

## SUGGESTED COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Almost anything that the Post and/or their subsidiary members do to assist in the betterment of the Community, or aid the residents of the Community may be considered Community Service. Here are a few suggestions:

***AMVETS Americanism Program***

***Blood Donor Program***

***R.O.T.C. Awards Program***

***Vial of Life Program***

***Assist in PTA Programs***

***Help on local Fund drives***

***Sponsor parties for senior citizens***

***Sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout Units***

***Campaign for public display of the Flag***

***Assist in city or village government***

***Furnish Americanism literature to schools***

***Sponsor programs in recognition of all patriotic days***

***Sponsor parties for local children's home.***

***Presentation of Flags to schools, churches, etc.***

***Memorial Day Program and Parade - Decorate Veterans Graves***

***Sponsor school essays and Americanism poster contests***

***Provide hospital equipment free of charge for residents of the Community***

***Speak up for Democracy***

***Armed Forces Day Program***

***White Clover Day***

***Hospital Visitations***

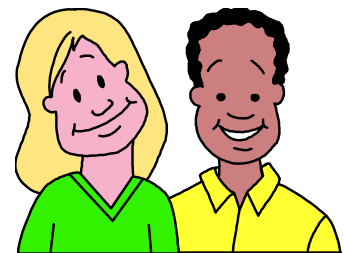
***Assist in Civil Disaster Work***

***Burn Prevention***

***Special Olympics Programs***

***Sponsor Teenage dances - Jr. AMVETS - Teen Baseball - Junior Bowling or any other type of Youth activity or Program***

***Get-Out-The-Vote-Program - Including transportation of voters, care of children, providing polling facilities, volunteer as an election worker.***



# SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, AMVETS Department of Ohio in conjunction with support from Districts and Posts, sponsor programs for enjoyment and friendly competition. Here are just a few:

**Pool Tournament** – February (*2<sup>nd</sup> full weekend*)

**Bowling Tournament** – March (*entire month as needed*)

**Walleye Tournament** – July (*2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend*)

**State Camp Out** – August (*after National Convention*)

**Cornhole Tournament** – August (*after National Convention*) or September

**Horseshoe Tournament** – September (*3<sup>rd</sup> weekend*) or with Camp Out

**Golf Tournament** – August or September (*not second weekend*)

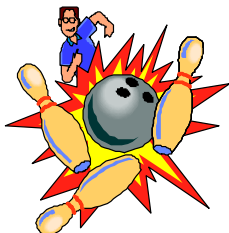
**Turkey Shoot** – October / November (*not to conflict with Fall Conference*)

***If your Post is interested in sponsoring an event, please read the information below:***

## PROGRAM BID FORM and REPORT

The Bid form on the following page shall be utilized for all the State Programs that move from Post to Post here in the State of Ohio. This form is to be filled out completely and forwarded to the Department Headquarters. Completed bid forms shall be submitted to the Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander. Bids for programs shall be submitted two years prior to the event and be received at Department Headquarters no less than 10 calendar days prior to the beginning of the event at which it shall be considered. Selection of all program sites will be made two years in advance at each event and ratified at the next State meeting. Lacking bids two years in advance, selections will be made at the earliest State meeting where a bid or bids, is or are available.

A report on the Program must be submitted to Department Headquarters within 30 days after the program completion.





# AMVETS STATE PROGRAM BID FORM

RETURN FORM TO:  
AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO  
1395 E. DUBLIN GRANVILLE RD. #222, COLUMBUS, OH 43229

Post # \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM INFORMATION (select one)

- |   |   |                                      |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Tournament    | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling Tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe Tournament |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Tournament | <input type="checkbox"/> Cornhole Tournament  |                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp-Out           | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Shoot         |                                      |

Proposed DATE of program: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of program (city): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Venue (if other than Post): \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT PERSON/EVENT CHAIRPERSON:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name ( ) Phone

