

## THE SILVER BAYONET AWARD

The AMVETS Silver Bayonet Award, a unique silver bayonet, is the most prestigious of all awards that is presented by AMVETS Department of Tennessee, Inc.

Nominations for the Silver Bayonet Awards originate by individual members in good standing with the AMVETS in Tennessee. Only one (1) nomination per category per post is allowed. Any member of the Honors & Awards Committee may also submit nominations in like manner, one nomination per category. All nomination forms will be presented to AMVETS Department of Tennessee Honors & Awards Committee by **February 1st annually** for review. MAIL ALL NOMINATIONS TO AMVETS STATE HEADQUARTERS. The Honors & Awards Committee will make award recommendations to the State Executive Committee at its meeting following the nomination cut-off date of FEBRUARY 1st. The State Executive Committee will give the final approval of the recipients. The Honors & Awards Committee is composed of all past state commanders with the immediate past state commander serving as Committee Chairman.

A maximum of three (3) Silver Bayonet Awards will be presented in any given year. All awards must be veteran related and in the following categories and meeting the following criteria:

- 1) **Legislative Award-** Nominee must currently be or has been an elected or appointed official within the State of Tennessee Government **who has shown dedication and support to veteran/patriotism related legislation to be considered** but does **not** have to be a veteran to qualify.
- 2) **Veteran Service Award-** Nominee must have given accumulative service toward veterans programs/activities/benefits. May be any citizen residing in the State of Tennessee. Does **not** have to be a veteran to qualify.
- 3) **AMVET of the Year Award-** Nominee must be a member of and in good standing with Tennessee AMVETS with accumulative service, dedication, and support to the AMVETS organization.

The Silver Bayonet Awards presentation will be held annually in conjunction with the AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary state convention. In addition to AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary members, other invited

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Guests will include local and state elected officials, military dignitaries, family and friends of the recipients, to pay tribute to the recipients of the award

and to the AMVETS organization.

Presentation of these awards will be made during the joint opening session of the annual state convention. A reception will be held immediately following the adjournment of the joint opening session to honor the recipients.

**Please Read Carefully:**

If you are submitting a nominee for the AMVET OF THE YEAR AWARD, you must fill out two (2) nomination forms....as noted on top of forms that reads, 1) SILVER BAYONET AWARDS NOMINATION FORM & 2) SILVER BAYONET AMVET OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM.

If you are submitting a nominee for the VETERANS SERVICE or the LEGISLATIVE AWARD, you need only fill out the one (1) nomination form that reads at top of form, SILVER BAYONET AWARDS NOMINATION FORM.

**The Silver Bayonet Award**

*AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, INC.*

***SILVER BAYONET AWARDS NOMINATION FORM***

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NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATION MADE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY:**

***LEGISLATIVE*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***VETERANS SERVICE*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***AMVET OF THE YEAR*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAJOR ACTIVITIES of NOMINEE (Include Occupational**

**Background)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*MILITARY HISTORY (Branch of Service, Dates, Decorations,etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**HONORS (Awards, Special Achievements)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**JUSTIFICATION (substantiating material to include letters, newspaper articles, photographs...attach additional sheets if necessary)** \_\_\_\_\_

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*\* Attachments may be stapled to this form if above space is not adequate\**

Submitted By: AMVETS Post \_\_\_\_\_ Post Commander's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Post Commander's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Honors & Awards Committee Member's

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Honors & Awards Committee Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE**

**SILVER BAYONET AMVET OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

*(Supplemental Form)*

Note: This i form to be filled out for an AMVET of the Year nomination.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE is a current member of TN AMVETS Post # \_\_\_\_\_. Date Joined AMVETS

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LIFE MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ or ANNUAL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

POST OFFICES HELD (give dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OFFICES HELD (give dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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***NATIONAL OFFICES HELD*** (give dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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***AMVET AWARDS RECEIVED*** (give dates) \_\_\_\_\_

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***Submitted By:***                      ***AMVETS Post*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Post Commander's Name*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Post Commander's Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_

***OR***

***Honors & Awards Committee Member's Name*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Honors & Awards Committee Member's Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_