



**U.S. Congressman Van Taylor**  
**2020 Congressional Veteran Commendation**  
*Instructions*

### **About the Congressional Veteran Commendation**

The Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC) is a nominations-based program designed to recognize the wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement of residents in Texas' Third Congressional District. Since 2011, recipients of the award have been announced at an annual fall event celebrating their achievements.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Veteran must currently reside in the Third Congressional District of Texas
  - Verify veteran's residence online at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) using the "Find Your Representative" tool
- Veteran served active duty in the United States Armed Forces or was a reservist called to active duty
- Veteran was honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces
- Veteran has demonstrated exceptional service to their community

*Please note: Individuals may only receive CVC award one time. Posthumous awards are not available.*

### **Congressional Veteran Commendation Nomination Process**

In order for a veteran to be considered for a nomination, the completed application, including all materials detailed below, should be returned in its entirety to Congressman Van Taylor's Collin County office no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, August 14, 2020.**

Due to the competitive nature of the award, Congressman Taylor's independent CVC Selection Board does not have the ability to review incomplete applications. Therefore, it is the nominator's responsibility to ensure that the office has received all required information by the deadline. Complete applications must be submitted directly to:

**U.S. Congressman Van Taylor**  
**5600 Tennyson Parkway; Suite 275**  
**Plano, TX 75024**

### **Application Checklist**

- Nomination form, completed in its entirety;
- Statement detailing why the nominee should be a recipient of the Third District's Congressional Veteran Commendation. This statement should be 1 to 2 pages and provide detail regarding the veteran's time in service, including any actions deemed to be of heroic nature, and notable community involvement following their discharge;
- A current photo of the veteran;
- Copies of supplemental documentation including photos, applicable military records, news-clippings, and any other two-dimensional memorabilia which help to convey the veteran's military and community service;

Please note, supplemental items are not required. However, should you choose to submit them, please do not submit originals as they will not be returned. **Supplemental materials may not exceed three (3) 8.5" x 11" pages.**



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*Nomination Form*

<b>NOMINEE INFORMATION</b>				
<i>Please include information for nominee and <u>not</u> nominator below (unless self-nomination is applicable).</i>				
Last Name:	First:	Middle:	Mr. Mrs.	Ms. Miss
Street Address:		P.O. Box:	Phone Number:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Email Address:	
Branch of Service:	Military Unit(s):	Dates of Service:	Final Rank at Discharge:	
Medals, Awards, Commendations:				
Conflicts: <i>If Applicable</i>				
Community Involvement:				
Is veteran aware of his/her nomination for the 2020 CVC?			Yes	No
Has veteran received or been nominated for the CVC previously?			Yes	No

*Please Note: If selected as a CVC recipient, nominees will be contacted by the Office of Congressman Van Taylor. At that time, additional information, including the veteran's DD-214, may be requested.*

<b>NOMINATOR INFORMATION</b>			
Last Name:	First:	Middle:	Relationship to Nominee:
Street Address:		P.O. Box:	Phone Number:
City:	State:	Zip:	Email Address:

**Certification of Nomination**

*I, \_\_\_\_\_, have completed this form in its entirety and can attest to the accuracy of its contents. It is my honor to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Third District of Texas' 2020 Congressional Veteran Commendation. Additionally, I understand if the aforementioned individual is selected as a CVC recipient, any announcement to the media will be made solely by Congressman Van Taylor.*

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Plano, TX 75024**