



Municipality of Anchorage

Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

2018 RON HAMMETT AWARD CRITERIA

In 2005, the Municipality of Anchorage Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (SCAC) established the *Ron Hammett Award*. This award recognizes individuals whose outstanding service, dedication and leadership has had a significant impact on the quality of life for seniors in the Municipality of Anchorage. **The Commission is actively seeking nominations for the 2018 Ron Hammett Award** to be presented during the Older Americans Month Kick Off Event in May.

Ron Hammett was an extraordinary man who exemplified the spirit of outstanding service to seniors and their families, and who worked tirelessly as an advocate for seniors in Anchorage. At the time of his death on October 24, 2004, Mr. Hammett was a Commissioner for the SCAC and served with quiet wisdom, well-chosen words and a clear focus on human needs.

Mr. Hammett was a World War II veteran and served in the occupation of Japan. When he spoke of his time in Japan, he spoke with a deep empathy for the Japanese people when others were less sympathetic to their plight. This was symbolic of how he lived his entire life and the dedication he demonstrated in serving others. Ron spent his professional career in Oregon and Alaska, primarily in the field of vocational rehabilitation and health services. After his arrival in Alaska in 1976, he quickly became involved with Bean's Café, the Boys and Girls Club, and a variety of boards and commissions that addressed human needs. He served as a member on boards and commissions that represented the needs and concerns of vocational rehabilitation, corrections, mental health, developmental disabilities, children, homelessness, public health and seniors.

Prior to his death, Ron was very active with senior issues and served as the Board Chair for the Anchorage Senior Activity Center. He was instrumental in fundraising and the expansion of the center. He worked closely with AARP, starting and coordinating the AARP Volunteer Information Center at the Northway Mall. At the time of his death, he was an active member on the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.

Annually, the Ron Hammett Award recognizes the contribution of Ron and others like him who work tirelessly to improve the lives of seniors in our city. It recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service, leadership and civic engagement that have had a significant impact on the quality of life for seniors in the Municipality of Anchorage.

The award is dedicated to honor Ron and those like him who work as advocates for seniors.

Nominees for this honor must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must be an Anchorage resident.
- Nomination may be made by an individual or organization.
- Nomination should include both the achievements and background of the nominee, and also explain the reasons for the nomination.

Nomination forms and award criteria can be obtained by calling 343-6590 or emailing Judy Atkins at atkinsjb@muni.org.

When completing the nomination form, please remember the following:

- Please use this form or a photocopy. For additional forms, call 343-6590.
- Please provide comprehensive information that demonstrates the individual's community involvement, achievements and leadership accomplishments.
- Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.

The selection committee is comprised of SCAC Commissioners and the last 2 Ron Hammett Award winners, who will assess all nominations in the strictest confidence. Their decision will be based on considerations such as activities performed, organizations served, time contributed, the overall impact on seniors, their families and the community, as well as any other relevant information.

Previous winners:

2005	Ron Hammett	2010	Beverly Tallman	2015	Dawnia Clements
2006	Ella Craig	2011	Peggy Stout	2016	Pete Weimer
2007	Celeste Benson	2012	Pat Luby	2017	Karen Hunt
2008	Brenda Brown	2013	Rita Hatch	2018	
2009	AnnaBell Stevens	2014	Ted Carlson		

The 2018 Ron Hammett Award will be presented at the Older Americans Month Kick Off Event at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center.

Please complete nomination form and return it by March 31, 2018

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Ron Hammett Award-Entry Form

Nominee's Full Name:					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Nominator's Full Name:					
Address:					
I am pleased to nominate			for the Ron Hammett		
The committee will send a letter to the nominees letting them know of their nomination.					

DETAILS OF NOMINATION: Using a list or bullet points be specific and detailed in your answers to the following questions:

1. What is the general background of the nominee?

2. What has the nominee done to enhance the lives of seniors and their families?

3. How has the senior community been impacted by this nominee? i.e. economic security, health, safety, or other supportive services.

4. Tell us what is inspiring, courageous, unusual or innovative about the nominee.

May we contact you for additional information?

Email address	Phone number
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Signature of Nominator:		Date:	
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