

Silver Helmet[®] Award Descriptions

The National Honors and Awards Committee does not have the opportunity to review original nomination documents. They rely on photocopies. To make the copies as clear as possible, we request that your nomination and any additional documents be submitted on 8½ x 11 paper. If you are planning on submitting magazine or newspaper articles, please make sure that they are legible photocopies of the article(s) – originals are not required. And, if you are submitting photographs, please ensure that they are completely secured to an 8½ x 11 piece of paper.

<i>CIVIL SERVANT OF THE YEAR</i>	
❖ Purpose	Recognition of a career employee, at any level of government, for outstanding public service
❖ Nature	Silver Helmet [®] Award
❖ Frequency	As warranted
❖ Competition	Any career government employee, with a minimum of four years' service who has provided evidence of sincere interest in performing his or her duties; selection may be based on the nominee's accomplishments for a 1-year period, or over an entire civil service career
❖ Nomination Source	Any entity of AMVETS or the National Honors and Awards Committee
❖ Nomination Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Completed nomination form (enclosed) ❑ Detailed biographical information on nominee's personal and professional background ❑ Personal and employment data, including name, address, date/place of birth, name and location of employing agency/department, title and grade, date of entry into federal civil service ❑ Resume of accomplishments including civil service activities or organizations in which nominee has participated, and justification of nomination – 200 words or more; documentary proof may also be submitted
<i>REHABILITATION</i>	
❖ Purpose	Recognition of a person who has, within the past year, made exceptional contributions in the field of rehabilitation of disabled persons
❖ Nature	Silver Helmet [®] Award
❖ Frequency	Annual
❖ Competition	Unlimited
❖ Nomination Source	Any entity of AMVETS or the National Honors and Awards Committee
❖ Nomination Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Completed nomination form (enclosed) ❑ Detailed biographical information on nominee's personal and professional background ❑ Comprehensive review of nominee's achievements ❑ Summary, justifying nomination

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<i>DEFENSE</i>	
❖ Purpose	Recognition of a person who has made exceptional contributions to the defense of the United States and the Free World
❖ Nature	Silver Helmet [®] Award
❖ Frequency	As warranted
❖ Competition	Unlimited
❖ Nomination Source	Any entity of AMVETS or the National Honors and Awards Committee
❖ Nomination Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed nomination form (enclosed) <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed biographical information on nominee's personal and professional background <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive review of nominee's achievements <input type="checkbox"/> Summary, justifying nomination
<i>PEACE</i>	
❖ Purpose	Recognition of a person who has, within the past year, made exceptional contributions to the cause of world peace
❖ Nature	Silver Helmet [®] Award
❖ Frequency	As warranted
❖ Competition	Unlimited
❖ Nomination Source	Any entity of AMVETS or the National Honors and Awards Committee
❖ Nomination Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed nomination form (enclosed) <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed biographical information on nominee's personal and professional background <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive review of nominee's achievements <input type="checkbox"/> Summary, justifying nomination
<i>AMERICANISM</i>	
❖ Purpose	Recognition of an American who has made the most outstanding contributions to strengthen Americanism
❖ Nature	Silver Helmet [®] Award
❖ Frequency	Annual
❖ Competition	Any American citizen
❖ Nomination Source	Any entity of AMVETS or the National Honors and Awards Committee
❖ Nomination Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed nomination form (enclosed) <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed biographical information on nominee's personal and professional background <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive review of nominee's achievements <input type="checkbox"/> Summary, justifying nomination

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CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE	
❖ Purpose	Awarded as warranted in recognition of a member of Congress for exceptional service to the American people, principally veterans.
❖ Nature	Silver Helmet [®] Award
❖ Frequency	Annual
❖ Competition	Any member of Congress.
❖ Nomination Source	Any entity of AMVETS or the National Honors and Awards Committee
❖ Nomination Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed nomination form (enclosed) <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed biographical information on nominee's personal and professional background <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive review of nominee's achievements <input type="checkbox"/> Summary, justifying nomination
AMVET OF THE YEAR	
❖ Purpose	Recognition of the AMVET who has contributed most to the welfare of the organization nationwide
❖ Nature	Silver Helmet [®] Award
❖ Frequency	Annual
❖ Competition	Any member of AMVETS; the "AMVET of the Year" will be selected by an entity independent of the AMVETS organizational structure, as determined by the national commander and the national executive director
❖ Nomination Source	Any entity of AMVETS
❖ Nomination Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed nomination form (enclosed) <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed biographical information on nominee's personal and professional background <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive review of nominee's achievements <input type="checkbox"/> Summary, justifying nomination

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