

# **AMVETS Silver Helmet Winners:**

## **1948**

AMVET of Year: Ray Sawyer

## **1949**

AMVET of Year: Prentics G. Smith

## **1950**

AMVET of Year: Paul A. Kern

## **1951**

Peace: Paul Hoffman

AMVET of Year: Albert C. Geremia

## **1952**

Americanism: James H. Duff

Congressional: Olin E. Teague

Peace: John Foster Dulles

Rehabilitation: Arthur S. Abramson

AMVET of Year: Robert A. Burrell

## **1953**

Americanism: Bernard M. Baruch

Congressional: Edith Nourse Rogers

Peace: Elliott Newcomb

Rehabilitation: Henry J. Kessler

AMVET of Year: John M. Murphy

## **1954**

Americanism: Spyros P. Skouras

Peace: All U.S. Servicemen & Women

Peace: John E. Peurifoy

Rehabilitation: Howard Rusk

AMVET of Year: Edgar C. Corry

## **1955**

Americanism: G. Mennen Williams

Peace: Walter F. George

Rehabilitation: Karl A. Menninger

AMVET of Year: William E. Murphy

## **1956**

Americanism: John C. Brogen

Civil Servant: John Macy

Congressional: William H. Ayres  
Rehabilitation: Russell C. Williams  
AMVET of Year: William B. Whitman

### **1957**

Americanism: Phil Silvers  
Rehabilitation: Melvin J. Maas  
AMVET of Year: Martin D. Schwartz

### **1958**

Americanism: Harry S. Truman  
Congressional: Harry F. Byrd  
Peace: Dag Hammarskjold  
Rehabilitation: Mary Switzer  
AMVET of Year: Harold Berc

### **1959**

Americanism: Van Cliburn  
Americanism: Rafer L. Johnson  
Civil Servant: William C. Hull  
Congressional: Edwin Ross Adair  
Defense: Stuart Symington  
Peace: Dwight D. Eisenhower  
AMVET of Year: Herbert Bennett

### **1960**

Americanism: Herbert Hoover  
Congressional: H. Erwin Mitchell  
Defense: Lyndon B. Johnson  
Peace: Richard M. Nixon  
Rehabilitation: Douglas D. Toffelmier  
AMVET of Year: William Kipp

### **1961**

Americanism: LeRoy Collins  
Civil Servant: U.E. Baughman  
Defense: Leo A. Hoegh  
Peace: Henry Cabot Lodge  
Rehabilitation: Dwight D. Guilfoil  
Special Award: Robert "Bob" Hope

### **1962**

Americanism: J. Edgar Hoover  
Civil Servant: Homer E. Newell  
Congressional: Everett M. Dirksen  
Defense: Hyman G. Rickover

Peace: Eleanor Roosevelt  
Rehabilitation: William S. Middleton  
Special Award: Astronaut Team of Project Mercury  
AMVET of Year: Edward Gallagher

### **1963**

Americanism: George Meany  
Civil Servant: Hugh Bradley  
Congressional: Edmund S. Muskie  
Defense: Robert S. McNamara  
Peace: Lucius D. Clay  
Rehabilitation: Winifred Overholser  
Special Award: TELSTAR  
AMVET of Year: D. Arthur Connelly

### **1964**

Americanism: Carl Sanders  
Civil Servant: James P. McShane  
Congressional: Estes C. Kefauver  
Defense: Curtis E. LeMay  
Peace: John F. Kennedy  
Rehabilitation: Nicholas J. Oganovic  
Special Award: Edward A. McDermott  
AMVET of Year: Doris Bradley

### **1965**

Americanism: Charles Rhyne  
Congressional: Clement J. Zablocki  
Defense: Carl Vinson  
Peace: Adlai E. Stevenson  
Special Award: Oliver E. Meadows  
AMVET of Year: Ralph Hall

### **1966**

Americanism: Frances P. Bolton  
Civil Servant: L.J. Andolsek  
Congressional: Peter W. Rodino, Jr.  
Defense: Maxwell D. Taylor  
Peace: Ralph J. Bunche  
Special Award: Ralph W. Yarborough  
Special Award: Richard K. Mellon  
AMVET of Year: Anthony J. Caserta

### **1967**

Americanism: Kenneth D. Wells  
Congressional: John W. McCormack

Defense: U.S. Armed Forces  
Rehabilitation: William J. Driver  
Special Award: Martha Raye

### **1968**

Americanism: Walter Winchell  
Civil Servant: Reed Harris  
Congressional: Edward W. Brooke  
Defense: Lewis B. Hershey  
Peace: Arthur J. Goldgerg  
Rehabilitation: Richard Bush  
Special Award: George E. Arneman  
AMVET of Year: George B. Kennedy, Jr.  
Gold Helmet: Lyndon B. Johnson

