volunteer activities and participation in church, youth, school, civic and other organizations. Do not list the military actions during their military service.
8. Attach File: .jpg, .pdf, .tif, .gif, .png, filetypes only. No larger than 4MB. Limit submissions to one document listing of the title of awards and recognitions received. Submissions should be emailed to vetvoy@elpasoco.com.

For consideration, your nomination package must be received by April 1, 2026. Nominees will be compared and graded against other nominees in the following areas:

- Direct Service to other Veterans,
- Participation in Veteran Specific non-profit groups and activities,
- Participation in Community non-profits and contribution to civic activities,
- Evidence of service to the community.