

FEBRUARY 2008



Although we would like to recognize every deserving volunteer's accomplishments, we are pleased to recognize a few of the top volunteers in each category for attaining their various levels of recognition in the DAV's Volunteer Recognition Program.

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER MILES

Top 3 Volunteers by Level

6/20/2007 to 12/6/2007

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 200,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Jimmie R. Streeper	208,602	Iowa City, IA
Jerry L. McBrayer Sr.	200,222	Boston, MA
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 150,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Frank D. McNeil Sr.	175,941	Manchester, NH
Melvin L. Haseker	157,043	Marion, IL
Harlon R. Owens	154,579	Miles City, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 100,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Leslie V. Hinrichs	105,669	Minneapolis, MN
Robert G. Volack	103,921	Tucson, AZ
Archie D. Terry	103,760	Albuquerque, NM
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 75,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Robert R. Garza	87,999	San Antonio, TX
James Robert Nelson	86,586	Pittsburgh, PA
Yolanda G. Rodriguez	82,610	San Antonio, TX
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Paul H. Wenzel	74,720	Tacoma, WA
Bill S. Traxler	71,935	Denver, CO
Dennis R. Carrier	60,654	Gaylord, MI
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Harry Ronald Fisher	44,623	Altoona, PA
James E. Knox	42,689	Shreveport, LA
Robert Allen Seaton	41,821	White City, OR

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
John D. Scarborough	23,559	Houston, TX
James A Piatt	23,484	Pittsburgh, PA
Clifford R. Boxley	22,344	Pueblo, CO
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Frank D. Hughes	9,994	Lake City, FL
Richard Wedge	9,943	San Diego, CA
Alfred L. Rice	9,937	Portland, OR
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Marion Wayne	7,415	Marion, IL
Tomas Guerra	7,400	San Antonio, TX
Michael P. Pennanen	7,378	Iron Mountain, MI
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 2,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Archie Bright	4,945	Fayetteville, NC
Clarence G. Smythe	4,933	Tucson, AZ
Marion A. Windell	4,882	Seattle, WA
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Shirley Salter	2,494	Jackson, MS
Donald M. Lambrecht	2,471	Durham, NC
James E. Thompson	2,467	Des Moines, IA

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
James E. Garrity	25,212	Sioux Falls, SD
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Daniel R. Williams	12,715	Pensacola, FL
George Hampson	11,714	Northport, NY
Robert V. Cox	11,156	Lexington, KY
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Dennis L. Krulder	9,961	Northport, NY
David J. Schram	9,397	Fort Meade, SD
Angelo Dolce	8,789	Brooklyn, NY
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Charles E. Heiney	7,332	Pensacola, FL
Harlon R. Owens	6,977	Fort Harrison, MT

Thomas K. Chaney	6,497	Fort Harrison, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 3,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Steven Kahnke	4,938	Minneapolis, MN
Theodore K. Witsche	4,934	Ft. Myers, FL
Stephen Argilan Jr.	4,895	Oakland Park, FL
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Dmeter Yablonsky	2,931	Montrose, NY
Delbert Jay Stinson	2,890	Saginaw, MI
James P. Munz	2,865	Fort Harrison, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Marvin A. Northey	1,494	Fort Harrison, MT
Roger Akervik	1,482	St. Cloud, MN
Denzil L. Brown	1,473	Nashville, TN
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Wilbert Smith	992	Fort Harrison, MT
Thomas Green	987	Canandaigua, NY
Delmer Dean Bennett	979	Nashville, TN
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 250</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ronald T. Coleman	496	Fort Harrison, MT
Carroll Daly	493	Reno, NV
William J. Quast	485	Fort Harrison, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Thom P. Buell	249	Fort Harrison, MT
Duane A. Bakken	246	Fort Harrison, MT
Robert C. Bourasa	246	Fort Harrison, MT

New Volunteers
6/20/2007 to 12/6/2007

Little Rock, AR VA Medical Center

Robert S. Morehead and Earl F. Smith

Phoenix, AZ VA Medical Center

Joseph DeVita, Herlin Lyle Nordin and Harry James Olsen

Prescott, AZ VA Medical Center

John H. Byrd; Barry Goldfarb; Mary B. Goodwin; Arlene Hazen; William D. Hazen; Marjorie Powell and Brian L. Vlastelich

