



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 and veterans through AMVETS' programs.

Now is your chance to be recognized for your efforts!

Showcase what you have done with our easy online application!

To apply for any of the awards listed below click on this link to go to the application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBW3RNZ>.

The application process should only take 15 to 20 minutes. We appreciate any insight and detail that you can provide for the award you are applying. You can apply for as many awards as you desire. However, in order to apply for different awards, you must submit an application for each award you want to be considered for.

For example, if you are submitting your post or department for three (3) awards, then you will fill out three (3) applications.

*The application process will **close July 1, 2018**.*

Awards will be presented at the
AMVETS National Convention in Orlando, Florida in August.

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

THE FIVE DIFFERENT AWARD CATEGORIES

with examples of the types of activities for each.

(Not all-inclusive)

Americanism - Post \$1,000 / Department \$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, etc.
- ❑ Conducting/hosting special ceremonies on Armed Forces Day and other significant military dates/observances.
- ❑ Conduct Flag Retirement ceremonies.
- ❑ Military Funeral Honor Guards.

ROTC - Department \$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 (three (3) awards at \$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 to facilitate the establishment of drug and alcohol awareness centers.
- ❑ Provide AMVETS facilities for community organizations conducting drug and alcohol programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dept. Paul Welsh Award \$1,500 and Post Gomulinski Award \$1,000

(Other than activities/events represented in the above categories.)

- ❑ 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

National Second Vice Commander Award Department \$1000

- 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 its citizens.

Must achieve the following three (3) requirements to be considered:

- Department 2nd Vice Commander must have a personal email account and an AVMETs Programs System log-in.
- Department must achieve 100% Posts reporting of their programs for the two (2) six-month reporting periods prior to the Annual Convention (Jul-Dec) and (Jan-Jun).
- Department must surpass their respective total Program dollar value achieved the preceding 12 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 Department 2nd Vice Commander. (Committee objectives must incorporate the items shown on the committee description, included on the reverse side.) point spread for this requirement would be 1-15, determined by how closely your committee incorporates all of the outlined criteria.
- For each National Program (As defined in the AMVETS National Programs Reporting System's categories.) reported at least once, by your posts, in either of the two six-month reporting periods, five (5) points will be earned.