

HALL OF HEROES NOMINATION PACKAGE

Tomah VA Medical Center

Purpose:

The purpose of the Hall of Heroes is to recognize military Veterans supported by the Tomah VA Medical Center and associated outreach clinics who have exhibited exemplary courage in battle or have made outstanding contributions to their communities or professions. Each selected hero receives a plaque display to document their heroism and hung in the Tomah VA tramway near building 400.

Nominees must be, or have been, patients at the Tomah VA Medical Center or any of its supported VA Clinics in La Crosse, Owen, Wausau, or Wisconsin Rapids. The nominee must have been a member of United States Armed Forces or Coast Guard. Additionally, he/she must have received an honorable discharge from U.S. Military service, be of good character, and have no felony convictions. Posthumous nominations are accepted.

Criteria for Induction:

The Tomah VA Medical Center Hall of Heroes has established two categories of Veterans for entry into the Hall of Heroes. Category #1 includes military accomplishments or significant achievements during a supported Veteran's military career. Category #2 includes exceptional non-military contributions at the community, state, and/or national level.

- (1) **Category #1** Military accomplishments and significant achievements during a supported Veteran's military career. The nominee must have been awarded one or more of the following U.S. military medals:
 - Medal of Honor
 - Distinguished Service Cross
 - Navy Cross
 - Air Force Cross
 - Silver Star
 - Distinguished Flying Cross of Heroism
 - Bronze Star Medal
 - Purple Heart

- (2) **Category #2:** Exceptional non-military contributions at the community, state, and/or national level in any professional, civic, volunteer, veterans' advocacy, or political area over the lifetime of the nominee.

Required items in the submittal package include:

- Hall of Heroes Nomination Form (page 2)
- Hall of Heroes Verification Form (page 3)
- Must include copies of nominee's military awards/citations, DD214 form, and any other relevant documentation in support of this nomination

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Hall of Heroes Nomination Form

Date: _____

Veteran Name: _____

Last 4 of Veteran's SSN: _____

Nominated By: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please describe specific Veteran actions and military awards that indicate heroism in combat and/or civilian awards or recognition that demonstrate exemplary service to the Veteran's community or profession.

Combat Award(s):

Outstanding Military Achievements:

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Exemplary Community Awards or Recognition:

Significant Contributions to Tomah VA Medical Center Community:

This Veteran Deserves Hall of Heroes Recognition Because:

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Hall of Heroes Verification Form

Citations and decorations need to be verified to ensure fairness to all applicants and families of Veterans. Please read the following verification statements and sign the Verification Form.

1. I am a Veteran interested in being considered for induction into the Tomah VA Medical Center Hall of Heroes display. *(If the Veteran is deceased or unable to sign the document, I am submitting this document as a legal representative on behalf of the deserving Veteran).*
2. I receive/received my healthcare at the Tomah VA or one of its Outpatient Clinics *(La Crosse VA Clinic, Clark County/Owen VA Clinic, Wausau VA Clinic, Wisconsin Rapids VA Clinic).*
3. I authorize the required verification of my military records using available sources such as County, State, Federal, and Military records.
4. The Hall of Heroes is a public display, and the news media may be interested with appropriate pictures and stories in local, state, and national media. I authorize my pictures and/or stories to be used in this manner.

I agree to these guidelines and allow verification of my personal military records.

SIGNATURE: _____

NAME (please print): _____

CONTACT IF NOMINEE IS DECEASED OR INCAPACITATED:

Process:

Submittals must be complete and submitted to the following address by noon on September 1st to be considered for the current year's inductions.

Hall of Heroes
Public Affairs Office (PAO)
Tomah VA Medical Center
500 East Veterans Street
Tomah.VAMedicalCenter@va.gov