

Nomination Packet (v1, 7 April 2023)

Nomination packets can be found and downloaded from the following sites on the VFW and American Legion Facebook /Organization Pages or can be picked up at VFW Post 2214 or American Legion Post 4 – addresses listed on page 2

<https://www.facebook.com/cullmanVFWPost/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1562995210691095/>

The Mission of the Cullman Veterans Hall of fame (CVHOF) is to recognize and pay tribute to our Veterans who honorably served our country, displayed great character, and continued a lifetime of service to our county, our state, and its citizens. The Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame is not just a military hall of fame; but also seeks to recognize Veterans for their contributions to our community after their service. Furthermore, we aim to educate our local county citizens on the historical service and sacrifice of this county's veterans as well as their service to make our community stronger.

To be eligible for the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame, the nominee must have served their country honorably in a branch of military service with the focus on the nominee's continued service to their communities, fellow Veterans, our county, and our state after discharge.

The nominees must have been born/raised in, or a resident of Cullman County for at least 10 years. Must have received an honorable or general under honorable conditions discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and/or provide a verification of honorable service (e.g., DD 214) with the nomination packet. If unable to retrieve discharge papers for historical figures, proof of service as evidenced by historical accounts or military history may be submitted. Additional criteria for nomination and selection include, but not limited to:

- Service in Combat
- Successive Combat Tours
- Awards for Valor or Heroism
- Wounded in Combat – Purple Heart Medal(s)
- Other awards or Commendations
- Membership in Veterans Organization(s)
- Leadership in Veterans Organization(s)
- Work to Assist Fellow Veterans
- Work to Promote Patriotism in the Community
- Be of good moral character, no felony convictions

The Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame is administered and sponsored by the respective Cullman Chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Post 2214), the

American Legion (Post 4), and the Disabled American Veterans (Post 101) on behalf of the Cullman County Commission and Municipalities within Cullman County. The first class of the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame will be inducted on Friday, 27 October 2023.

The mission's tangible and permanent goal is to display within our County Courthouse halls the stories of an exemplified few, who represent the goals, the passion, the stories and the memories of our military and its brave service members.

For the submission process to uniformly portray the efforts and contributions of these great Cullman County Veterans, it is recommended that the nomination packet be completed in no more than five (5) 8½" x 11" pages [excluding the nomination form, DD214/proof of service and copies of awards or certificates]. Multiple nominations of the same individual are discouraged.

Posthumous nominations are accepted.

Please note: Nomination packets and attachments become the property of the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame and will not be returned.

Packet Nomination Submission Options:

1. Scan complete packet and contact/email Don Fallin (VFW Representative) at 1.910.308.4197; email: donald.fallin@gmail.com or Brian Monk (cell) 1.256.841.2392; email: commandervfwpost2214@outlook.com
2. Scan Complete packet and contact/email Keith Johnson (American Legion Representative) at 1.218.310.2222; email: keith.johnson96@gmail.com
3. Bring or mail completed packet to the Cullman VFW Post 2214; call (256) 739-6611 to ensure someone is available – points of contact are the VFW Commander, Brian Monk or Adam Scott (Veterans Support Officer).

VFW Post 2214
112 Veterans Drive, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

4. Bring completed packet to the Cullman American Legion Post 4 - call (256) 339-0765 to ensure someone is available – points of contact are the American Legion Keith Johnson (1st Vice) or Harold Bannard (Adjutant).

American Legion Post 4
181 Reid Road
Cullman (Good Hope), Alabama 35057

Or mail completed packets to the American Legion:

American Legion Post 4
PO Box 391
Cullman, Alabama 35056

All nomination packets must be received no later than 25 August 2023 to be considered for the 2023 class.

Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2023

Section 1: Nomination Form:

All new nominations and re-nominations must be received no later than 25 August Cont2023.

Full Name of Nominee _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone No. _____ Work Phone _____

Years & Location of Cullman County Residency _____

Did Nominee Receive an Honorable Discharge? Yes No (attach verification)

Is Nominee Deceased? Yes No

Is this a Re-nomination of a veteran who was not selected in ____? Yes No

Please attach the typed summary of the nominee's achievements and contributions in the recommended format along with this nomination form, unless you are re-submitting a nominee who was not selected last year. The nomination packet should not exceed five (5) pages on 8- 1/2" x 11" single-sided paper, excluding discharge papers and other supporting documentation. Special attention should be given to providing a thorough and well-written nomination narrative. Please do not staple paperwork together.

Nominee Statement: I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding, and in conformance with the Nomination Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame.

Nominator's Name _____

Day Telephone _____

Address _____

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Nominator E-Mail Address _____

Nominator Signature (REQUIRED)

Date _____

PLEASE NOTE: Only the nominator will be notified if this nomination is NOT selected.

Section 2: Verification of Veteran's Status:

1. Provide the NAME, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE of the Nominee.
2. Please attach all copies of official documents verifying veteran's service and honorable discharge from the armed services. (e.g., DD 214).
3. Highlight key military accomplishments:
 - Service in Combat
 - Successive Combat Tours
 - Awards for Valor or Heroism
 - Wounded in Combat – Purple Heart Medal(s)
 - Other awards or Commendations

Section 3: Summary of Nominee's Advocacy on behalf of Veterans:

Summarize the contributions and recognition of the nominee by veterans' support programs or initiatives.

1. Membership in Veterans Organization(s)
2. Leadership in Veterans Organization(s)
3. Work to Assist Fellow Veterans
4. Work to Promote Patriotism in the Community
5. Committees, patriotic events, parades, etc.

Section 4: Summary of Nominee's Community Service/Advocacy Activities:

1. Volunteer Activities
2. Civic Activities and Contributions
3. Political or Appointed Offices Held
4. Organizational Affiliations

6. Community Awards and Recognitions
7. Selected Community Publications and Presentations

Section 5: Narrative

Provide a simple narrative, separate from your cover letter, as to why you feel this individual should be considered for the Cullman Veterans Hall of Fame: In this last section, please tell the Selection Committee why your nominee should be inducted and how his or her life's work has made a significant difference on others (e.g., a lifetime of service including civic contributions, Veteran's advocacy, exemplary professional contributions, etc.). This may include a summary of any applicable awards and honors. Please note that the narrative is the **most heavily weighted** of the evaluation criteria. Special attention should be given to submitting a **thorough and well-written narrative**.