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

## HOTEL INFORMATION:

Please list the hotel(s), phone numbers, and room rates negotiated for this Program:

HOTEL	ROOM RATE	PHONE NUMBER
_____	\$ _____	( ) _____
_____	\$ _____	( ) _____
_____	\$ _____	( ) _____

Please indicate the date of the Post Meeting in which this bid was approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Post Commander Print Name of Post Adjutant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Post Commander Signature of Post Adjutant Date

## OFFICE USE ONLY

BID ACTION: Approved  Rejected  Returned  Other

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

1395 EAST DUBLIN GRANVILLE ROAD #222 – COLUMBUS, OHIO 43229

## STATE PROGRAMS REPORT

**TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS \_\_\_\_\_

POST NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY FEE \_\_\_\_\_

Use figures from itemized list

**WINNERS LIST (IF MORE SPACE IS REQUIRED, ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>POST #</b>	<b>PRIZE</b>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

**Comments or suggestions:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INFORMATION:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Daytime Phone (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*This form must be filled out completely and submitted within THIRTY (30) days after each Program to:*

***AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, 1395 East Dublin Granville Road #222, Columbus, Ohio 43229***



## HONORS AND AWARDS

Each of the following award categories should be brought to the attention of your members and an effort should be made to participate in all that your Post is eligible. Now is the time to begin compiling your information and working toward the goal of achieving one or more of the awards. Each Post should submit their ***Programs Awards Entry Form*** to their ***District Commander by May 15***. District winners are to be submitted to Department Headquarters and must be received by ***JUNE 1***.

Posts no longer enter the competition directly. However, they can make their desire to compete known to their District Commander by attaching a one page (maximum) per award entry narrative along with any supporting information they wish to include with their Awards Nomination forms.

- Nominations are due at the District from Posts no later than May 15.
- Copies of *Programs Awards Entry Forms*, attached narratives, and supporting information will be mailed to District Commanders by the deadline. (May15)
- District Commanders and whoever they choose to assist them in judging will evaluate ALL nominees from your District for each of the awards and select a District Winner for each award.
- District Commanders attach the completed District Winner certification form to their selection's form narrative, and supporting information, if provided, and RETURN it to Department Headquarters to arrive no later than June 1.

If each District Commander complies with the above procedures, the Honors and awards committee will each have nine (9) nominations to judge. The Honors and awards committee will be able to use their discretion in the selection process.

Although each District is encouraged to nominate, the All State Post Commander and the All State District Commander, they will continue to be judged by the State Vice Commanders.

### **JOHN L. SMITH AWARD - Outstanding AMVET of the Year**

1. Each Post may submit the name of a member in their Post who has been outstanding in his "efforts in preserving the ideals and principles of the American way of life, in the Community, State and Nation."
2. All candidates' achievements must be limited to the activities in the year immediately preceding the granting of this award.
3. No individual's name will be considered as a potential award winner on the basis of a personal recommendation.

### **RAYMOND L. HESS AWARD - Hospital Service**

Presented each year at the State convention to the Post compiling the most points in hospital service based on the following system:

1. These must be special programs, not just a visitation. Post must participate. Post participation in District program is subject to verification by District Commander.
2. Each Post competing for this award must submit a narrative detailing their programs, number of members and Auxiliary members participating and amount of money spent, along with their award nomination form. Period of time for this award is from May 1 of previous year to April 30 of current year.

## **WILLIAM R. NELSON AWARD - Post Americanism**

1. Post must have an Americanism Chairman. Chairman's name must be received by Department Headquarters no later than November 1. New Posts must appoint their Americanism Chairman and name must be received by Department Headquarters within 30 days after the Charter is granted.
2. Each Post will be judged by the Awards Committee for participating in the following: Presenting Colors at State Mid-Winter Conference and State Convention..."Get Out the Vote" program...participating in Memorial Day or any other patriotic day program...Americanism Awards presented to school or students...Patriotic speeches given by a Post member to schools, veterans' organizations or any other civic group...promoting AMVETS Americanism Program in local schools...presentation of U.S. Flags to any organization or person...any other Americanism programs in which you participate.
3. When submitting application for this award, include photos, newspaper clippings and all other information that will be helpful to the Committee.

