

**MICHIGAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Jan 31, 2023

Commanders of the Commanders Group

Dear Commanders, Presidents and Commandants

This letter is concerning the Veteran of the Year Nominations for the Michigan Commanders Group Michigan Veteran of the Year for 2022-2023.

Attached is a Nomination form to be distributed to your Post Commanders, Posts, Detachments or Chapters

Each year we request nominations be sent out to your lower echelon or subordinate Post, Chapters or Detachments to submit a well qualified Veteran nominee in their areas for the Commanders Group Michigan Veteran of the Year. In the past we have had upto 18 nominees. That was many years ago, in the early years, since then the applications have dwindled from 18 to 10 to 8 and last year 6. The following organizations submitted nominations American Legion (364) (1); Jewish War Veterans (1); Marine Corps League (155); (1423); (764); and (879); Vietnam Veterans of America MSC (267) (0). As you can see not many from years past.

As the Chairman each year, the Past Recipients are those who vote, we would like to see more nominees. There are a lot of potential nominees that do a lot of work as a volunteers, that never get recognized. We that the numbers rise in nominees, not dwindle.

I have attached a nominee form to be completed and signed, also asking for a DD214 to be attached, as there has been some nominees caught wearing the incorrect rank or decorations not seen on their DD214.

Deadline for nominations is **May 15, 2023**. This is so the packages received can be mailed for voting to the Judges which are the Past Recipients of the Michigan Commanders Group Veteran of the Year. They also be email as an attachment to **marret94@aol.com**.

Should there be any questions, please contact me at 313-720-2712 or by email at marret94@aol.com.

Sincerely,

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