

# Copper Shield Award Nomination Form

*Be sure to read the criteria & guidelines (located on the reverse side) prior to completing this form*

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ CIRCLE: Senator Representative EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

State the reason you or your organization wants to nominate this Arizona State Legislator for his/her efforts and contributions on behalf of Arizona military and veterans, their families and their survivors.

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If selected, the Nominee must be present at the Patriotic Gala to receive this award. Has the Nominee agreed to attend: **YES NO**

NOMINATING PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

UAV ORGANIZATION OF NOMINATING PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST (maximum of ten pages, 8 ½ by 11 inches)

- Nomination form entirely completed (**required**)
- Supporting documentation or letters of recommendation (optional)
- Simply narrative as to why the nominee should be favorable considered. Attach a typed summary of the Nominee's achievements per the guidelines published on the back of this form.

MAIL COMPLETED PACKET TO: **Unified Arizona Veterans  
P. O. Box 34338  
Phoenix, AZ 85067**

**NOTE: All packets must be postmarked no later than September 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered for the next award presentation.**

# Copper Shield Award

**PURPOSE:** In 2009, the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) created the Copper Shield Award to recognize and honor the efforts and achievements made by Arizona Legislators who have supported, sponsored or co-sponsored legislation in the State of Arizona to ensure the sacrifices and service to our state and nation by our military members and/or their families is acknowledged and honored.

**SUMMARY:** The UAV may present this award to a single current or past member of the Arizona State Legislature at the annual Patriotic Gala hosted by the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society (AVHOFS). The UAV recognizes and honors the AVHOFS as a partner in all endeavors that complement and serve our Arizona military veteran communities and veterans' service organizations.

**SUBMISSION ADDRESS AND DATE:** Nominations may be submitted at any time and will be considered during the next convening of the Awards Committee, normally during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. Submit Nomination Packet to:

**Unified Arizona Veterans  
P. O. Box 34338  
Phoenix, AZ 85067**

**ELIGIBILITY:** The nominee must be or have served as a State Senator or Representative of Arizona.

**CRITERIA:** The following criteria is established as requisites to the nomination package.

- **Evaluation Scope:** Evaluations will focus upon the scope and impact of a nominee's achievements and the extent to which their efforts benefit veterans and/or families.
- **Nomination Format:** For the submission process to uniformly portray the efforts and contributions of those nominated, the submission packet is required in the following format:
  - **Validation:** Nominators are required to ensure accuracy of the information submitted, and will confirm validation of data by their signature.
  - **Legislative Activity Summary:** Provide a chronology of actions or bills supported and their current status.
  - **Legislator's Advocacy Contributions:** Summarize the contributions and recognition of the nominee in relation to veterans' advocacy or veterans' support programs or initiatives. (Examples may include the nominee's active involvement with veterans' organizations.)
  - **Civic Activities and Contributions:** Summarize the nominee's civic affiliations and contributions (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis, schools, political, fraternal, etc.)
  - **Letters of Recommendation:** Letters should be from people not immediately related to the nominee.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** Nominations for the Copper Shield and the Bucky O'Neill award will be reviewed by a single committee of veterans selected from Arizona's recognized veterans' service organizations and appointed by the Chairperson of the UAV. At least one of the members of this committee shall be a member of the UAV Legislative Committee. The committee will be chaired by a serving member of the UAV Board of Directors or past chairperson of the UAV.

**APPROVAL AUTHORITY:** The final approval for this award is the UAV Board of Directors.

**QUESTIONS:** Questions regarding this operating instruction may be addressed to [chair@azuav.org](mailto:chair@azuav.org) or [secretary@azuav.org](mailto:secretary@azuav.org)