

DISTINGUISHED VETERAN AWARD APPLICATION

2026

The purpose of the Distinguished Veteran Award is to honor a Veteran who has not received any noted awards from his/her community. Nominations must be received by 4:30 pm on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at the Parks & Recreation Office located at 2701 Park Ave, in Paducah.

Selection of the Distinguished Veteran will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Veterans who reside in Paducah/ McCracken County will be given priority over other counties.
2. Veterans with service from the Korean War and WWII will be given special consideration over other nominees.
3. Applications must include all of the following supporting documentation to be considered:
 - a. Application Form
 - b. Military Service Records
 - c. Community Service Records, Accolades, Projects, Accomplishments, etc.
 - d. DD214 Copies
 - e. History of awards, medals or service beyond the call of duty
4. The service record will be a contributing factor, but personal comments by family and friends will hold importance as well.
5. The winner will be selected by a committee made up of sponsoring agencies and veteran organization volunteers. Parks and Recreation will serve as a non-voting representative.
6. The nominator of the selected winner will be contacted and arrangements will be made for presentation of the award to the nominee during Veterans Day events.

Applications must be complete and accompanied by supporting documentation to be considered and must be submitted by mail or in person to the information below, by Thursday, October 22, 2026 by 4:30 pm:

Mail to or Drop off at:

Paducah Parks & Recreation
Attn: Distinguished Veteran Award Committee
2701 Park Ave
Paducah, KY 42001

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Distinguished Veteran Nominee for 2026: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Place of Birth: _____

Years in the Area: _____

Married to: _____

Date and Location of Nuptials: _____

Children: Name	Age	Residence
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Grandchildren (#): _____

Great-Grandchildren (#): _____

Employment Status: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Positions Held: _____

Years with Employer: _____ Date of Retirement: _____

Special Interest: _____

Hobbies: _____

Photograph Included: Yes _____ No _____

Copies of Military Certificates Included: Yes _____ No _____

Copy of DD214 Included (Required): Yes _____ No _____

Military History or Special Story: (You may use a separate sheet of paper)

Volunteer or Professional Areas of Service in the Community:

If selected, the person listed below will be contacted by November 4th, 2026.

Nominator's Contact Information:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship with the Nominee: _____