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 Avadanian

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
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Heather French Henry
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 Dearinger

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

2016
Americanism: Gary Maddock
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Lynda Carter
Civil Servant: John Scocos
Congressional Service: Jeff Miller
Defense: Montel Williams
Rehabilitation: Heather French Henry
Sons National Aid & Support: Edward Veator
Special Award: Clint Eastwood
AMVET of Year: Beryl Love

2017
Americanism: Linda “Toddy” Puller
Congressional: Johnny Isakson
Rehabilitation: Dr. Kenneth Lee
AMVETS of Year: Charles Kissel

2018
Civil Servant: Daniel Akaka
Civil Servant: Fernando Rivera
Rehabilitation: Dr. Murray Altose
AMVETS Riders Guardian Award: Dr. Megan McCarthy
Sons National Aid & Support: James A. Grizzle
AMVETS of Year: Gerald “Jerry” Hotop

2019
Americanism: Hershel “Woody” Williams
Auxiliary Humanitarian: Sather Gowdy
Congressional: Devan Nunes
Rehabilitation: Thomas Donwen
Sons National Aid & Support: Joe Doeble
Special Award: Sandra “Chris” Noel
AMVET of Year: Frank Russo