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## Ky. Veterans Hall of Fame seeking nominations



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The Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation is seeking nominations for its 2015 induction ceremony to be held in September.

Begun in 2012, the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame held its first induction ceremony in 2014, honoring 20 inductees.

The founder and CEO of the organization, H.B. Deatherage and Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation member Gary Griesser were in town Tuesday to address members of the Maysville Rotary Club about the organization and its mission to honor Kentucky veterans.

Deatherage, a Vietnam veteran and northern Kentucky business owner, was instrumental in erecting a MIA/POW memorial in Boone County in 2011.

The foundation seeks to be recognized as a leading advocate for Kentucky veterans, military personnel, their families and survivors. Another goal of the organization is to foster a bond of friendship and camaraderie among foundation members, according to literature provided at Tuesday's meeting.

There are five other states that have similar halls of fame, Griesser said.

Recognizing veterans, both living and deceased through the KVHOFF has garnered the support of Kentucky legislators, along with Heather French Henry, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

Griesser said during his presentation the foundation is seeking: individuals to serve on committees; statewide recognition; funding benefactors; and nominations for this year's selection process.

"We're asking you to help us find them, to nominate them," said Griesser.

More information about the organization and nomination forms can be found at the foundation's website: [www.kyveterans.org](http://www.kyveterans.org). The nomination deadline is May 1, 2015.

The induction ceremony will be held Sept. 25 and 26 in Frankfort.

To volunteer, contact Deatherage at [hbdeatherage@aol.com](mailto:hbdeatherage@aol.com); donations are tax deductible and may be sent to Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 1446, Florence, KY 41042.