

Springfield Veterans' Activities
Committee, Inc.

2026

**VETERAN OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION PACKET**



Springfield Veterans' Activities Committee, Inc.

To whom it May Concern:

Chairman:
William Walls

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Joe DeCaro



Vietnam Veterans'
Day

Memorial Day

Korean Veterans'
Day

Veteran of the Year

J. Frank Murphy
Medal of Valor
Award

Parade Marshal

The Springfield Veterans' Activities Committee, Inc. is proud to announce the commencement of the nomination process for the 2026 Springfield Veteran of the Year Award.

You may know of a veteran who continuously volunteers their personal time to better our community and has never received recognition for the work they've done.

If you know of any such individual, please consider completing the attached form to sponsor their nomination as the next Veteran of the Year for the City of Springfield, Massachusetts. Honorable military service and active community volunteerism are integral in the selection process.

Applications are available under Springfield's Department of Veterans' Services page at:

<https://www.springfield-ma.gov/hhs/veterans>

The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, October 9th, 2026.

Ceremony announcing the Veteran of the Year will be held on Monday, November 9th, City Hall 36 Court St., Room 220, Springfield, MA 01103, at 2:00PM

If any additional information is needed, you may contact me at 413-787-6141.

Respectfully,

Joe DeCaro

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Director

Springfield's Department of Veterans' Services

Springfield Veterans' Activities Committee, Inc.

2026 VETERAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Nominee: _____

CANDIDATE MUST BE A CURRENT RESIDENT OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____

Branch of Service: ☐ Army ☐ Marines ☐ Navy ☐ Air Force ☐ Space Force ☐ Coast Guard

Rank at time of discharge: _____ Years of Service: _____ through _____

Medals and/or honors received in the line of duty:

Veterans' Organizations nominee is/ has been associated with:

***PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THIS FORM, REQUIRED FOR THE
FINAL SELECTION PROCESS:**

1. A DETAILED resumé of nominee's volunteer community service activities
2. Proof of nominee's HONORABLE DISCHARGE (copy of DD Form 214)

Sponsor's Signature

Date

Sponsor's printed name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

DEADLINE: All applications must be returned to:
City of Springfield's Department of Veterans' Services

C/O Joe DeCaro
36 Court Street, Room 101
Springfield, Ma 01103

Nomination packets must be *received* no later than Friday, October 9th, 2026