



# City of El Cajon Veteran of the Year

## The Award

El Cajon has a long history of veterans performing community service in support of other veterans, the City, and its residents. The City of El Cajon is committed to recognizing its veterans for their significant contribution of talents to strengthen and support the community. The City of El Cajon “Veteran of the Year Award” recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of veterans to the City of El Cajon and the greater San Diego area. Each year, a Veteran of the Year is selected to recognize him/her as one of the City’s finest veterans.

## Eligibility

To be considered for the City of El Cajon Veteran of the Year, a veteran must:

- Have been honorably discharged from U.S. Military Service or National Guard
- Be a resident of the City of El Cajon
- Have made significant contributions to the community since their discharge.

Emphasis is put upon contributions the veteran made to the nominating organization, contributions to community service and to the residents of the City of El Cajon on an individual basis, as well as to the greater veterans community of the County of San Diego, if applicable. Members of the City of El Cajon Veterans Commission are ineligible while serving on the Commission.

## Selection Process

All nomination packages must be received by September 14, 2018. The package must include the completed application, a copy of the Veteran’s DD-214 or NGB-22 (with social security number covered), and a summary of the Veteran’s accomplishments. The application should provide two photos of the Veteran, one should be in uniform if possible, and one current. Original photos will be returned to the Veteran, if requested. All nomination packages will be reviewed for correctness and completeness by the City of El Cajon Veterans Commission. The City of El Cajon Veterans Commission will review the eligible packages and select the City of El Cajon Veteran of the Year. The Veteran of the Year will be announced November 1, 2018.

## Presentation of the Award

The City of El Cajon Veteran of the Year Award will be presented during the annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 11. The award recipient will be scheduled to ride in the Mother Goose Parade on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Also, this individual will be recognized at the December City Council meeting.

**Nomination for "City of El Cajon Veteran of the Year Award" Application**  
(Information provided will be used for publication and press related materials)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Organization Information:**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Contact Information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of Service: Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank/Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee Contact Information: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Eligibility/Submission Criteria:**

To be considered for the City of El Cajon Veteran of the Year, a veteran must have been honorably discharged from U.S. Military Service, be a resident of the City of El Cajon, and have made significant contributions to the community since their military service. Emphasis should be put upon contributions that the veteran has made to the nominating organization, contributions to community service by the nominating organization, and to the residents of the City of El Cajon on an individual basis, as well as to the greater veterans community of the County of San Diego if applicable.

**Supporting Documentation:**

The City of El Cajon Veterans Commission may or may not know the nominee. The nomination submission package should provide all information necessary for the Veterans Commission to make their decision without seeking further information.

Each nomination package should include the completed application, a copy of the Veteran's DD-214 or NGB-22 (with social security number covered), two photos of the Veteran, one should be in uniform if possible, and one current, and a summary that highlights the nominee's contributions to the community. Highlight any special characteristics the nominee has that make him/her an asset to the Veterans Community of El Cajon and the residents of El Cajon in general. Emphasis should be put on characteristics such as leadership, professionalism, ethics, and integrity. If the nominee is employed, provide any contributions that the nominee has made to the Veteran's community where he/she is employed. Include nominee participation in church organizations, youth organizations, volunteer work, and civic activity. Provide a completed copy of the nomination package to your Veteran of the Year nominee.

Submit completed package, including all items addressed above, by September 14 to:

City of El Cajon  
c/o Recreation Department  
Attn: Veterans Commission  
200 Civic Center Way  
El Cajon, CA 92020

Veterans Commission Liaison: Frank Carson Phone: 619-441-1754 Email: fcarson@cityofelcajon.us