### **1969**

Americanism: Richard Cardinal Cushing  
Civil Servant: Edward L. Omohundro  
Congressional: Wilbur D. Mills  
Defense: William C. Westmoreland  
Peace: W. Averell Harriman  
Rehabilitation: Henry Viscardi, Jr.  
Special Award: P.E. "Gene" Howard  
AMVET of Year: Berge Avadonian

### **1970**

Americanism: Richard "Red" Skelton  
Civil Servant: Robert Hampton  
Congressional: William Jennings Bryan Dorn  
Defense: Creighton W. Abrams  
Peace: Apollo Eleven Crew  
Rehabilitation: William P. McCahill  
Special Award: Theodore M. Hesburgh  
AMVET of Year: Joseph R. Sanson  
Gold Helmet: Richard M. Nixon

### **1971**

Americanism: Paul Powell  
Civil Servant: Irene Parson  
Congressional: Gerald R. Ford  
Defense: Melvin R. Laird  
Peace: Pope Paul VI  
Rehabilitation: Criss Cole  
Special Award: Dodge Division, Chrysler Corporation  
Special Award: United Service Organizations, Inc.  
Special Award: Danny Thomas

Special Award: Frank Blair  
AMVET of Year: Frank J. Scarane

### **1972**

Americanism: John Wayne  
Civil Servant: Gordon R. Elliott  
Congressional: Roman C. Pucinski  
Defense: F. Edward Hebert  
Peace: Henry Kissinger  
Rehabilitation: Albert P. Russo  
Special Award: Dominick L. Strada  
Special Award: Walter E. Washington  
AMVET of Year: Fred J. Tonnemacher

### **1973**

Americanism: Johnny Mann  
Civil Servant: Lames E. Johnson  
Congressional: John P. Saylor  
Defense: David Packard  
Peace: Joseph J. Sisco  
Rehabilitation: Harold Russell  
Special Award: Raymond Burr  
AMVET of Year: Joseph B. Porter

### **1974**

Americanism: Joe DiMaggio  
Civil Servant: Aladino A. Gavazzi  
Congressional: Margaret M. Heckler  
Defense: Henry M. Jackson  
Rehabilitation: Irving M. Levine  
Special Award: Peter J. Brennan  
AMVET of Year: Julius R. Pollatschek

### **1975**

Americanism: Elliot L. Richardson  
Civil Servant: Joseph P. Yeldell  
Congressional: Hugh D. Scott  
Defense: John P. Flynn  
Peace: Michael "Mike" J. Mansfield  
Rehabilitation: Richard L. Roudebush  
Special Award: Gordon Sinclair  
AMVET of Year: Robert Martin

### **1976**

Americanism: Richard J. Daley  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Corrine "Lindy" Boggs

Civil Servant: Jayne Baker Spain  
Congressional: Barry M. Goldwater  
Defense: Daniel J. "Chappie" James, Jr.  
Rehabilitation: John L. Quigley  
AMVET of Year: Catherine C. Moore

### **1977**

Americanism: Kathryn "Kate" E. Smith  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Mrs. Spencer Tracy  
Civil Servant: William J. Usery, Jr.  
Congressional: Strom Thurmond  
Rehabilitation: Odell W. Vaughn  
Special Award: Rick Monday  
Special Award: Ralph Nader  
AMVET of Year: William E. Brown, Sr.  
Gold Helmet: Gerald R. Ford

### **1978**

Americanism: Robert W. Miller  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Roy Rogers & Dale Evans  
Civil Servant: Dorothy L. Starbuck  
Congressional: Jack F. Kemp  
Rehabilitation: John D. Chase  
Special Award: Sig Sakowicz  
Special Award: Earl B. Wright  
AMVET of Year: John B. Engberg II

### **1979**

Americanism: Richard G. Bucksar  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Eunice Shriver  
Civil Servant: William F. Connors  
Congressional: Lucien N. Nedzi  
Rehabilitation: Jack J. Dack  
Special Award: Aloysius Schwartz  
Special Award: Lori Cox  
AMVET of Year: Herbert Hayes

### **1980**

Americanism: Hugh O'Brian  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Martha Roundtree  
Civil Servant: Dorothy S. Looney  
Congressional: Herbert Ray Roberts  
Rehabilitation: Rocky Bleier  
Special Award: Raymond J. Costanzo  
AMVET of Year: James L. Singer

**1981**

Auxiliary Humanitarian: Dorothy Fuldheim  
Civil Servant: Andrew V. Schally  
Congressional: Alan Cranston  
Peace: Pope John Paul II  
Rehabilitation: Dennis R. Wyant  
AMVET of Year: Earl B. Wright

