## **AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Humanitarian Award**

"This race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other.

We cannot exist without mutual help."

Sir Walter Scott

AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary annually recognizes, at the AMVET Silver Helmet Banquet, an outstanding American citizen for her/his contributions to benefit the welfare and human spirit of citizens. Each Department is asked to submit the name of an individual(s) whose contributions, in their estimation, has benefited the welfare and human spirit of citizens, and is indeed worthy of the award and who meets the established criteria.

## Humanitarian Award Nominee Criteria

- 1. A person(s) may be considered who has been devoted to, or provided exceptional leadership to the community or State in which she/he lives. The **voluntary** acts shall benefit the welfare and human spirit of citizens.
- 2. No member of AMVETS or AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, or their immediate families, will be eligible.
- 3. Any AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Member, Local, or Department shall submit the name(s) of an applicant on the award application form. The form to be forwarded to National Headquarters by **March 1**<sup>st</sup>. Neither age, nor sex, nor national origin shall be a deterrent.
- 4. The Department nominee application shall include:
  - a. The application form as printed in the Convention Digest.
  - b. A 150 word (minimum) essay stating the reasons why the nominee merits the award.
  - c. Pictures, newspaper articles or other printed publications to substantiate and confirm the nominee's voluntary activities.
  - d. A picture of the nominee attached to the essay.
  - e. The Department shall inquire/ascertain if the nominee can attend the national function.
  - f. The deadline for submission to National Headquarters shall be **July 15<sup>th</sup>** annually.

The judging of the award will be vested in the capable hands of the National Board of Trustees and the recipient will be announced at the Spring NEC meeting, upon approval of the AMVETS.