## **RALPH FISHER AWARD - Post Community Service**

1. Post must have fifty (50) members or more, according to membership records on file at Department Headquarters, to be eligible for this award.
2. All Post achievements must be limited to the activities in the year immediately preceding the granting of this award.
3. Posts will be judged by the District and District winners to be judge by the Honors and Awards Committee on: Programs service to the Community, State, Nation and the AMVETS organization.
4. Each Post will send supporting information, such as pictures, newspaper clippings and other information that will be helpful to the judge when submitting its application.

## **PAUL E. KIMES AWARD - Individual Community Service**

1. All AMVET members are eligible for this award.
2. All achievements must be limited to activities in the year immediately preceding the entry.
3. Each individual will be judged on programs service to the Community, State, Nation and the AMVET organization.
4. When submitting narrative for this award, include supporting information, such as photos, newspaper clippings and all other information that will be helpful to the judges.

## **ROBERT L. WILBRAHAM AWARD - Public Relations (Post and District)**

A trophy will be presented annually at the State Convention to a Post PRO and a District PRO who conducts the best Public Relations program. The name of the Post PRO and the District PRO must be received by Department Headquarters no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>.

1. All Post and District PRO's are eligible for this award.
2. Public Relations activities are limited to the year immediately preceding the entry.
3. Each PRO will be judged on Public Relations initiatives and published articles.
4. When submitting application for this award, include supporting information, such as News Releases, published articles, photos and other information that will be helpful in selecting a winner.

## **LOWELL HARSHBARGER AWARD - Post Color Guard Achievement**

An award will be presented to the Post Color Guard who participates in the following programs: Parades, Flag presentations, dedications, Memorial Services, Community Programs or any other requested programs. Entries for this trophy are to be substantiated by newspaper clippings, pictures and any other information that would be helpful to the Committee along with the award nomination form.

## **DAVID WORKMAN AWARD - Color Guard Competition**

A competition of Color Guard units that is held each year at the Annual Convention in June. The Color Guard unit that is determined the winner, is named the AMVETS Department of Ohio Color Guard for the ensuing year. In addition to the official posting of Colors at each Executive Committee Meeting and at special Banquets, the Department Color Guard may be called upon to represent the AMVETS Department of Ohio at functions around the State throughout the year. For details, contact the Color Guard Competition Committee.

## **JOSEPH R. KORALEWSKI AWARD - Post Special Olympics**

The Post should attempt to sponsor Special Olympics events in their communities by contacting area Special Olympics. By sponsoring these programs, the Post is eligible for the Post Special Olympics Award. Pictures of the event, the size of the event, the number of participants, the scope of the event, and the frequency of Special Olympics events put on by the Post will help determine the recipient.

## **WILLIAM A. BOETTCHER AWARD - County Veterans Service Officer**

This is awarded annually to a County Veterans Service Officer who had done an outstanding job and has networked with veterans organizations. The nomination is submitted in narrative form, and the person being nominated **must be a veteran**, and **should be an AMVET member**. The recipient is announced at the State Convention, but the award is presented among peers at the next County Veterans Service Officers' meeting following the State Convention.

## **POST VAVS and DISTRICT VAVS AWARD**

An award will be presented each year at the State Convention to the Post and District who volunteers their time the most in following areas:

1. The program must be in the area of Hospital Service, volunteering at Veterans' Homes/Nursing Homes, Community Service, or any Program pertaining to Veterans Administration Voluntary Services (VAVS).
2. These must be special programs, not just a visitation. Post or District must participate. Must be an AMVETS program (no subsidiaries). Post participation in District program is subject to verification by District Commander.
3. Each Post competing for this award must submit a detailed narrative on their programs, number of members participating and amount of money spent, along with their award nomination form. Period of time for this award is from May 1 of previous year to April 30 of current year.

