

Veteran of the Year Award

- 1. Description of Award:** An annual award presented to a veteran who has shown exemplary service to other veterans and his/her community. The award is sponsored by the New Mexico Business Coalition [NMBC] and is, normally, presented in November at the Heroes Banquet.
- 2. Criteria:**
 - A.** Veteran of any military service and the Coast Guard, including Active, Reserve, or National Guard. Statement of service required. Period of service – greater than 90 days.
 - B.** Active duty is not eligible.
 - C.** Accomplishments while on military duty are not pertinent and will not be considered.
 - D.** A nomination may be submitted by anyone.
 - E. Criteria for the Award:**
 - 1.** Accomplishments in the business world, especially if they benefit veterans: for example, starting and growing a veteran-owned business; employing veterans; training veterans
 - 2.** Significant accomplishments in service to veterans in a governmental position, either elected, appointed, hired, or under contract
 - 3.** Service to veterans groups at any level
 - 4.** Service to community; church; other service organizations; political process [but not partisan politics]; patriotic groups
 - F.** Nominees not selected will be automatically considered for a second year, in addition to any new nominees
- 3. Procedure:**
 - A.** Nominations due by 31 July each year, via USPS or email to John L Jones, 7713 Sierra Azul Ave NE, ABQ 87110 or JohnLJonesNM@gmail.com
 - B.** Nomination shall not exceed two typed pages using double spaced lines and a 12 point font, with normal margins. The submission must contain a brief statement of military service.

C. Selection Committee will be the Board of the Military Veterans Legislative Council.

D. Banquet meal for the Honoree and one guest will be paid for by the sponsor of the event at which the award is presented.

E. Honoree will be notified of the award, and should be present at the event to receive it. If the honoree declines the award, the next-ranked nominee shall be given the Award.

G. Presentation of the award will be by the sponsor.

4. Administration:

A. Members of the Selection Committee are not eligible to receive the award, but may submit nominations. In such event, the member submitting the nomination may not vote.

B. The Award shall be a suitable memento provided by the sponsor.