



Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

PURPOSE: The AVVA Fellowship Award is an honor usually bestowed upon active regular AVVA members. Historically, this award has been known to be presented to others in the community where the nominating person lives and belongs to AVVA, which has included congresspersons and others. Typically, this award is presented to an AVVA member for their outstanding service to our veterans, AVVA, and their local communities during the affected year. The AVVA member is judged on a variety of related activities such as community involvement where veterans and their family's needs are concerned, initiating programs, planning successful events, promoting AVVA, being a leader who inspires action from others, etc.

WHO CAN MAKE A NOMINATION?

Any current AVVA or VVA member can nominate any **regular** AVVA member in good standing or a community leader for the Fellowship Award. The person making the nomination must fill out the provided Nomination Form (**F-Awa03.03**) and must include statements or other materials that will support the nomination.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD NOMINATION:

- Must be a regular AVVA member, in good standing, or a well-qualified community leader or person.
- Must have accomplished actions in the representation of AVVA and their chapter or state, that show them to be far above the average, and an example to others to a high degree. (See purpose above).
- Self-nominations will be not considered.
- Current National Board Members are not eligible.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

A nomination form is required. All nominations are confidential and must be forwarded to the Award's Committee for consideration (see the application for the address for submission).

- The nominated member must be a **regular member** in good standing with AVVA (no disciplinary actions).
- Evidence of the nominee's commitment to the mission and vision of AVVA.
- The nominated AVVA member must present documentation of the Nominee's efforts and successes in the area of their outstanding service to our veterans, AVVA, and their local communities during the affected year, community involvement where veterans and their family's needs are concerned, initiating programs and planning successful events, promoting AVVA, being a leader who inspires action from others, etc.
- Details of the nominee's service in the local community that demonstrates how the nominee will help further the organization's goals. This includes a record of their various AVVA activities, such as Memorial Day, the 4th of July, Veterans Day, State and National Conventions, and any other veteran-related events they may have planned or participated in.
- A list of notable accomplishments (with supporting evidence if available – for example: social media posted events, newspaper articles, letters of appreciation, witness statements from other AVVA members, etc.)
- A list of any positions held as a member of AVVA (elected & appointed)

NOMINATIONS MUST BE BASED ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE DURING THE CURRENT EVENT YEAR. (PREVIOUS MONTH OF MAY TO THE CURRENT MONTH OF MAY.)

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ADDRESS ON THE FORM NO LATER THAN
MAY 15th OF THE APPLICABLE YEAR.**

Go to www.avva.org/forms/awards/award_nomination_2025.pdf to find the Awards Nomination Form.