



AMVETS

PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM ENTRY FORM

This form must accompany each presentation entry (use one form per presentation, per category). Send all entries postmarked by JULY 1ST to National Headquarters, Attn: Programs. Entries should be in the form of a scrapbook, a report, or any other suitable presentation. Documentation of activities should be identified with letters, proclamations, news clippings, photographs, service hours, monies spent, radio and TV broadcast scripts, Programs Reporting Forms, etc.

REMEMBER: Each award you apply for requires its own presentation. Presentations containing multiple entries will not be considered.

CATEGORY OF ENTRY:

POST DEPARTMENT

AWARD APPLICATION:

- THE ROBERT GOMULINSKI COMMUNITY SERVICE POST AWARD (Post award only)
- THE PAUL WELSH COMMUNITY SERVICE DEPARTMENT AWARD (Department award only)
- AMERICANISM AWARD (Department and Post awards)
- ROTC AWARD (Department award only)
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARD (Department and Post awards)
- TED LESZKIEWICZ AADAA AWARD (Department award only)

AMVETS DEPARTMENT OR POST: _____

NAME / TITLE: _____ PHONE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

**Deadline For Submission
1 July**

**Program Department
National Awards Program**

by Beryl W. Love
National Programs Director

What has your post and department accomplished this past year that deserves recognition? This is the first sentence of the section, on this topic, that appears in the AMVETS Programs Manual.

Participation in the Awards Program is very limited and those Posts and Departments that do participate have many questions each year. The information contained in the programs manual is currently the only source document on the selection criteria for these awards and it is very vague.

It is my goal to encourage more participation by clarifying and/or adding some additional interpretation to the selection criteria. The independent judges have a very difficult time in making their selections because of the wide range of submissions, both in content and format.

BASED ON THE 2005 ENTRIES WE ARE GOING TO MAINTAIN THESE REQUIREMENTS. WE DID NOT RECEIVE MORE SUBMISSIONS *BUT THOSE RECEIVED WERE MUCH BETTER ORGANIZED AND FACILITATED THE JUDGING.*

Entries for all of the 2007 National Awards must be submitted in this format.

1. A “presentation” notebook, (3 ring binder.) Not just a scrapbook of “all” of your post/department activities throughout the year.
 - a. It must have a minimum of (4) tabs, sections. (You may have additional sections.)
 - 1) **Award Category** (Americanism, Community Service, ROTC, Special Olympics, AADAA)
 - a) Ultimate goal of the project. (What did you want/plan to do?)
 - 2) **Description** (Describe the project in non-technical terms, how did you accomplish your objective. Your results.)
 - 3) **Resources** (People, Equipment, Material, Locations, Support)
 - 4) **Documentation** (Photographs, Proclamations, Letters of endorsement, Letters of appreciation, Newspaper clippings, Video)
2. The focus should not be on “one” major event in the category you have selected to enter. The award, per category, is being judged on what your post/department has accomplished throughout the year. (e.g.) Four solid projects spread throughout the year involving 100 veterans, students or citizens at each event is generally going to provide more service and ultimate impact in the community than one major event that involved 200 people. (You may enter more than one category, however, each requires a separate presentation binder.)
3. If you plan on entering the Community Service category, it should be exclusive of the other four categories. (Community services other than Americanism, ROTC, Special Olympics, or AADAA.) **See reverse side for examples.**

Examples of the types of activities for each of the five different Award Categories

(Not all-inclusive)

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

ROTC Dept. \$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

Special Olympics Post \$1,000 / Dept. \$1,500

- ❑ Provide financial sponsorship for one or more special Olympians
- ❑ Provide volunteers to staff Special Olympic events
- ❑ Secure training and serve as mentors and coaches for individual Special Olympians

AADAA Dept. \$1,500

- ❑ 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 facilitate the establishment of drug and alcohol awareness centers
- ❑ Provide AMVETS facilities for community organizations conducting drug and alcohol programs

Dept. **“Paul Welsh Award” Community Service** \longleftrightarrow Post **“Gomulinski Award”**
\$1,500 (Other than activities/events represented in the above categories.) **\$1,000**

- ❑ 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