## **WHITE CLOVERS**

A White Clover sale involves organization and work. Neither is anything to be afraid of; neither is an excuse for inaction. Whether it be for charity, hospital visitation or community service, every member of AMVETS should be proud to stand on a street corner or ring doorbells to sell White Clovers - not only because unselfish service to others is the highest form of distinction, but also because unselfish service takes its most admired form when we walk with the crowd in the road.

Therefore, remind those members of our Posts who are reluctant to devote the time or who fear being embarrassed because they engage in the somewhat humble act of selling White Clovers, that everyone in a community admires the man or woman who will undertake an activity worthy of the best in human nature.

Community service is so deeply rooted in the whole reason for AMVETS that the greatest concern of a Post Commander should be the fear that he might leave undone those things that ought to be done. A full fledged White Clover sale program, proudly conducted annually and with every available ounce of individual effort expended by all members of the Post, is one of the things AMVETS do best.

### **CONDUCTING THE WHITE CLOVER PROGRAM**

A trophy will be awarded each year at the State Convention to the Post who collected the most money in their White Clover Drive in the previous year. A winner will be selected based on the Post's report to Department Headquarters. The report must include total dollars collected, along with their payment of 10% of sale, as is required. Almost as much work is required for an AMVET member to collect a quarter from a fellow citizen for a White Clover, as is required for an AMVET member to put that quarter to work in a program that benefits the community in which they both live.

But we believe this effort is worthwhile, so that our fellow citizens can willingly contribute in small measure for AMVETS to undertake organized activities for the common good in large measure. White Clovers should be ordered six (6) weeks prior to your scheduled sale from AMVETS Department Headquarters.

### **POST AND DISTRICT APPRECIATION AWARDS**

These certificates can be obtained from AMVETS State Headquarters for as many of your members that you deem are deserving of special recognition. It is only necessary to submit the names of the persons to the Post and/or District program committee chairman. **NOTE:** You may also want to check to see what certificates AMVETS National Headquarters have available.

### **BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM**

Every year nearly eight million pints of blood are needed to treat the sick and injured. The only way to obtain this blood is through successful blood collection efforts. AMVETS Posts can insure blood supplies for post members, their families and community residents by establishing local blood banks. Blood donor pins are available through AMVETS National Headquarters. Each recipient will receive a permanent award in recognition of this accomplishment.

### **CARILLON**

The Ohio Department of AMVETS with the support of their members, the Auxiliary, Jr. AMVETS and Sad Sacks installed a Carillon at the Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky, and it was dedicated on June 4, 1978. This is a project in which each of us can be justly proud and one that will be enjoyed by the residents of the Home and those that care to visit. We plan to maintain this installation so that it may be enjoyed by future generations. With plans by the Veterans Administration well underway for a National Cemetery in Northern Ohio near Cleveland, Ohio AMVETS should be prepared to place a carillon on the grounds of the new cemetery at its dedication. Contributions to the maintenance fund should be made payable to AMVETS Carillon Fund and forwarded to State Headquarters.

# AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

## PROGRAMS AWARDS ENTRY FORM

TO: AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO  
1395 E. DUBLIN GRANVILLE ROAD #222  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43229

*Dear Honors and Awards Committee:*

*Enclosed you will find material to support our entry for the award(s) in the program(s) as indicated below (please indicate by checking (✓) the appropriate box):*

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> JOHN L. SMITH (AMVET of the Year)            | <input type="checkbox"/> LOWELL HARSHBARGER (Post Color Guard)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RAYMOND L. HESS (Hospital Service)           | <input type="checkbox"/> JOSEPH R. KORALEWSKI (Special Olympics) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM R. NELSON (Post Americanism)         | <input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM A. BOETTCHER (CVSO)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RALPH FISHER (Post Community Service)        | <input type="checkbox"/> POST VAVS                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PAUL E. KIMES (Individual Community Service) | <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT VAVS                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ROBERT WILBRAHAM (Public Relations)          | <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE CLOVER                            |

