

Program Department National Awards Program

What has your post and department accomplished this past year that deserves recognition?

We see your reports and photos; we know you spend hours every week serving your communities through AMVETS' programs. Now is your chance to be recognized for your efforts!

This year, the process has been completely revamped. Instead of submitting scrap books and articles showcasing what you've done, we would like you to fill out an online application that will streamline the process and make it easier for you to be recognized for your service.

To apply for any of the awards listed below, please click on this link to go to the application:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5NZ8H2>

The application process should only take 15 to 20 minutes. We appreciate any insight and detail that you can provide. If you would like to apply for more than one award, please submit different applications for each award.

For example, if you are submitting your post or department for three awards, then you will have to fill out the application three times.

The applications will close July 1, 2017. Awards will be presented at the AMVETS National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the National Programs Team at a smullen@amvets.org or call 301-683-4031 for more information.

Examples of the types of activities for each of the five different Award Categories

(Not all-inclusive)

Americanism Post \$1,000 / Dept. \$1,500

- ❑ Conducting the Americanism Essay & Poster contests in schools throughout your community and/or through churches, scout organizations or any youth group
- ❑ Participating in patriotic parades such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day
- ❑ Conducting/hosting special ceremonies on Armed Forces Day and other significant military dates/observances
- ❑ Conduct Flag Retirement ceremonies
- ❑ Military Funeral Honor Guards

ROTC Dept. \$1,500

- ❑ Secure funds for the AMVETS JROTC & ROTC Medal program at all schools offering these programs in your area and arrange for presentations and publicity

AADAA Post (3 @ \$500)

- ❑ Conduct the AADAA poster art, poem or story contest in schools throughout your community and/or through churches, scout organizations or any youth group
- ❑ Using existing community resources facilitate the establishment of drug and alcohol awareness centers
- ❑ Provide AMVETS facilities for community organizations conducting drug and alcohol programs

Dept. “Paul Welsh Award” Community Service  **Post “Gomulinski Award”**
\$1,500 (Other than activities/events represented in the above categories.) **\$1,000**

- ❑ Seek out local opportunities to support and assist the families of our active duty, reserve and guard components
- ❑ Conduct regular blood drives on behalf of your local Red Cross chapters
- ❑ Conduct or assist in staffing Stand Downs for Homeless Veterans
- ❑ Conduct Safe Driving programs for local youth
- ❑ Conduct Care Bear programs with local police agencies
- ❑ Conduct holiday parties for needy or sick children in your community
- ❑ Conduct clothing and food drives for local shelters
- ❑ Charter and support local Boy & Girl Scout units
- ❑ Collect for the Marine’s Toys for Tots program
- ❑ Support Meals on Wheels programs
- ❑ White Clover Sales
- ❑ Other fund raisers for local and/or national charities

Department National Second Vice Commander Award \$1000

Awarded to: Best Department

Plaque and \$1,000 Cash

- Purpose: To annually recognize a Department that has mentored and assisted their Posts in executing and reporting core AMVETS programs that serve America's veterans and this nation's citizens.
- Requirements & Criteria for being considered:

Must achieve the following three requirements to be considered:

- Department 2ndVC must have a personal email account and an AMVETS Programs Reporting System log-in.
- Department must achieve 100% Posts reporting their programs for the immediate two six-month reporting periods prior to the Annual Convention. (Jul-Dec) & (Jan-Jun)
- Department must surpass their respective total Program \$dollar value achieved the preceding twelve months. (Two six-month reporting periods that preceded the immediate two being evaluated.)

Additionally, point values will be earned for the following.

- Department must establish a Programs Committee that will be chaired by the Dept. 2ndVC. (Committee objectives must incorporate the items shown on the committee description, included on the reverse side.) Maximum point spread for this requirement would be 1-15, determined by how close your committee incorporates all of the objectives outlined.
- For each National Program reported at least once, by your posts, in either of the two six-month reporting periods, five points will be earned.
 - National Programs as defined in the AMVETS National Programs Reporting system. (National Website)