

The following governing rules are to be observed in the selection of the nominee for the National Commander's Award for the Outstanding Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP).

Nominations:

- Chapters should submit nominations for the LVER Award to the state-level Department Employment Committee or to a specific committee appointed by the department commander. Previous candidates may be renominated if they have not formerly won the national award. In addition to chapter nominations, departments are urged to solicit and accept nominations from employers, local employment office managers, state and assistant state directors of veterans employment and others. These are the people who know the quality of work performed by LVERs and DVOPs.
- Only one nomination for each award may be submitted by a department or other submitting entity.
- Nominations must be submitted with the full consent of the nominee authorizing DAV's use of their name, picture and story for publicity purposes. The nomination form must include the nominee's signed written.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the national employment director and national interim employment committee who will recommend recipients to the national commander for final selection.

Selection criteria:

- Accomplishments with regard to outreach, counseling, training, placement and job development opportunities for America's injured heroes
- Ability to motivate and stimulate other employment service personnel to serve veterans
- Effectiveness with employers, veterans organizations, unions, government officials, and injured and ill veteran applicants
- Outreach activities on behalf of veterans and their families

Administration:

The department adjutant is responsible on the state level for the administration of this program, and the national employment director is responsible on the national level. Submit nominations directly to natlconvawards@dav.org.

Publicity:

Every department is requested to urge participation in this program by all chapters, as this is an effective way to maximize employment services for disabled veterans at the local level. Chapter officers should contact local office managers of the state employment service and work with state and local veterans employment representatives to ensure the success of this program. All chapters are urged to publicize this awards program. It would be most appropriate to invite local veterans' employment representatives and/or local office managers to speak at chapter meetings about local employment services for veterans.

Departments are asked to consider inviting state administrators, regional and state directors of veterans employment, and other employment service personnel to awards ceremonies for department winners and to publicize these activities. The department convention would be an ideal opportunity to present the award.

The anticipated cooperation of all departments is appreciated, as it will result in expansion of employment and training opportunities for countless unemployed or underemployed veterans.

Expenses:

The winner will be invited to attend the DAV national convention and be presented the award by the national commander. Travel or other related expenses are not covered by DAV.

Deadline:

Each nomination, with all supporting material, must be received **no later than Feb. 26, 2021**.



2021 National Commander's Award Nomination Form

Department of _____ State _____

Type of Nomination (Select One):

- Veterans Health Administration (VHA) – Complete Sections A, C, D, F, I
- Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) – Complete Sections A, C, D, F, I
- National Cemetery Administration (NCA) – Complete Sections A, C, D, F, I
- Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year – Complete Sections A, C, D, F, H, I
- Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Specialist – Complete Sections A, C, D, E, F, I
- Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) – Complete Sections A, C, D, F, I
- Small Employer of the Year (up to 249) – Complete Sections B, C, D, G, I
- Midsize Employer of the Year (250–999) – Complete Sections B, C, D, G, I
- Large Employer of the Year (1,000+) – Complete Sections B, C, D, G, I

Section A

Nominee's Name _____

Work Address _____

Home Address _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Place of Birth _____ Marital Status _____

Spouse's Name _____ Children _____

Section B

Company Name _____ Industry _____

CEO/Owner _____ Name _____ Title _____

Headquarters Address _____

Section C

Phone _____ Work _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Work _____ Home _____

Section D

Military Service (If applicable)

Date Enlisted Drafted Commissioned ____/____/____ Date Separated ____/____/____

Branch _____ Rank _____

DAV Membership (Select one if applicable)

Member Chapter _____ Number _____ State _____

Eligible for Membership Not Eligible for Membership

Section E

Local Office Manager

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

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Award: VHA VBA NCA Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year DVOP Specialist LVER
 Small Employer Midsize Employer Large Employer

Nominee/Company Name _____

Section F

Nominee's Achievements *(attach additional sheet if needed)*

Nominee's Involvement with DAV and Community Groups *(attach additional sheet if needed)*

Section G

Please limit your responses to 350 words. Attach additional sheets as needed.

Company's Veteran Recruiting and Hiring Efforts

Career Building, Retention and Development Efforts

Community Involvement

Additional Information *(optional)*

Section H

Attach additional sheets as needed.

Service-Connected Disabilities *(include description of how disabilities were incurred)*

Non-Service-Connected Disabilities *(include description of how disabilities were incurred)*

How Nominee Overcame Disabilities

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Award: VHA VBA NCA Outstanding Disabled Veteran of the Year DVOP Specialist LVER
 Small Employer Midsize Employer Large Employer

Nominee/Company Name _____

Section I	Submitted by		
	Name		Title
	Address		Phone
	Approved by <i>(requires at least one signature if submitted by a DAV representative)</i>		
	DAV NSO	Department Adjutant	Department Commander

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

In addition to this application, please include the following items with your nomination:

- Nominee's resume *not necessary for Employer of the Year nominations*
- Narrative explaining why the nominee was selected
- Recent photo of nominee, suitable for publicity purposes. For Employer of the Year nominations, a photo of the CEO/owner. Acceptable formats include:
 - (1) Glossy print, at least 4" x 6"
 - (2) CD/USB drive containing a JPEG image measuring at least 4" x 6" and 300 ppi or higher
- Company logo in full-color, vector format (PDF, EPS) *Employer of the Year only*
- Nominee's signed consent (below)

Consent Form

I, _____, hereby authorize DAV to use my name, photo and biographical information in connection with the National Commander's Awards.

Signature

Date

Please submit your nomination by Feb. 26, 2021. Email your submission to natlconvawards@dav.org, or mail it to the address below.

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Cold Spring, KY 41076