### INDIVIDUAL SCRAPBOOKS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH AWARD

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PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR SUPPORTING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO HAVE YOUR NOMINEES  
PROPERLY JUDGED FOR THE AWARDS

**Award submission for:** Post# \_\_\_\_\_ or District# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This entry certified by:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Post/District Commander

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Post/District Adjutant

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Post/District Commander*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Post/District Adjutant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Post #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**"Let me win,  
but if I cannot win,  
let me be brave in the  
attempt"  
- Special Olympics Oath**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to increasing physical fitness opportunities for mentally handicapped children and adults through sports training and athletic competitions. Through Special Olympics programs, mentally handicapped individuals acquire a more positive self-image, which is carried over to their participation in community life.



AMVETS participates with the Special Olympics a "grassroots" level bowling training and bowling competition program for the mentally handicapped. Bowling is an excellent exercise and bowling facilities are accessible throughout the year in most communities. Start your Special Olympics program now. The State Chairman will be more than happy to assist you in your endeavors.

*Your Special Olympics Committee has put together a handbook on promoting and starting a Special Olympics program at your post. Contact the Department Headquarters for a copy and start your program today.*



National Headquarters  
 4647 Forbes Blvd.  
 Lanham, MD 20706-4380  
 (301) 459-9600

# AMVETS Blood Donor Program



- When individuals donate blood, they give a precious gift, the “Gift of Life” which is needed to treat the injured or sick in your area. An adequate supply of blood is always in need and our members can help meet the demand with a regularly scheduled Blood Donor Program. Contact your local Red Cross, hospital or Blood Service Center to establish or renew your program.
- In appreciation and in recognition of AMVET members who regularly and unselfishly give blood, you can award an AMVET Blood Donor Pin. Simply complete the information requested below and forward it to our attention. In turn, we will provide you with an AMVETS Blood Donor Pin and a National Blood Donor Certificate to present at an appropriate ceremony.
- The AMVETS Blood Donor Pin is a small, red plastic droplet with an inset of the AMVETS logo. This pin signifies that a member has donated one gallon (8 pints) or more to an AMVETS sponsored program. Any recipient would be proud to add this pin to their collection.

Return To: National Programs Director  
 AMVETS National Headquarters  
 4647 Forbes Blvd.  
 Lanham, MD 20706-4380

The AMVETS Member listed below has donated one gallon (8 pints) of blood (or more) in an AMVETS sponsored program. Please forward the Donor’s Pin and Certificate to me for presentation.

Name of Blood Donor \_\_\_\_\_

AMVETS Post Number \_\_\_\_\_ Units of Blood Donated \_\_\_\_\_

Send Pin To \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Commander’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Department of Ohio All State Awards



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### All State Post Commander Award

If your Post Commander has done an outstanding job representing your Post, and your Post would like to acknowledge him for his efforts, then submit him for the ALL STATE POST COMMANDER'S AWARD.

**All-State Post Commanders Team.** Five (5) Outstanding Post Commanders will be selected for the Department All-State Post Commanders Team. To be eligible, the Post must have reached 100% or more of their previous year's membership. Award will be based upon participation in our White Clover and Americanism programs, Community Service projects, and participation in Veterans Day, Memorial Day and Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies.

Of the five selected Post Commanders, the most OUTSTANDING Commander will be chosen as the **Captain of the All State Post Commanders Team.**

*The Captain will be awarded the following:*

1. An Official All-State Post Commander Cap.
2. \$250 in cash to attend the Department Convention (must be present to collect)
3. Plaque in recognition of being the All State Post Commander Captain.