**1982**

Americanism: Thomas A. Murphy  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Joy K. Ufima  
Congressional: Robert J. Dole  
Meritorious Achievement: Russell C. Barbor  
Rehabilitation: Jim Martinson  
Special Award: Frank Sinatra  
AMVET of Year: Edgar Williams  
Gold Helmet: Ronald Reagan

**1983**

Americanism: Harry Lee  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Danny Kaye  
Civil Servant: James C. Donahue  
Congressional: Howard H. Baker  
Rehabilitation: Johnny Thomas Clack  
Special Award: Ferdinand Marcos  
AMVET of Year: E. Cecil Keller

**1984**

Americanism: Dom and Carol DeLuise  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: John McCain  
Civil Servant: Donald M. Skinder  
Congressional: G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery  
AMVET of Year: Bill White

**1985**

Americanism: Lee A. Iacocca  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Bill Kurtis  
Civil Servant: Harry N. Walters  
Congressional: Alan K. Simpson  
Defense: Caspar Weinberger  
Rehabilitation: Raymond Coleman  
AMVET of Year: William "Bill" D. Hill

**1986**

Americanism: James H. Cohen  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Nancy D. Reagan

Civil Servant: Elizabeth Hanford Dole  
Congressional: John Paul Hammerschmidt  
Rehabilitation: Pete Wheeler  
Special Award: Robert T. Secrest  
Special Award: The McDonald's Corporation

### **1987**

Americanism: Ken Lipke  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Jack Klugman  
Civil Servant: Mack Fleming  
Congressional: Marvin Leath  
Peace: F. Branford Morse  
Rehabilitation: A. Malachi Mixon III  
Special Award: Sister Maria Veronica  
Special Award: the Special Olympics  
AMVET of Year: Manuel Toledo

### **1988**

Americanism: Lee Greenwood  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Margaret "Peggy" Say  
Civil Servant: Edward Rose  
Congressional: Edward P. Boland  
Meritorious Achievement: Sam Nunn  
Rehabilitation: Paul Stanley Sheriff  
Special Award: Frank Harden  
Special Award: Jackson Weaver  
AMVET of Year: James Jay

### **1989**

Americanism: Richard Michel  
Congressional: Gerald B. Solomon  
Peace: George Shultz  
Rehabilitation: Philip H. Viall  
Special Award: Jimmy Crum  
AMVET of Year: Raymond Hess

### **1990**

Americanism: Kevin Dobson  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Abigail Van Buren  
Civil Servant: Joan Giannini  
Meritorious Achievement: Francis R. Gerard  
Rehabilitation: James S. Brady  
AMVET of Year: Pete Valdez

### **1991**

Americanism: Arthur Kaplan



Auxiliary Humanitarian: Donald W. Benson  
Civil Servant: Thomas F. Higgins  
Congressional: Chalmers P. Wylie  
Defense: Colin L. Powell  
Rehabilitation: William A. Demby  
AMVET of Year: Daniel J. Caputo

### **1992**

Americanism: Gerald E. Radcliffe  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Barbara Bush  
Civil Servant: Thomas C. Doherty  
Congressional: W.G. "Bill" Hefner  
Defense: Norman Schwarzkopf  
Rehabilitation: Ted Leszkiewicz  
AMVET of Year: Joseph B. Gresham  
Gold Helmet: George Bush

### **1993**

Americanism: James Quillen  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Rosalyn Carter  
Civil Servant: Anthony Cinquanta  
Congressional: Michael Bilirakis  
Memorial: Silent Crew of the U.S.S. Arizona (Posthumous)  
Rehabilitation: Dante Spagnolo  
Special Award: Ralph E. Hall  
AMVET of Year: Thomas Barr

### **1994**

Americanism: Peter Coors  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Marlo Thomas  
Civil Servant: Henry David Hardt  
Congressional: Bob Stump  
Rehabilitation: Ken Smith  
Special Award: Paul C. Welsh  
AMVET of Year: Joseph T. Kolano

### **1995**

Americanism: Irv Kupcinet  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Kimberly C. Aiken  
Civil Servant: David L. Armstrong  
Congressional: Lane Evans  
Rehabilitation: Jesse Brown  
Special Award: Bernard Mullins  
Special Award: Joe Ramsey  
Special Award: Elizabeth Visser  
AMVET of Year: Russell F. Tarver, Sr.

## **1996**

Americanism: Jennifer Wilson  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Congressional: Jack Quinn  
Defense: Lawrence Sowinski  
Special Award: John D. Rockefeller, IV  
AMVET of Year: Albert E. Woodard

## **1997**

Americanism: Harold T. Berc  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Zachary & Elizabeth M. Fisher  
Civil Servant: Raymond G. Boland  
Special Award: Harris Rosen  
Special Award: Aaron Feuerstein  
AMVET of Year: Joseph Jastry

## **1998**

Americanism: Robert L. Wilbraham  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Thomas L. Harken  
Civil Servant: Richard A. Silver  
Congressional: Bod Graham  
Rehabilitation: Seagull Industries for the Disabled, Inc.  
Special Award: S. Sandy Satullo  
AMVET of Year: Charles Altig, Sr.

