

RON HAMMETT AWARD

for Outstanding Service to Seniors and their Families

In 2005, the Municipality of Anchorage Senior Citizens Advisory Commission (SCAC) established the *Ron Hammett Award*, recognizing individuals whose outstanding service, dedication and leadership has had a significant impact on the quality of life for seniors in the Municipality of Anchorage.

***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 in 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

RON HAMMETT AWARD WINNERS

Year	Winner
2005.....	Ron Hammett
2006.....	Ella Craig
2007.....	Celeste Benson
2008.....	Brenda Brown
2009.....	AnnaBell Stevens
2010.....	Beverly Tallman
2011.....	Peggy Stout
2012.....	Pat Luby
2013.....	Rita Hatch
2014.....	Ted Carlson
2015.....	Dawnia Clements
2016.....	Pete Weimer
2017.....	Karen L. Hunt
2018.....	Ray Tinjum
2019.....	Kris Warren
2020.....	Mary Shields
2021.....	Gordon Glaser
2022.....	Patricia Abney