*The four remaining team members will be awarded the following:*

1. An Official All-State Post Commander Cap.
2. \$100 in cash to attend the Department Convention (must be present to collect)
3. Citation in recognition of being a member of the All State Team.

### All State District Commander Award

Likewise, if your District Commander has given you a lot of assistance throughout the year and has gone over and above to make your District an outstanding AMVET District, recognize his efforts by nominating him as the STATE DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR.

**District Commander of the Year** - The District Commander with the most outstanding record will be selected as the Outstanding District Commander of the Year. The selection will be determined according to the rules of the District Commander's Contest. Deadline entry is *May 15*. Award will be based upon participation in programs, new posts formed and overall membership gain.

**AWARD:**

- 1 - All State District Commander Hat
- 2 - \$250.00 to attend State Convention (must be present to collect)
- 3 - Plaque



# AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO LEGISLATIVE AWARD

1. Judging of Awards shall be by the Honors and Awards Committee at the Department Fall Conference. Please utilize the *LEGISLATIVE AWARD FORM* on the following page.
2. Not more than three (3) Awards shall be presented at a Special Breakfast to be held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference. Arrangements to be the responsibility of the Department Staff.
3. The criteria for consideration to receive the AMVETS Legislative Award shall be as follows:
  - Voting Record of Elected Official
  - Support given local AMVETS
  - Support given to Veterans related legislation
  - Availability of the Elected Official for speaking engagements for AMVETS
  - Promotion of Veteran's issues
  - Whether the Official is a Veteran and a member of AMVETS

All applicants should have all information compiled in report form to Department Headquarters no later than SEPTEMBER 30. The report should contain information to support your candidate for consideration of the Award.

4. Tickets for the Awards Presentation at the Mid-Winter Conference will be included in your registration for the Mid Winter Conference. The cost of trophies and complimentary guest tickets shall be borne through the Department through the Programs Budget Committee.

5. Complimentary tickets shall be limited to the following:

State Commander	2
State Auxiliary President	2
Master of Ceremonies	2
Award #1	2
Award #2	2
Award #3	2
<u>Guest Speaker</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Complimentary Tickets	14

# LEGISLATIVE NOMINATION FORM

## **Criteria:**

- Voting Record of Elected Official
- Support given local AMVETS
- Support given to veterans related legislation
- Availability of the Elected Official for speaking engagements for AMVETS
- Promotion of Veterans' Issues
- Is the Elected Official a veteran? Is the Elected Official a member of AMVETS?



Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Office Elected to: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Official a member of AMVETS?                       YES                       NO

Is the Official available for speaking engagements?                       YES                       NO

- Attach sheet verifying engagements Nominee was present to participate in
- Attach supporting documentation that justifies the nomination of this candidate for the AMVETS Legislative Award

## ***NOMINATOR INFORMATION***

\_\_\_\_\_ (                      ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Post #                      Contact Person                      Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Commander Signature                      Post Adjutant Signature

# AMVETS STATE AND NATIONAL EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS PROCEDURES

The AMVETS National and State Employer of the Year Awards program is officially underway. In light of the high rate of unemployment among veterans, recognition of those employers who, as a standard practice, go out of their way to hire the veteran becomes even more important. There are many firms and government organizations that utilize veterans' preference, even though they may not be government contractors, and we would like to hear of them.

The AMVETS Employer of the Year Awards procedures are as follows:

