



# Municipality of Anchorage

Suzanne LaFrance  
Mayor

## Senior Citizens Advisory Commission

### **2025 RON HAMMETT AWARD CRITERIA**

The Commission is actively seeking nominations for the **2025 Ron Hammett Award** to be presented during **Older Americans Month** in May.

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.***

*The award is dedicated to honoring 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 907-343-6590, emailing Judy Atkins at [Judith.atkins@anchorageak.gov](mailto:Judith.atkins@anchorageak.gov).** Also available on the Commission webpage: [Senior Citizens Advisory Commission](#)

When completing the nomination form, please remember the following:

- Provide comprehensive information that demonstrates the individual's community involvement, achievements, and leadership accomplishments.
- Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.
- Use the Nomination Form or a photocopy; for additional forms call 907-343-6590.

The selection committee is comprised of SCAC Commissioners and a former Ron Hammett Award winner, 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	2012	Pat Luby	2019	Kris Warren
2006	Ella Craig	2013	Rita Hatch	2020	Mary Shields
2007	Celeste Benson	2014	Ted Carlson	2021	Gordon Glaser
2008	Brenda Brown	2015	Dawnia Clements	2022	Pat Abney
2009	AnnaBell Stevens	2016	Pete Weimer	2023	Leonard Kelley
2010	Beverly Tallman	2017	Karen Hunt	2024	James Bailey
2011	Peggy Stout	2018	Ray Tinjim		

**The 2025 Ron Hammett Award will be presented at the Older Americans Month Kick-Off Event on May 7, 2024.**

**Please complete nomination form and return it by April 14, 2025**

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