

Copper Star / Bucky O'Neill Award

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

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____ DATE: _____

PUBLIC AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR OFFICE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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

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 30th to be considered for the next award presentation.

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PURPOSE: In 2013, the United Arizona Veterans (UAV) created the Bucky O'Neill Arizona Veterans Award to recognize and honor the efforts and achievements made by public departments, agencies or organizations and those public servants or elected officials who consistently provide exemplary service to the military veterans and/or their families who reside in the State of Arizona.

BACKGROUND: William Owen "Bucky" O'Neill (February 2, 1860 – July 1, 1898) was an American soldier, the 14th Adjutant General of Arizona (1889-1891), a judge of Yavapai County, Arizona, a three term Yavapai County sheriff, a newspaper editor, started his own railroad company which would run from Williams, AZ to the Grand Canyon, a miner, gambler and lawyer, and in 1898 was elected as Mayor of Prescott, Arizona, serving briefly before stepping down to join Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. His nickname came from his tendency to "buck the tiger" at faro or other card games. He was a Captain in Roosevelt's Rough Riders, and died in battle shortly after evoking his now famous last words, 'Sergeant, the Spanish bullet isn't made that will kill me.'

SUMMARY: The UAV may present this award to any local, county, or State of Arizona governmental agency, or to a single elected official, current or to a past member of said institutions, excluding members of the State Legislature. This award may be presented 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. The Bucky O'Neill Arizona Veterans Award is the most revered of the awards presented by the UAV.

SUBMISSION ADDRESS AND DATE: Nominations may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next Awards Committee which normally convenes during the 1st week of October. Submit Nomination Packet to:
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P. O. Box 34338
Phoenix, AZ 85067

ELIGIBILITY: The nominee must be or have served as an elected official of any local, county, or State of Arizona government other than as a State Senator or Representative of Arizona, or 2) be a local, county, or State of Arizona agency or employee thereof.

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, of the efforts of the agency, benefit military veterans and/or military veteran's 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.
 - **Nominee'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.)
 - **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 or secretary@azuav.org