



NZDF RESERVIST OF THE YEAR: Nomination Form 2026

The New Zealand Defence Force Reservist of the Year recognises a Member of the NZDF in a given calendar year who most exemplifies the Defence Force values of Courage, Commitment, Comradeship, and Integrity in their Service as a Reservist.

The NZDF Reservist of the Year may be awarded to any member of the Reserve Forces regardless of Service, trade, branch, rank or Reserve status.

This nomination form has been created to ensure the Selection Panel considering nominations for the NZDF Reservist of the Year Award have sufficient detail and consistent information to select the overall winner.

This nomination form is the only accepted format for nominations. Nominations are to be:

- Typed, not handwritten, to remove any ambiguity when reading the answers.
- Written in a clear and concise manner. It is recommended that they include detailed information and examples of the nominee's performance.
- All sections are to be completed.
- Processed through the Reserve Force Unit / Sub-Unit Chain of Command with appropriate signatures, signature blocks and dates included before submission to reserves@nzdf.mil.nz NLT 17 Aug 26.

KEY CRITERIA

The Selection Panel will be looking for the individual that best exemplifies the complete set of NZDF values in their service as a Reservist, ahead of an outstanding example of one or more of the values. The panel may also determine whether qualities or contributions by an individual towards any current organisational priorities will also be a consideration in any given year.

Nomination for Reservist of the Year 2026 <i>Administration Form</i>	
1. Name of Nominee <i>(Surname, First Name)</i>	
Rank	
Service Number	
Unit	
Appointment	
Date of Enlistment	
Private address	
Email (personal)	
Work address	
Email (work)	
Cell Phone	
2. Nominated by <i>(Surname, First Name)</i>	
Rank	
Service number	
Unit	
Appointment	
Cell Phone Number	
Physical Address	
Email Work	
Email Private	
Email NZDF	
3. Please state how and/or where you heard about the call for nominations for the 2026 Tohu Awards	

Nomination for Reservist of the Year <i>Nomination Form</i>	
<p>Describe the nominee’s significant Reserve achievement(s) during the period 1 Jun 25 – 31 May 26.</p>	
<p>Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated <u>Courage / Tū Kaha</u> during the period 1 Jun 25 – 31 May 26.</p>	
<p>Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated <u>Commitment / Tū Tika</u> during the period 1 Jun 25 – 31 May 26.</p>	

<p>Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated <u>Comradeship / Tū Tira</u> during the period 1 Jun 25 – 31 May 26.</p>	
<p>Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated <u>Integrity / Tū Maia</u> during the period 1 Jun 25 – 31 May 26.</p>	
<p>Nominee’s Sub-Unit Command: (To provide an overview of the character and achievements of the nominee from an immediate supervisor perspective)</p>	<p><i>Name</i> <i>Rank</i> <i>Appointment</i> <i>Date</i></p>

<p>Nominee's Higher Command: (Formation / Base / Unit Commander to provide an endorsement of the Sub-Unit Commander's comments in relation to the nominee)</p>	<p><i>Name</i> <i>Rank</i> <i>Appointment</i> <i>Date</i></p>
<p>Provide examples of any civilian achievements that may support the nomination (For example, civilian employment, community engagement and involvement, volunteering, sports clubs and teams and other organisations)</p>	