

**AMVETS SILVER HELMET  
&  
AMVET OF THE YEAR AWARD**



**Instructions & Application**

**Introduction:** The Silver Helmet is presented annually, at the spring National Executive Committee meeting's awards banquet, to anyone who has made significant contributions in one of the following fields:

- Americanism
- Congressional Service
- Civil Service
- Peace
- Defense
- Rehabilitation
- Special
- AMVET of the Year

All nominations begin at AMVETS posts and upon completion, should be submitted to the National Legislative Associate by either email ([thimes@amvets.org](mailto:thimes@amvets.org)) or mail: AMVETS National HQ, Attn: Thomas Himes, 4647 Lanham Blvd, Lanham, MD 20706. *For questions, please call: (301) 683-4016.*

All properly completed Silver Helmet nominations will be prepared and submitted to the Honors & Awards Committee for their deliberation at the annual convention. The H&A committee will review the nominations, select the winners and announce them to the convention delegates.

By vote, the convention delegates ratify the H&A committee's recommendations.

**Note: The number of and categories awarded each year are at the discretion of the H&A committee. Not every category is awarded every year even if there are qualified nominee(s) in the category.**

The AMVET of the Year award, the highest honor a member can receive, is also presented annually at the awards banquet/gala during the spring National Executive Committee week. The AMVET of the Year selection is made in July by a committee composed of individuals from outside of AMVETS. The AMVET of the Year selectee is then ratified by the H&A Committee during their deliberations at national convention.

**Deadline:** Submissions must be received by Friday, July 19, 2019, so that all packages may be prepared for the Honors & Awards Committee. *Incomplete/incorrect or unreadable nominations will not be considered.* After this deadline, on rare exception and with advance notice, Honors & Awards committee members may "hand-carry" properly prepared nominations to the convention.

**Documentation:** All nominations must include page 1–2.

AMVET of the Year nominations must also include the addendum page.

**Note: AMVET of the Year nominations require both the Post & Department Commander's signature on the Addendum page.**

The fillable forms and/or attachment(s) must be neatly printed or typed and all additional documentation must be on 8 ½" x 11" paper.

# SILVER HELMET NOMINATION FORM – PAGE 1

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Point of Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Nominees must be able to attend to receive their award. This information must be verifiable.**

**Nominated by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nomination Made in the Following Category:** Select **ONLY** one (1) category.  
Those with more than one category marked will not be considered.

- Americanism       Civil Servant       Defense       Rehabilitation       Congressional  
Service       Peace       Special       AMVET of the Year

Comments: Use this block and/or label and attach additional page

## Silver Helmet Nomination Form – Page 2

**Please include the following information in all nominations:**

- **Summary Narrative of Nomination** (Include nominee's distinction and merit for this award)
- **Major Activities and Justification of Nominee** (Include occupational background and substantiating materials such as letters, newspaper articles, photographs. May submit up to 2 letters of recommendation)

**Honors** (Awards, Special Achievements) and **Military History – if applicable** (Branch of Service, Dates of Service, Decorations)

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# SILVER HELMET NOMINATION – AMVET OF THE YEAR

## THIS ADDENDUM IS ONLY FOR AMVET OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Nominee is a member of Post \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee joined AMVETS (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  Annual Member  Life Member

Department Offices Held (give dates)

\_\_\_\_\_

National Offices Held (give dates)

\_\_\_\_\_

AMVETS Awards received (give dates)

\_\_\_\_\_

Post # \_\_\_\_\_ has been notified of the nomination for the award of *AMVET of the Year* as indicated herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Post Commander)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

The Department of \_\_\_\_\_ has been notified of the nomination for the award of *AMVET of the Year* as indicated herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Department Commander)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

**NOTE: Signatures of BOTH Post and Department Commanders are required for *AMVET of the Year* nominations.**