



# UNIFIED ARIZONA VETERANS COPPER SHIELD AWARD



## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**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).

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

**CRITERIA:** The following criteria ARE established as requisites to a Nomination:

**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.

**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.



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**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** Nominations for the Copper Shield 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.

**ONLINE NOMINATIONS:** All UAV Copper Awards are to be submitted through the Nomination Form found in the Nominations and Scholarships on the UAV website: [azuav.org](http://azuav.org)

**NOMINATOR'S CHECKLIST:** The Copper Shield Nominator's Checklist is available on the UAV website. In order for a Copper Award Nomination to proceed, the completed and signed Nominator's Checklist must be mailed, via United States Postal Service, to: Unified Arizona Veterans, P. O. Box 34338, Phoenix, AZ 85067  
ATTN: UAV Copper Awards

**SUBMISSION DATE:** Nominations may be submitted online for the 2026 Nomination Year, and will be considered during the next convening of the Awards Committee.

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

**QUESTIONS:** Questions regarding the Copper Shield Awards may be addressed to [chair@azuav.org](mailto:chair@azuav.org) or [secretary@azuav.org](mailto:secretary@azuav.org)