Tucson, AZ VA Medical Center

Steven T. Prill and Kenneth Gerald Wilkinson

Loma Linda, CA VA Medical Center

Walter Gillespie; Salvador Monrea and William D. Parks

Long Beach, CA VA Medical Center

Balentine Samarripa

San Francisco, CA VA Medical

Daniel D. Link

Sepulveda, CA VA Medical Center

Vincent T. Galvez; Richard E. Lev; Arthur Mitchell Pride and Alvin Reliford

Denver, CO VA Medical Center

Garry J. Kiljan and Randolph M. Otilio

Grand Junction, CO VA Medical

Patrick M. Calavan

Bay Pines, FL VA Medical Center

Josephine C. Murphy and Brendan M. Murphy

Ft. Myers, FL VA Medical Center

Edward F. Donlin

Gainesville, FL VA Medical Center

Pete J. Andres; Richard B. Backlund; William V. Batchelder; Robert Edwin Harrison; John F. Murphy; Sonia H Pridemore; Arthur E. Rowe, Jr.; Steven Weiss; Laurence A. Woodward, Jr.; Raymond Richard (Dick) Yoder and Richard J. Yoho

Lake City, FL VA Medical Center

Robert L. Bennett; Jerry J. Mack; Marshall G. Monk and Donald Perlia

Orlando, FL VA Medical Center

Roger A. LeDoux and Teresa D. LeDoux

West Palm Beach, FL VA Medical

Dennis Strocchia

Honolulu, HI VA Medical Center

Alan Hugh Smith

Des Moines, IA VA Medical Center

David A. Arviza; Bill Baldus; Larry L. Campbell; Naida Lee Cooper; Jimmy Goodwin; Jerry

Howell; Gary A. James; Dennis E. Kelley; Darrell D. Koester; Dave A. Muhr; Alfred P. Naughton; Michael J. Shipley; James E. Thompson; David L. VanDenBaard; Ronald B. Young and J. Kent Zickefoose

Boston, MA VA Medical Center

Eddie B. Butler and Melissa L. Johnson

Iron Mountain, MI VA Medical

Rodney Harold Aho; Robert G. Colassacco; Wayne Nelson Harding and Ronald Clarence Tupper

St. Cloud, MN VA Medical Center

Craig Warren Kalaha

Kansas City, MO VA Medical

Robert E. Brown

Poplar Bluff, MO VA Medical

Joe A. Stewart

Biloxi, MS VA Medical Center

Nicholas B. Stevenson

Jackson, MS VA Medical Center

Christopher L. Cantrell; Harold Ruthledge and Daniel M. Ward

Fayetteville, NC VA Medical

Donald M. Lambrecht and Bobby G. Rogers

Fargo, ND VA Medical Center

Cynthia G. Almer; Roger D. Smith, Sr.; Christi Young and Christopher P. Young

Omaha, NE VA Medical Center

Milton G. Raasch and James J. Tichota

Albuquerque, NM VA Medical

Robert R. Aitken and Leroy Valencia

Reno, NV VA Medical Center

James L. Daniel; James W. Hebb and Millard Franklin Wiseman

Brooklyn, NY VA Medical Center

Milagros Gonzalez

Buffalo, NY VA Medical Center

Hansiel Moody, Cheryl Realmuto and William Sutherland

Dayton, OH VA Medical Center

George W. Neville

Ft. Sill, OK VA Medical Center

Dale G. Copley, Sr.; Alberta A. Henderson and Max D. Rowlett

Portland, OR VA Medical Center

Jerome B. Zeller

Roseburg, OR VA Medical Center

Nobel Bixby

Pittsburgh, PA VA Medical Center

Homer E. Blair; Robert A. Palmieri and Bill Troll

Columbia, SC VA Medical Center

Paul Matt Becker; Shirl A. Borden; Jerry N. Croxton; William E. Elliott; Wayne J. Felder; Robert Floyd; Alfonso Garcia; Parella R. Jones; John E. Miranda; Nick Riccia and James R. Rice

Greenville, SC VA Medical Center

David William Canning

Memphis, TN VA Medical Center

Herbert Clark and Charles Morton

Amarillo, TX VA Medical Center

Fredric T. Ofsowitz

Houston, TX VA Medical Center

James B. Davis; Cathy B. Green; Rollin Johnson and W. M. Rhyne, Jr.

Salt Lake City, UT VA Medical

John Maher

White River Jct., VT VA Medical

Laurent B. Lesperance

Seattle, WA VA Medical Center

Susan Joy Burke; Steven A. Carr; George A. Douglas; Dale William Evans; Jack W. Finley; Chip Hanauer; James Daniel Hobucket; Nancy L. Isaacson; Vincent Jackels; Robert Kay; Robert Eugene Larson; Steve Lively; L. Allan Mitchell; Dean Leroy Morgan; Charles Nicholas Philips; Ernuf R. Runyon; William R. Saunders; Richard P. Schnieder; Doug M. Seitz; Deborah Anne Smith; Marion A. Windell and Michael L. Yawman

