**Community Services Department**

Park Operations ~ Community Outreach

 Environmental Services ~Veterans Services ~ Recreation/Cultural Services

2020 Veteran of the Year

NOMINATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2020

El Paso County Colorado is currently seeking nominations for the third Annual Veteran of the Year.

Nominees should have demonstrated exemplary military service, community service, and support for veterans in the community.

Nominees must have been honorable discharged or retired from military service from one of the five Armed Forces of the United States, including Reserve or National Guard, or the United States Merchant Marines; and must be residing in El Paso County Colorado.

Please reference full nomination guidelines and forms. Forms with attachments are to be dropped off, received by mail, fax, or emailed by June 30, 2020:

Email: vet@elapasoco.com

Fax: 719-520-7751

Mail/Drop Off: El Paso County Veteran Services

 5850 Championship View, Ste 130

 Colorado Springs, CO 80922

El Paso County Colorado Veteran of the Year

Nomination Guidelines

1. The nominee must reside in El Paso County Colorado and must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Military.

2. Posthumous nominations will be accepted provided that a family member of the deceased nominee signs under “Signature of Nominee” on the Veteran of the Year Nomination Form.

3. Honorees will be recognized for significant public service contributions made at the local, state or national level and by excellence achieved through action above and beyond the call of duty. Nominees should also have made significant contributions in volunteer work in support of veterans and/or the military.

4. The nominator must **provide a legible and up-to-date copy of the veteran’s DD214.** Failure to provide record of service documentation will render the nomination ineligible.

5. In addition to the DD214 and the information requested on the nomination form, please provide a written summary of the nominee’s achievements, including: (a) a description of significant accomplishments, including dates, (b) a general description of military service, and (c) a list of awards and decorations received by the nominee. In order to validate these accomplishments, please include/attach documentation that will substantiate the nominee’s service and accomplishments (i.e. news articles, relevant online biographies and/or copies of commendations, etc.).

6. The nominator must also provide a description of their association and/or working relationship with the nominee.

7. Nominations will be evaluated on the scope and impact of a nominees July 2019 – June 2020 achievements and the extent to which his/her efforts benefit and provide inspiration to their community and other veterans. Please document significant achievements and accomplishments.

8. Nominations will be reviewed and the recipients will be selected by the Veteran of the Year Committee.

9. Nominations are to be sent to the Veteran Services by June 30, 2020.

 Email: vet@elapasoco.com

 Fax: 719-520-7751

 Mail/Drop Off: El Paso County Veteran Services

 5850 Championship View, Ste 130

 Colorado Springs, CO 80922

**2020 Veteran of the Year**

**NOMINATION FORM**

**Nominee:**

Veteran’s Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Military Branch:

Dates of Service:

Does the nominee reside in El Paso County Colorado? Yes No

**Nominating Individual / Agency**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I have read the nomination guidelines and attest that the information is accurate and true.

Signature of Nominator Date