

Congressman Todd Young introduces 2016 Congressional Veteran Commendation

Area residents asked to nominate local veterans, community servants

U.S. Congressman Todd Young (R-IN) takes the opportunity to launch the 2016 Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC) program created to recognize the wartime sacrifices and peacetime community involvement of veterans across the Ninth Congressional District of Indiana.

The CVC, in conjunction with the Veterans History Project sponsored by the Library of Congress, is a nomination-based program designed to formally honor distinguished veterans of Indiana's Ninth District and to preserve their stories for future generations of Americans.

“Our service men and women deserve the utmost gratitude for their sacrifices to this nation, and it’s the responsibility of each of us to ensure that their patriotic service does not go unrecognized,” said Young, who is himself a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. “Each year the CVC gives us the opportunity to honor those brave soldiers, sailors, and Marines who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. Indiana has a proud tradition of military service, and I have personally met with numerous Hoosier veterans deserving of this honor, which is why I’m encouraging constituents to nominate a veteran living in the Ninth District.”

In order to be considered for the prestigious award, veterans must currently reside in the Ninth Congressional District. Nominees must have served as active duty military personnel or been reservists called to active duty. They also must be retired or honorably discharged from a branch of the United States Armed Forces.

Anyone may serve as a nominator and may nominate as many veterans as desired. Complete nomination packets should be mailed or hand-delivered to Young’s local office no later than **Tuesday, June 28, 2016**. Those interested in nominating a deserving veteran for this honor should visit Young’s [website](#), a nomination form can be found under “[Veteran Commendation](#).” For additional information regarding the CVC, please call (812)288-3999.

CVC recipients are selected by a board and are publicly honored during a special ceremony to take place later this year. In addition, an in-depth interview of each honoree may be conducted and forwarded to the Veterans History Project to be added to the Library of Congress collection should the veteran choose to participate. For more information regarding this project, click [here](#).

Congressman Young graduated from the Naval Academy and served in the Marines. As a veteran, Young is committed to preserving and showcasing the stories of our warriors.

As a federal legislator, Congressman Young works tirelessly on behalf of U.S. military personnel and veterans. Young represents a significant portion of Southern Indiana

U.S. Congressman Todd Young's *Congressional Veteran Commendation*



2016 Nomination Form

About the Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC)

The Congressional Veteran Commendation is a nominations-based program designed to recognize the wartime sacrifices **and** peacetime community involvement of residents of the Ninth Congressional District of Indiana. Honorees are exceptional Americans in every way.

The 2016 CVC honorees will be announced and recognized by Congressman Todd Young at a special ceremony. They will also have the opportunity to be interviewed for the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress, should the veterans choose to do so.

Eligibility Requirements

- Veteran must **currently** reside in the Ninth Congressional District of Indiana. To verify, please visit www.house.gov and enter the veteran's ZIP code in the box entitled "Find Your Representative."
- Veteran was active duty in the United States Armed Forces or was a reservist called to active duty.
- Veteran retired from the United States Armed Forces or was honorably discharged.

Nomination Instructions

Please send the following items, in one cohesive package, to: Congressman Todd Young, 279 Quartermaster Court, Jeffersonville, IN 47130 **by Tuesday, June 28, 2016:**

- This Nomination Form, completed in its entirety.
- A 1-2 page letter, addressed to Congressman Todd Young, which details why you believe the nominee should receive the Ninth District's Congressional Veteran Commendation. The letter should contain as much information as possible about the veteran's heroism while in the military **and** community involvement thereafter.
- A current photo of the veteran.
- **Copies** of photos, military records, news clippings and other two-dimensional memorabilia which help you to tell the story of the veteran's military and community service. *These items are considered supplemental and are not required*; should you choose to submit them, do not submit originals. Please limit your nomination packet to three 8.5x11" pages of supplemental materials.

Nominator Information

**Note: Self-nominations are accepted.*

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nominee Information

**Note: Nominees will be contacted by the Congressional office if selected as CVC recipients.
At that time, additional data may be requested.*

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Military Unit(s): _____

Dates of Service: _____ Rank: _____

Medals, Awards, and Commendations: _____

Is the veteran aware of his/her nomination for the 2016 CVC? YES NO

Certification of Nomination

I, _____, have completed this form in its entirety and can attest to the accuracy of its contents. It is my privilege to nominate _____ for the Ninth District of Indiana 2016 Congressional Veteran Commendation. Additionally, I understand that if my nominee is selected as a CVC recipient, any announcement to the news media will be made by Congressman Young only.

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____