



2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation Guidelines

Self-Nomination or Veteran Nomination

Please type all responses and print the complete packet. Sign in the provided space and submit completed application in .pdf format by email to Natalie.Steinsholt1@mail.house.gov or mail by **Friday, August 28th, 2026 at 5:00pm in the McKinney or Greenville District Office . Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

The **Congressional Veteran Commendation** is a nomination-based program designed to recognize **both** the military service and community service of Veterans living in the 3rd Congressional District of Texas. These honorees are exceptional Americans who served our country as a former member of the United States Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force and Coast Guard).

The nomination packet may be self-submitted by the Veteran or submitted by a nominator acting with permission on the Veteran's behalf. **Applications should highlight community service and/or work experience that has had a positive impact on the community since discharge.** A Review Board will review the packets and make recommendations to the Congressman. The 2026 Congressional Veteran Commendation Recipients will be honored in a ceremony on Saturday, November 14th at the Heritage Ranch & Golf Country Club from 10am to 12pm.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Veteran must currently reside in the 3rd Congressional District of Texas. Verify using the nominees address at www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative
- Veteran was active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or was a reservist called to active duty.
- Veteran was honorably discharged or retired from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Veteran has demonstrated exceptional service to their community.
- Veteran cannot be a previous recipient of the commendation through Congressional District 3.
- Post-mortem nominations will not be considered.

NOMINATION PACKET: (required documents):

- **TX-03 2026 Nomination Form** (type all responses and print the fully completed packet. Sign in the provided space)
- **Proof of residency** (copy of a driver's license or utility bill)
- **Recent 4x6 high-quality color photo of the Veteran** (head & shoulders preferred).
- **Copy of Veteran's DD214**
- **Support Documents** (three-page maximum): copies of news clippings, military records, or photos that further identify the Veteran's military and community service. Do not include any original documents.

PACKET DEADLINE:

All nomination packets must be received by **Friday, August 28th, 2026, at 5:00pm in the McKinney or Greenville District Office**. Packets can be dropped off, mailed, or emailed to Natalie.Steinsholt1@mail.house.gov
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SUBMIT MAILED PACKETS TO:

**US Congressman Keith Self
ATTN: Natalie Steinsholt
4500 Eldorado Pkwy Ste. 3500
McKinney, TX 75070.**

Or

**US Congressman Keith Self
ATTN: Natalie Steinsholt
2410 Lee St, Ste 202
Greenville, TX 75401**

For more information: Email Natalie Steinsholt at Natalie.Steinsholt1@mail.house.gov



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Nominator Information

Name & Contact Information (if applicable)

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

County _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Nominee Information

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

County _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Nominee General Information

List Branch(es), and Unit(s) of Service _____

Rank, Pay Grade, and Military Occupation _____

Dates of Service _____

List Where the Veteran was Stationed/Deployed

List Any Significant Battles or Wars

List Military Medals, Awards or Honors

List Civilian Service Awards

Most Significant Memory during Military Service:

Please provide additional information on the next page.

Please provide additional information on why the nominee should receive a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Information should be relevant to the nominee's service and work/volunteer contributions from the end of their service.

The information in the nomination packet is all true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In the event I receive a Congressional Veteran Commendation, I authorize Congressman Self's office to release this information to the media and public.

Nominee Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information in the nomination packet is all true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In the event the nominated veteran receives a Congressional Veteran Commendation, I understand it is my responsibility if the nominee is selected to receive the award, to notify the nominee that they will need to sign a form for release of information.

Nominator Signature: _____ Date: _____