

2026 VETERAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

* Nomination investment will be returned if your candidate is not selected.



For over two decades, *Profiles in Leadership Journal*™ has celebrated individuals who have forged new paths, mentored others, championed diversity and inclusion, and excelled in their fields. In our upcoming Fall issue, PLJ will proudly recognize Military Veteran Leaders through the 2026 Veteran Leadership Awards.

We honor those who have dedicated part of their lives to serving our country—whether in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, or Space Force. We invite you to participate by nominating one or more team members who have emerged as exceptional Veteran Leaders through their advocacy, perseverance, legacy, or professional achievements.

Why Nominate?

Your nomination offers a significant opportunity to celebrate and showcase these outstanding individuals' talents, ambitions, and achievements. Recognizing these leaders honors their service and underscores your organization's commitment to excellence and leadership development.

Who Are these Outstanding Individuals?

Nominated by employers or colleagues, Veteran Leaders are confident, determined, and purpose-driven professionals who create lasting value for their coworkers, customers, communities, and the organizations they serve.

Throughout its history, *Profiles in Leadership Journal* has recognized thousands of men and women worldwide who are making a difference. The profiles featured in this special edition will celebrate our Veteran Leadership awardees while enhancing the reputation of organizations that empower, support, and champion these remarkable individuals.

Join us in honoring those who lead by example and continue to inspire through their dedication, strength, and leadership.

DEADLINE for Nominations:
August 14, 2026

Questions? Contact James Rector *Publisher*

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Complete Your Nomination in 4 Steps

1. Provide important nomination information on pages 3 & 4 of this document.

Nominations will be reviewed and judged based on the brief bio you provide, which may include contributions and achievements in support of colleagues, customers, or communities, and in other areas the nominator deems important:

- Professional Achievement
- Innovation
- Mentorship
- Community Involvement
- Leadership
- Pipeline development
- Legacy

2. Complete the Nomination Processing Area on Page 5

There is a \$495 processing investment per nomination which must be received by the nomination deadline. *If your nominee is not selected, your nomination investment will be refunded.*

3. Upload* Your Completed Nomination document by August 14, 2026 at <https://leadershipjournal.com/vl-nomination-upload/>.

* Nomination forms must be submitted/uploaded via *PLJ's* secure online portal.
Email submissions will not be accepted!

4. Recognize Your Leaders with Confidence

We understand that today's communications require care and consideration. That's why *Profiles in Leadership Journal* offers all nominating organizations the opportunity to review and approve their award winner's profile prior to publication.

Your organization remains in full control of how your leadership is portrayed — we're your partner in celebrating excellence, not a source of concern.

It's that Easy

If your nominee should be selected as a 2026 Veteran Leadership Award recipient, we will notify both your successful nominee and the person who nominated him or her. We'll also send each nominee a Question & Answer packet. He or she will be asked to answer a few questions, write an optional essay, and provide two high-resolution photographs of him- or herself, as well as a digital version of your organization's logo. Each nominee's photograph, essay, and professional information will appear on a dedicated full page in our Fall issue. Just complete the Nomination area on pages 3 and 4. Links for upload and payment are on page 5.

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(Please fill in all form fields and **be sure to save this file** when completed)

Before You Begin

As part of our collaborative process, your organization will have the chance to review and approve the final profile of your award winner before publication. This ensures alignment with your internal messaging and gives your team full confidence to nominate with peace of mind.

A. Nominee Information

Nominee's Name: ☐ Mr., ☐ Ms., ☐ Mrs., ☐ Dr. _____
(as it should appear in print and please check prefix that applies)

Job Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Full Corporate Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact info for Nominee's
Administrative Assistant: _____

B. Nominated by:

Note: The nominator must be the primary point of contact for all editorial communications. Using a company executive as the nominator will not increase a nominee's chances of selection. He or she will be evaluated on merit alone. Please ensure that the person whose information is entered below is available to manage all communications related to the nomination and award process.

Nominator's Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Corporate Mailing Address: _____

Office Phone Number: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Secondary Contact Name & Email: _____

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C. Nominee Service Record

Which branch of the military did the nominee serve in and for how long:

D. Tell Us Why You Chose this Nominee

Briefly explain why your nominee should be recognized as a 2026 Veteran Leadership awardee: (300 words max.)

Provide a brief bio that highlights your nominee's contributions and accomplishments, which may include examples of professional achievement, innovation, mentorship, community involvement, leadership, pipeline development and legacy. (500 words max.)

E. Final Profile Approval

Please confirm your preference regarding the final profile approval process:

- ☐ **Yes**, we would like to review and approve the final profile before publication.
- ☐ **No**, we trust the editorial process and do not require a final review.

Note: If "Yes" is selected, publication will not proceed without organizational approval.

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E. Nomination Processing

NOMINATION INVESTMENT: \$495:

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Please upload this document (do not email)
at: <https://leadershipjournal.com/vl-nomination-upload/>



Submit \$495 nomination investment payment at:
<https://buy.stripe.com/28o9Dq9lhggjcqk3cf>

If you need an invoice for payment please email
James Rector: publisher@leadershipjournal.com

Submitted nomination and fee must be received by August 14, 2026.

Emailed submissions will not be accepted!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Will our organization have the opportunity to review the award winner's profile before publication?**
Yes. We offer every nominating organization the chance to review and approve the final profile of their award winner before publication. We understand the importance of alignment with internal communications and public messaging. Your team remains in full control of what is shared publicly.
- Will the nomination investment be refunded if our candidate is not selected?**
Yes. Your nomination investment will be returned in full if your candidate is not selected.
- Can my organization nominate more than one 2026 Veteran Leader?**
Yes. Each organization may nominate up to four (4) candidates for this award.
- How will my organization be notified of our nominee's acceptance?**
Confirmation that your organization's nominee has been accepted will be sent to the nominator and the award winner along with the Question & Answer Form.
- Is purchasing an advertisement in the Fall issue of PLJ required if our nominee is accepted?**
No advertising purchase is required.
- Will my organization have an opportunity to revise each nominee's profile after it will appear in the Fall issue?**
Yes. If you have any edits or changes that you would like to make to your page(s) after the magazine is posted online please email stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com.
- Will we be able to order printable PDFs of our nominee's profile layout?**
Yes. If you wish to receive a FREE PDF of your nominees layout from the Fall issue, please email a request to stevetoth@leadershipjournal.com after the issue has been launched.