## **1999**

Americanism: Arthur H. Farr  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Dolly Parton  
Civil Servant: Hershel W. Gober  
Congressional: Dave Hobson  
Defense Award: William S. Cohen  
Rehabilitation: Max Cleland  
AMVET of Year: Winston McGinnis

## **2000**

Americanism: Lincoln S. Tamraz  
Civil Servant: Robert L. Jones  
Congressional: Sam Johnson  
Rehabilitation: Bill McCown  
AMVET of Year: Joseph L. Kee, Jr.

## **2001**

Americanism: A. Leo Anderson  
Civil Servant: Rich Chrismer  
Rehabilitation: Garland DeLamar

Special Award: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.  
AMVET of Year: Donald M. Hearon

## **2002**

Americanism: Theresa M. Petrone  
Civil Servant: Rudolph W. Giuliani  
Congressional: Christopher H. Smith  
Defense: Richard I. Neal  
Rehabilitation: James T. Mansfield  
AMVET of Year: John A. Wolf

## **2003**

Americanism: Judy Barr Topinka  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Bart Starr  
Civil Servant: Jay R. Vargas  
Special Award: Patrick Scott Lynch  
Special Award: Marcena Jean Cain  
Rehabilitation: Stephen L. Henry  
AMVET of Year: Jerome A. Fjeld  
Gold Helmet: George W. Bush

## **2004**

Americanism: Cloyde C. Pinson, Sr.  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: John L. Cassidy  
Civil Servant: Merle J. Pratt  
Rehabilitation: Margaret M. Baumann, M.D.  
Special Award: Rena Tarbet  
AMVET of Year: Jimmy T. Smith, PNC

## **2005**

Americanism: Wayne Newton  
Civil Servant: Jim W. Delgado  
Congressional: Thomas M. Reynolds  
Special Award: Jesse C. White  
AMVET of Year: Lyle Usgaard

## **2006**

Americanism: McCormick Tribune Foundation  
Congressional: Bob Filner  
Rehabilitation: Sister Mary Johnice Rzadkiewicz  
Special Award: McCormick Tribune Foundation  
AMVET of Year: Leo P. Morgan

## **2007**

Americanism: Charlie Daniels

Congressional: Michael Michaud  
Rehabilitation: Michael Sapp

## **2008**

Americanism: Morrill Worcester  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Shauna Fleming  
Congressional: Patty Murray  
Rehabilitation: John Lynch  
Special Award: John Kopchick  
Special Award: Jerry (Reed) Hubbard  
AMVET of Year: Anthony Altieri

## **2009**

Americanism: Cathy Hargrave  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Patty Petty  
Civil Servant: Tammy Duckworth  
Congressional: Chet Edwards  
Rehabilitation: Daniel Devine  
AMVET of Year: E.J. Knapik

## **2010**

Americanism: Gloucester Township Elementary School (accepted by Joseph W. Gentile)  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Mike White  
Civil Servant: William D. Montague  
Congressional: Tim Walz  
Rehabilitation: Joseph Mornini  
Sons National Aid/Support: John Lorec  
Sons National Aid/Support: Joe Piening  
AMVET of Year: Glen Mauer

## **2011**

Americanism: Phil Taylor  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Jimmy "Squirrel" Langston  
Congressional: David (Phil) Roe  
Rehabilitation: Edward R. Boyer  
Special Award: William J. Haiman  
AMVET of Year: Donald Dearing

## **2012**

Auxiliary Humanitarian: Peter Trovato  
Civil Servant: Judge Robert P. Milich  
Congressional: John P. Kline  
Sons National Aid/Support: Tim Tuttle  
AMVET of the Year: Alfred A. Meadows

**2013**

Americanism: Fred Vineyard  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Donald Driver  
Congressional: Randy Forbes  
Rehabilitation: John Fales, Jr.  
Sons National Aid/Support: Gi Garza  
Sons National Aid/Support: John Sisler  
AMVET of Year: Philip Spanola

**2014**

Americanism: Robert Woods  
Civil Servant: Laura Balin  
Congressional: Gus Bilirakis  
Rehabilitation: Leslie Lightfoot  
Sons National Aid & Support: John Dowd  
AMVET of Year: Sam Riti

**2015**

Americanism: Michael Inman  
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Lobe & Sue Williams  
Civil Servant: Patrick Hallinan  
Congressional: Derek Kilmer  
Rehabilitation: Robert Russell  
Sons National Aid & Support: Fertie Brand  
AMVET of Year: Jim Donahue