

Announcing the 2020 Kalamazoo County Veteran of the Year Award

Now through October 16, the Kalamazoo Veterans Events Committee will welcome submissions for the 2020 Kalamazoo Veteran of the Year Award. The award is given by the organizations that sponsor the Kalamazoo County Veterans Day Ceremony: The Rotary Club of Kalamazoo-Sunrise and the Kalamazoo County Veterans Service Office supported by other organizations and individuals in the Kalamazoo Veterans Events Committee.

2020 will be the second year that the annual award will be presented. The first award in 2019 was presented to T.W. Lane for his years of fund raising and personal activities on behalf of veterans and their families.

Many veterans call Kalamazoo County home and they continue to serve this community with honor and commitment. The committee will recognize the continued service of our veterans and show gratitude for their years in uniform.

Any person or organization wishing to nominate a veteran should include the following information in their submission:

1. Their name and/or nominating organization and telephone number.
2. The veteran's name and telephone number, his or her military branch and era of service.
3. A description of why the veteran deserves this year's top honor highlighting the veteran's involvement with veterans organizations, volunteer activities related to veterans, involvement with other volunteer organizations/charities, and service to the community.

Submissions should be emailed to KalamazooVeteransEvents@gmail.com or submitted via the online form available at www.bit.ly/2020KalamazooVeteran.

The Kalamazoo County veteran selected will be honored at this year's Kalamazoo Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11 at 2 p.m. at the Robert L. Cook Veterans Memorial Plaza at Rose Park in Kalamazoo.

For inquiries about this year's Veteran of the Year Award, please email KalamazooVeteransEvents@gmail.com or contact Robert Hencken (contact information below).