

US Army Freedom Team Salute Program Seeks to Honor Veterans

There are a large number of US Army Veterans, Army Reservists, and Army National Guard members currently serving in the Civil Air Patrol, and perhaps even in your workplace and/or place of worship. The Army is trying to recognize its Veterans, and those who support them for their service to the Army and the Nation. The US Army will celebrate its 232nd birthday on 14 June 2007. Now is a great time to nominate someone for the Freedom Team Salute Commendation. Better yet, plan a special recognition ceremony to honor an Army veteran on the Army's Birthday!

The Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff are seeking to honor all US Army Veterans with the Freedom Team Salute Commendation.

"The Army would not exist without the brave men and women who choose a life of service to this Nation. Freedom Team Salute is a way to recognize our veterans and show them just how much we appreciate the legacy of loyal service that they have passed on to this generation of Soldiers"

— General Peter J. Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff

All US Army Veterans who served and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions (this includes Army Air Corps and Army Air Forces Veterans who served prior to the establishment of the US Air Force, as well as cadets who attended the US Military Academy at West Point, prior to receiving a Commission in another branch of service (Air Force, Navy, etc...)) are eligible to receive the Freedom Team Salute Commendation.

"Freedom Team Salute enables individuals and organizations to honor and thank U.S. Army veterans for their selfless service...as they remain our living connection to generations of duty, honor, and patriotism."

The program is free (save for your time to submit a nomination) and is administered by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Each recipient of the Freedom Team Salute receives a personalized Commendation package including a letter of thanks and a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff, and Army lapel pin (see below), and Army decals.

WHO CAN NOMINATE:

The **general public., corporations and civilians** [e.g. CAP Members} as well as service members can nominate an unlimited number of US Army Veterans. An Army Veteran is a person who served in the active Army, Army Reserve and/or National Guard, who was discharged and released from service under conditions other than dishonorable (also, see comment in paragraph one above).

An **Active Duty Soldier** can nominate: One Spouse — Two Parents -- Unlimited veterans of the US Army

An **Army Reservist or National Guardsman** can nominate: One Spouse — Two Parents — One Employer — Unlimited veterans of the US Army

An **Army Veteran** can nominate: Themselves — Unlimited veterans of the US Army

A **Freedom Team Salute Ambassador** can nominate (or assist in the nomination process) for all categories. They can also coordinate the submission process group recognition programs and large number of veterans.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO NOMINATE SOMEONE: Contact Freedom Team Salute Ambassador, Lt Col Al Bedgood, CAP (Major, US Army (Retired)) via E-Mail at: ALVIN.BEDGOOD@YAHOO.COM

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Processing time for the Freedom Team Salute Commendation is approximately six weeks.

