



Minority and Unrepresented Veterans

Do Ask Do Tell Celebration
Sep. 21, 2021

Nomination Application

This September, we will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the historical repeal that ended the controversial policy that allowed LGBTQ service members to serve only if they kept their sexual orientation secret. The Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) Repeal Act of 2010 is a landmark United States federal statute enacted in December 2010, effective September 2011, that ended the DADT policy, allowing gay, lesbian, and bisexual people to serve openly in the United States Armed Forces.

CalVet will host a *DO Ask, DO Tell* celebration of the 10-year milestone to honor the service and sacrifices of LGBTQ veterans. As part of the celebration, CalVet would like to recognize several California LGBTQ veterans who have or are doing extraordinary things in their communities that help to support, appreciate, and distinguish the lives and efforts of LGBTQ veterans and their families. This opportunity is extended to nominees throughout California who meet the criterion.

Nomination Selection Criteria

- Nominees should be persons who have displayed outstanding service, pride and commitment to the LGBTQ community, county, state and/or country.
- Reason for nomination shall be no more than 500 words.
- Nominee must be a US Veteran or may be currently serving in the US Armed Forces and must be currently residing in California.
- Submit your nomination to minorityveterans@calvet.ca.gov
- **Nomination DEADLINE: Monday, September 06, 2021 by Close of Business**

CalVet Minority and Unrepresented Veterans Nomination form for the Do Ask Do Tell Celebration

NOMINEE:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: Home _____ Mobile: _____
E-mail: _____
Branch of Service: _____
Entry Date: _____ Exit Date: _____
Organization (If Applicable): _____

NOMINATED BY:

Organization: _____
Main Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: Home _____ Mobile: _____
E-mail: _____

REASON FOR NOMINATION

Use this space to describe specific act/s (personal or civic) which displayed outstanding service, pride, and commitment to the LGBTQ community, county, state and/or country. Areas of consideration include community service, personal accomplishment or awards, length of time living in the community, personal deeds and dedication to the LGBTQ community, county, state and/or country. Please feel free to type reason on a Word document and attach to the application.

Please forward nomination form and any additional supporting information to minorityveterans@CalVet.ca.gov . If you have questions, please call (916) 651-3054 or email minorityveterans@calvet.ca.gov.