

2025 CELEBRATION OF HEROES



PRESENTING THE GUARDIAN AWARDS

Celebration of Heroes honors Kansas Citizens who support veterans in our community.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Individual Guardian Award

In honor of those who directly serve veterans through work or as a volunteer.

- **The Art Fillmore Veteran Award**
- **Volunteer/Service Professional**

Organization Guardian Award

In honor of those that have a mission to improve the lives of veterans.

- **Service organization/ Foundation**

Corporate Guardian Award

In honor of those that demonstrate employment best practices to attract, hire and retain veterans in the workforce or support veterans in their communities.

Nominee Criteria

- ▶ Nominee has made a significant and recognizable influence in serving our veteran community with a demonstration of leadership.
- ▶ An individual/organization/company may nominate themselves.
- ▶ National organizations with a local presence are eligible.

Award and Selection Process

- 1 Nominations are due by April 1, 2025. Complete the nomination form and nominee story and submit online to sengel@smvets.org
- 2 Nominations will be evaluated by an Awards Selection Committee with final approval by the SMVC Board of Directors.
- 3 All nominees will be informed if they were selected as the award winner by April 15, 2025.
- 4 As a nominator, you will be informed of receipt of the nomination as well as the result of the evaluation following the selection process.

Join us **Thursday, April 24, 2025** at **Pennway Place, 2500 W. Pennway, Kansas City, MO 64108**

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NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for submission: 04/01/25 | Selection and notification to all nominees: 04/15/25

Nominee Information

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator Information

Nominator Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Select the Award Category for which you are submitting a nomination:

Individual Guardian Awards

- Art Fillmore Veteran Award
- Volunteer/Service Professional

Organization Guardian Awards

- Service Organization/Foundation

Corporate Guardian Awards

- Corporate Guardian Award

Nominee Story

In a separate document, please describe how the nominee is improving the lives of veterans in our community. Please detail the nominee's activities, accomplishments, impact and influence. You may attach examples of their work.

Complete this Nomination Form and the Nominee Story and submit both to sengel@smvets.org or mail to: **St. Michael's Veterans Center, 3818 Chelsea Drive, Kansas City, MO 64128.**

Questions? Please call 816-921-0201 or email sengel@smvets.org.