

## Distinguished Veteran Award Nomination Form

The Distinguished Veteran is an individual with close ties to the City of Auburn, Alabama, who has served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States and who has had an exceptionally distinguished military or civilian career, reflecting great credit on Auburn and the military services.

### Award Nomination Criteria

The nominee should exemplify one or more of the following qualities:

- **Military Service:**
  - Nominee must be a U.S. military veteran with exceptional service, having served honorably in any branch of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or National Guard).
  - Demonstrated acts of bravery, leadership, or achievement in the military.
  - Longevity and dedication to the Armed Forces, especially in roles that impact national security, community service, or support for fellow veterans.
- **Community Involvement:**
  - The nominee must currently reside in Auburn, Alabama, or have a strong connection to the Auburn community.
  - Involvement in local veterans' organizations, community service projects, or other non-profit initiatives.
- **Leadership:**
  - Exemplary leadership, whether in military, professional, or volunteer capacities.
  - Mentorship of younger veterans or service members.
  - Promoting the values of service, patriotism, and community commitment.
- **Integrity and Character:**
  - An individual who exhibits the highest ethical standards, dedication, and selflessness.
  - A role model for younger veterans, offering guidance, wisdom, and fostering pride in both military and civilian communities.

### Nomination Process

- **Nominations:** The nomination process allows veterans to be nominated by community members, local veterans' organizations, or peers through the submission of a completed application.
- **Nominations Form and Selection:** The application must include details of the nominee's military service, community involvement, and supporting documentation such as letters of recommendation, military records, or personal testimonies. The Veterans Committee will review nominations and select a recipient during their February meeting, notifying the chosen candidate afterward.
- **Deadline:** Nominations will be due January 27th by 5pm.

### Award Presentation

- The award will be presented at the Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast, where the honoree will serve as the keynote speaker, delivering a 15-minute speech. Before the event, the City of Auburn Communications Manager will coordinate the creation of a video featuring

photographs, interviews with three individuals chosen by the honoree, and a short biography. The recipient's family will be provided a table with 10 seats at the breakfast.

## **Nominator Information**

1. Name (Full Name of the Person or Organization Submitting the Nomination.)

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2. Address (Mailing Address)

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3. Phone Number

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4. Email Address

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## **Nomination and Supporting Documentation**

1. Nominee's Name (Full Name of who you are Nominating)

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2. Nominee's Military Service (Branch, Rank, Years of Service, and Summary of Service Details)

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3. Community Involvement (Summary of Nominee's Contributions to the Auburn community)

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4. Supporting Documents (Letters of Recommendation, Personal Testimonies, Military Records (e.g., DD-214 or equivalent) or other Relevant Materials). Please email supporting documents to Andrea Mitchell at [amitchell@auburnalabama.org](mailto:amitchell@auburnalabama.org) or mail Attention: Andrea Mitchell 1500 Pumphrey Ave., Auburn, AL 36832 and any questions please call 334-501-7272.

\*\*Please return the completed form to:

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334-501-7272 (phone number)