

HONOR AND AWARDS COMMITTEE RULES
CRITERIA AND RULES FOR THE HONOR AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
FOR
AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

All Post will be in two categories either Class (A) or Class (B), with the exception of "Gain in Membership," which will have three categories Class (A), Class (B) & Class (C). See "Gain in Membership" page 5

- ◆ *Class (A) shall be for Post that has 151 members or more.*
- ◆ *Class (B) shall be for Post that has 10 thru 150 members.*

Awards will normally be for Post or Individual.

The Post Commander and the Adjutant signatures are optional. All recommendations for awards must be signed by the person making the nomination. All recommendations must have at least two (2) additional letters of support.

There may be many members submitted for awards, but two or more individuals from the same Post cannot be submitted for the same award.

Each category being applied for must be applied for separately. Please DO NOT COMBINE your applications for awards.

All applications for awards must be received by the Honors and Awards Chairperson by February 1st. Any applications received after that date will be disqualified.

All members being submitted for an award must not have received any compensation for this award.

All awards presented by the Department of Florida will be for the accomplishments that have benefited the entire Department of Florida not just the local Post.

The Honor and Awards Committee will meet to select the winners at the February SEC.

There shall be an Honor and Awards Committee consisting of all Past Department Commanders of Florida AMVETS and the District Commanders, and the Chairperson shall be the Immediate Past Department Commander, unless he/she declines, and in that event the committee members shall elect a Chairperson. The White Clover Award, given to the Department AMVET of the Year, shall be the

Department's highest award. Any member of the Florida AMVETS, except the Commander is eligible for this award.

CRITERIA FOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS

The Immediate Past Department Commander is Chairperson of the Honor and Awards Committee.

The Committee consists of all Past Department of Florida Commanders and all District Commanders.

The Vice-Commander for Programs is a member of the committee with NO VOTE.

Awards presented at the Department Convention are only for performance during the fiscal year (SEC to SEC prior to Department Conventions.)

The Chairperson will collect all secret ballots from the Honors and Awards Committee. He/she will determine recipient and will verify selection at the Department Convention.

The Executive Director will retain all ballots so that they may be verified after the presentation.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

AMVET OF THE YEAR

Any member of the Department, with the exception of the Department Commander, who demonstrated through highly visible deeds and progress, his/her expertise and devotion to the AMVET organization and the ideas and ideals for which we stand.

VAVS AMVET VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Volunteer of the Year Award is confined to the VAVS.

PROCEDURES:

- 1. The nominee must be an AMVET that is a member in good standing of her/his Post.*
- 2. The VAMC Chief of Volunteer Services, a supervisor or manager where the work is performed, and/or the Commander of her/his Post can submit the nomination.*
- 3. The nominee's accomplishments must have been performed in the immediate past year.*
- 4. The nominee must have performed an outstanding deed of volunteerism.*

5. *A fifty (50) word minimum essay stating why the nominee merits the award.*
6. *Pictures, newspaper articles or other printed publications to substantiate and Confirm the volunteer's activities would be beneficial.*
7. *Unless it is an extraordinary deed, the nominee should have accumulated a minimum of 100 hours of voluntary service.*
8. *The recipient can only win this award one time.*

POST COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

The Department Commander or his designee at the Department Convention for actions that assisted the name of AMVETS in the growth of overall organization will present the award. There are *two* categories for this award. *Categories "A" and "B"*.

ELECTED OR APPOINTED DEPARTMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The officer with the exception of the Department Commander, who has demonstrated through hard work, perseverance, knowledge, his/her commitment to our organization through his/her own office. These qualities should be readily visible to all that know him/her. This award is based on the recommendation of the Department Commander.

ELECTED OR APPOINTED POST/DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The officer with the exception of the Department Commander, who has demonstrated through hard work, perseverance, knowledge, his/her commitment to our organization through his/her own office. These qualities should be readily visible to all that know him/her.

DISTRICT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

This person must work with all Post in his/her District. He/she must monitor their progress and give assistance and advise where needed. Also he/she must promote AMVETS at all times. This award is based on the recommendation of the Department Commander.

JUNIOR AMVET OF THE YEAR

This will be awarded to the Junior AMVET, with the exception of the President, who has the best all around record of achievement in all phases of the Junior AMVET

Organization. This award will be presented to the Junior AMVET recommended by the Junior AMVETS President, with the guidance of the Junior AMVETS Department of Florida Coordinators.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

To any member of the Department who has an outstanding effort to promote services in his/her community. He/she should educate the public on the benefits of having an AMVET Post in their area. Should be a compassionate and caring individual toward persons around him/her that are in less fortunate circumstances than himself/herself.

SUPER RECRUITER AWARD

This award is for an individual who recruits the most members. Must be attested to by Post Commander and Membership Processor.

Example: One member might recruit them and the Post Adjutant might sign them up. The person recruiting them will receive the credit not the one signing them up.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD

This will be given to the individual that has devoted his/her time and interest to the area. Such projects as Junior AMVETS, Scouting, Little League, and other such activities for young people in the area under the age of 18.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

There will be *two* awards. *One* to the employer with 50 or less employees and *one* to the employer that has 51 or more employees. This award will be given to the employer for hiring veterans and other information that is provided in the recommendation.

POST AWARDS

These awards that will be presented to the Post Commander or his/her representative at the Department Convention for display in the Post Home or in their meeting place. There will be *two* awards in each category, *Class A and B.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

This will be to the members of the Post that have demonstrated the most accomplishment in service to their community.

AMERICANISM

The Post demonstrating the most outstanding display of Americanism in the community.

POST YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The same requirements as the Individual Award.

HOSPITAL AWARD

This award will be presented to the Post that has participated in the VAVS program and in other community hospitals.

OUTSTANDING POST AWARD

The Post whose members have demonstrated the greatest degree of combination of all the above and any other qualifications in regards to AMVETS in general.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR

The membership Department will notify the Honors and Awards Chairman of the number of members gained over the previous year. There will be three categories. Class (A) Post with 301 up members, Class (B) Post with 101 – 300 members and Class (C) Post with 10 – 100 members.

THE GREEN HAT AWARD

This should be excluded from any other hat. This will be Green Hat only and the AMVET would not have worn any other in the past or the present. Green Hat Only.

CRITERIA: *Any Green Hat member of the Department who has helped and contributed the most IN SUPPORT OF THE Aims and Purposes of AMVETS. Limited only to an AMVET who has only worn a Green Hat.*