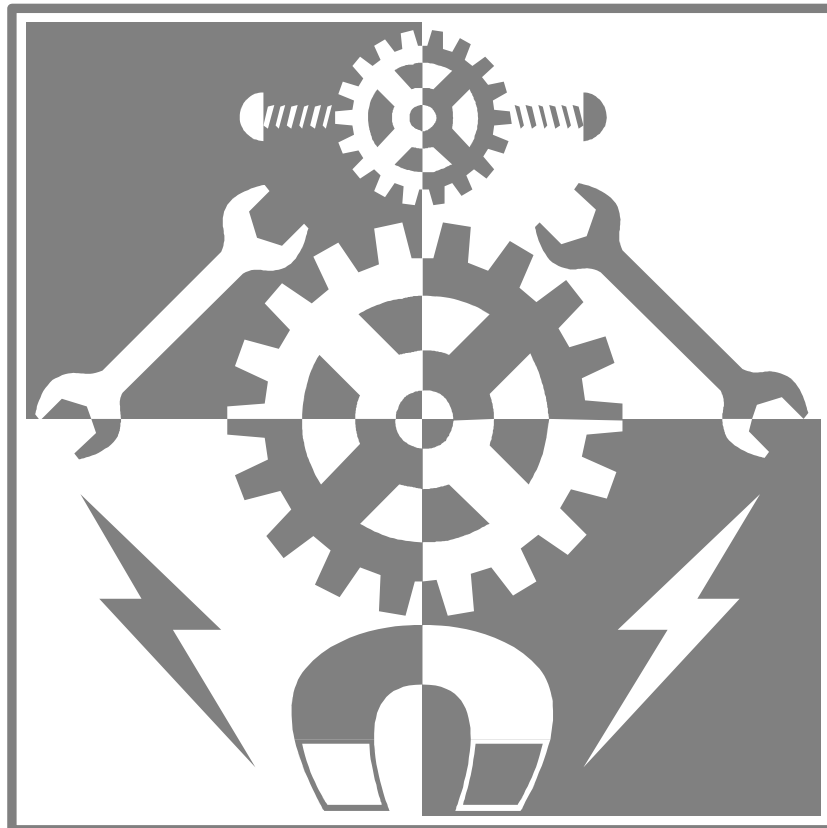
1. The employers to receive the awards will be selected from nominations submitted by AMVETS Post or Department employment committees and government agencies. Posts or individuals may make recommendations to their respective employment committees and employers may nominate themselves.
2. Posts/individuals may submit nominees to the Department for judging. The winners on the Department level shall be submitted to National; only one nomination for each of the three categories.
3. A detailed statement should be submitted substantiating the nominee's accomplishments. The statement should reflect the pertinent facts as well as the employer's name, address and telephone number and, wherever possible, a contact individual within the firm should be identified.
4. Each nomination may be supported by newspaper clippings, magazine articles or letters of recommendation. This is not mandatory, however, it will assist in determining the suitability of a nominee for an award.
5. Nominees may be companies, firms, associations, local, state or federal agencies or individuals.
6. On the State level, the nominees will be judged by the Honors and Awards Committee (based on recommendations from the Veterans Employment Committee). The winners will be announced at the State Convention. Those winners will be submitted to National, and prior to the National Convention, entries will be judged by a panel of representatives selected by the National Department based on their knowledge and expertise in the realm of veterans employment.
7. The deadline for State nominations is **MAY 15**. The deadline for the Departments to submit their winners to National is JULY 15. **(NOTE: Absolutely no nomination submitted after this deadline will be considered for awards.)**
8. The National Commander will announce the winners at the National Convention during the regular business session.
9. In an effort to generate the maximum public awareness of this program and to ensure that the employer receives as much local media coverage as possible, the National awards will be presented in their respective states by the incoming National Commander or his selected representative.

The presentation will be coordinated with the AMVETS Posts/individuals involved after the new slate of National Officers has assumed their duties. The exact dates and times will be announced well in advance.

10. The State Awards will be presented in November at the Ohio Veterans Employer of the Year Awards Luncheon in Cleveland, at the IX Center.

Attached is a copy of the nomination form that should be submitted no later than **MAY 15**, to ensure proper consideration and to allow for judging prior to the State Convention and the National Convention. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact Department Headquarters.

We are looking forward to a most successful Employer of the Year Awards program and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.





# AMVETS EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AMVETS State and National Employer of the Year Award for private sector and government employers will be decided at the State Convention (State Level) and at the National Convention (National Level). Judging on the National Level will take place prior to the Convention by representatives selected by the National Department. On the State Level, the Veterans Employment Committee makes recommendations to the Honors and Awards Committee.

