****Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch / NAACP**

**Distinguished veteran Award**

Since 1996, the **Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch /** **NAACP** hashonored service men and women whose lives (post military) have exemplified service and a commitment to the betterment of the greater Kalamazoo community.

*Criteria & Guideline*

The nominee should

1. Be a former member of the armed services
2. Have influenced people, policy and thinking with regard to politics, education, religion, civil and human rights issues that affect people of color in the greater Kalamazoo community and beyond
3. Have positively affected lives through community service and other civic activities to impact the greater Kalamazoo community and beyond

*Application*

Applications can be found online ([www.naacpkalamazoo.org/nominations](https://www.naacpkalamazoo.org/nominations)). Those interested in nominating a person for the Distinguished Veteran Award should complete the application by **Friday, September 22, 2023 by 11:59pm EST**. **Only computer-generated applications will be accepted.** Nominator may provide newspaper articles/clippings, personal profiles and/or resumes to supplement the application.

Nominations will only be accepted online, by mail or email and must be **received** by the application deadline. **Nominations can be completed online.**

*Distinguished Veteran Award Recipient*

The winner of the Distinguished Veteran Award will be honored during the **2023 Freedom Fund Banquet**, **Saturday, October 28, 2023 | 5pm | Radisson Hotel** (100 W. Michigan Ave). The honoree will receive three (3) complimentary tickets, which include the honoree and two (2) guests.

For more information or questions, contact [info@naacpkalamazoo.org](mailto:info@naacpkalamazoo.org)

**Nominator’s Information**

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| **Nominator’s Name** |  | | | |
| **Nominator’s Email Address** |  | **Nominator’s Phone Number** | |  |
| **Relationship to the Nominee** |  | | | |
| **Nominee’s Information** | | | | |
| **Nominee’s Name** | **mail Address** | | | |
| **Branch of Service** |  | | **Date Entered Service *(specify years)*** |  |
| **Years of Active/ Reserve Service** |  | | **Type of Discharge and Date** |  |
| **Highest Rank at the End of Service** |  | | **Date the Nominee Completed Service** |  |
| **Nominee’s Email Address** |  | | **Nominee’s Phone Number** |  |

List armed service accomplishments

*Including years of service, branch of service, rank at end of tenure*

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List any period of service on foreign land during war time

*Including ships at sea; name of conflict/date of duty*

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List activities/organizations in which this person is affiliated

*Including sorority/fraternity/mason, clubs, community organizations*

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Contributions that qualify nominee for this award

*Including involvement with civil rights, civic engagement, education, religion, human rights, politics, etc.*

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How has the nominee gone above and beyond to help people of color in the greater Kalamazoo Community?

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List additional efforts (concern for human welfare) in which the nominee has been involved

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List additional information including awards and other commendations

*Please include websites or sites with additional information about the nominee*

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Supplemental Information

**I hereby certify all the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Any intentional misrepresentation or omission of facts will be justification for denial of this award.**

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