

# City of Fairhope Veteran of the Year

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the City of Fairhope Veteran of the Year Award is to recognize a living veteran who has not only served his/her country but has used the leadership skills and abilities learned in service to the nation to better the community through selfless volunteer service to Fairhope.

## AWARD CRITERIA

- X Must be a resident of Fairhope, work in Fairhope, be a member of the American Legion Post 199 or the Fairhope Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5660 or a member of any other sanctioned veteran organization in Fairhope.
- X Must be a living veteran of one of the five Armed Forces of the United States, including Reserve or National Guard, or the United States Merchant Marine.
- X Must have demonstrated outstanding patriotism, leadership and selfless service as a veteran and as a volunteer in community or civic service.
- X May be awarded for a single act or for continuous service.
- X May *not* be a previous recipient of the Fairhope Veteran of the Year Award.

## NOMINATIONS AND AWARD

Nominations for the Fairhope Veteran of the Year will be accepted by the City of Fairhope until October 15, 2018. The award will be presented at the last City Council meeting in October and the Veteran of the Year will participate in the Veterans Day Parade in November.

Nominations are valid for two years.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations must be postmarked no later than midnight **October 15th**. The nomination should include the following:

**1.** A resume which includes:

- X Period(s) of military service and branch of one of the five Armed Forces or USMM
- X Military awards and decorations
- X Membership in nationally recognized veterans organizations
- X Community and/or civic organization memberships
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- X Nominee's address and telephone number

**2.** A **brief** statement that describes why the nominee should be selected as the Fairhope Veteran of the Year; this should be a description of the outstanding patriotism, leadership and selfless service of the veteran as a volunteer contributor to the betterment of Fairhope through community or civic service.

**3.** Proof of military service - DD 214 or verification by a nationally recognized veteran's organization.

**4.** Nominations should be mailed to the City of Fairhope Veteran of the Year Nomination Committee, P.O. Drawer 429, Fairhope, AL 36533 or drop off at the Mayor's Office at Fairhope City Hall located at 161 North Section Street.

For questions, call 251-929-1466.