Any member of AMVETS may nominate an employer for this award. Also, AMVETS Posts are encouraged to submit their own nominees for the State Employer of the Year Awards and those recipients may be submitted for National consideration.

Due to the technical aspects of the nomination form, it is recommended that the form be submitted to the Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERS) at the nearest Job Service for completion.

*This program is also open for federal, state and local government nominations.*

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION IS MAY 15.**

## CONSIDERATION BASIS

### Type of Organization:

(Please check (√) one)

- Company/Firm/Organization
- Federal/State/Local Government

### Employment Category:

(Please check (√) one)

- A... 25-100 Employees
- B... 101-300 Employees
- C... 301-Up Employees

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
A. Total number of employees in firm.	_____	_____
B. Total number of new hires during period of Jan 1- Dec 31.	_____	100%
C. Total number of veterans hired.	_____	_____
D. Total number of disabled veterans hired.	_____	_____
E. Total number of Vietnam Era veterans hired.	_____	_____
F. Total number of women veterans hired.	_____	_____

*(To determine the percentage, use the number of new hires (B) as 100%. Divide (C)-(D)-(E)-(F) to obtain the percentage of veterans hired.)*







**AMVETS**  
 Department of Ohio  
 Request for Speaker/Guest



Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

We would like the following State Officer to be a speaker/guest at our Post on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

The event will start at \_\_\_\_\_ and end at \_\_\_\_\_ (approximate time)  
**TIME** **TIME**

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commander                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander | <input type="checkbox"/> NEC Man            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate Past Commander       | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander | <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Officer                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____        |

**\*\*Please check only one officer box per Request Form\*\***

What type of event:  Installation  Memorial Program  Other \_\_\_\_\_

What is the duty to be performed by the Officer?  Guest Speaker  Master of Ceremonies  
 Installing Officer  Guest  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If requested to speak, on what topic would you like the AMVET Officer to regard?

\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred attire for the event:  Casual  Business Casual  Business Attire  Formal/Black tie

Will lodging be provided?

- No
- Yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Location of event:

- Post Home
- Other (include address) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Other Details: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Print name of Commander/Adjutant

Post Commander/Adjutant Signature

Date Signed

**\*\*Please Note: This request should be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the event\*\***

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	
Request accepted by: _____	Date Accepted _____ / _____ / _____
Officer's Signature	

# POW/MIA



THEY WENT INTO BATTLE FOR THEIR COUNTRY  
AS PROUD AMERICANS.

SOME LEFT THEIR WIFE AND CHILDREN,  
THEIR HOME AND LOVED ONES.  
AS IN THE PAST,  
AMERICA'S FINEST SERVED THEIR COUNTRY.

IN THE WAKE OF TIME, MANY HAVE FORGOTTEN VIETNAM.  
SOME CAN'T FORGET,  
BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL IN VIETNAM  
STILL FIGHTING FOR THEIR COUNTRY,  
AS WE HERE IN THE "WORLD" GO ABOUT OUR  
NORMAL EVERYDAY TASKS.

CERTAIN FEW CAN'T FORGET  
BECAUSE A PART OF THEM IS MISSING.

THESE PEOPLE,  
THE MOTHERS, FATHERS, WIVES AND CHILDREN  
OF OUR POW'S AND MIA'S  
BONDED TOGETHER  
TO FORM A LEAGUE OF FAMILIES.

WE IN THE AMVETS HAVE A CHANCE  
TO HELP OUR FELLOW VETERANS  
AND THEIR FAMILIES  
BY PARTICIPATING IN THE POW / MIA PROGRAM.

DON'T PUT THIS OFF.  
GET IN CONTACT WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS PROGRAM  
AND DO YOUR PART!

***THEY WILL BE  
REMEMBERED  
BY AMVETS***