Tacoma, WA VA Medical Center

Steve F. Boyd; Jerome A. Gilberg; Oval G. Gray; Sidney M. Katz; Noah R. Watson and Paul H. Wenzel

Milwaukee, WI VA Medical Center

Judy A. Karaway; George K. Kolar; Frank A. Schraith; Thomas L. Selk and Carol A. Spencer

Tomah, WI VA Medical Center

Allen R. Grell

Cheyenne, WY VA Medical Center

Rodney D. Barnett; Donald G. LeFever; Chester A. McCoy; Leroy F. Meyer; Jay S. Noland; Terrance P. Sanford and Kathleen E. Solheim



2008 DAV TRANSPORTATION NETWORK VAN GRANT PROGRAM

The 2008 DAV Transportation Network (TN) Van Grant Program van approval letters have been sent to all DAV Departments participating in this year's program.

Delivery is expected this spring. When the vehicles are available, we will request VA Central Office to provide instructions to the VAMC director for pick up by DAV VAWS volunteers at VA's expense.

Payment for the vehicles are now required. Grants for the 2008 Vehicle Grant Program are processed through The Colorado Trust, which is administered by the DAV National Service Foundation. Therefore, **checks should be made payable to The Colorado Trust and sent to the attention of the Foundation's Administrator:**

**Ms. Nancy O'Brien
DAV National Service Foundation
3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076**

Please indicate that the check represents a payment under the terms of the 2008 Transportation Network Vehicle Grant Program.

**DAV HOSPITAL SERVICE COORDINATOR/
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK PROGRAM**

The DAV Hospital Service Coordinator/Transportation Network Program (HSC/TN) celebrates 21 successful years. The HSC/TN was established in 1987 and has seen phenomenal growth in all areas of operation. It has become an indispensable program to thousands of veterans needing transportation for their much needed care at VA medical facilities.

Developed in cooperation with the VA, the DAV TN was intended to operate as a fully integrated service within each VA medical facility. In accomplishing this, full-time DAV Hospital Service Coordinators were placed at each of the VA's 172 hospitals. Assisting the Hospital Services Coordinators is a corps of thousands of DAV VAVS volunteers.

In January 1987, there were three such programs. By the end of that year, there were 109. The number of veterans transported and the number of miles driven have increased steadily since then. Many of these veterans rode in vans the DAV donated to VA medical facilities for use in the DAV TN. DAV Departments and Chapters, together with the National Organization, have now donated 1,959 vans to VA medical facilities nationwide at a cost of \$39,782,133. The table below clearly shows the expansion of service within this program.

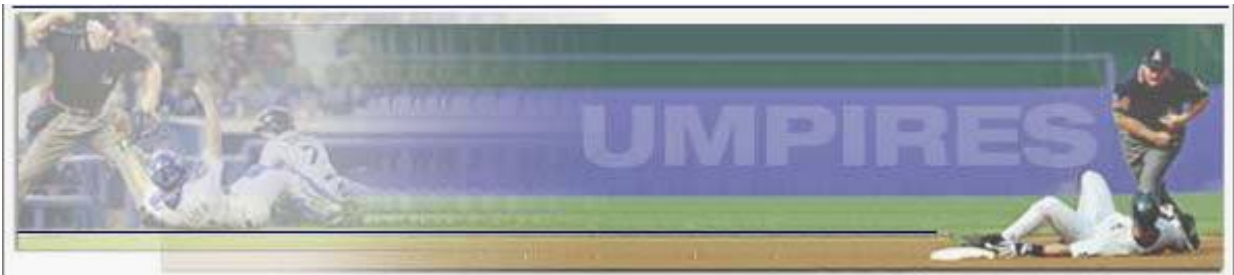
<i>Year</i>	<i>Veterans Transported</i>	<i>Volunteer Hours</i>	<i>Miles Driven</i>
1987	16,695	53,135	927,088
1988	101,991	279,930	5,272,635
1989	185,880	465,832	9,309,077
1990	269,487	644,757	12,798,012
1991	330,242	761,656	14,690,692
1992	375,361	823,742	16,686,285
1993	420,134	886,866	17,509,834
1994	421,302	904,486	16,634,661
1995	477,554	1,110,241	17,795,156
1996	518,889	1,011,442	19,368,975
1997	610,194	1,154,457	21,804,578
1998	654,256	1,245,378	22,660,146
1999	742,486	1,382,160	25,677,067
2000	781,253	1,397,558	26,870,281
2001	776,898	1,512,040	27,436,417
2002	767,292	1,607,234	27,700,443
2003	735,008	1,470,430	27,420,350
2004	738,696	1,523,460	26,952,756
2005	754,037	1,556,871	28,115,570
2006	772,755	1,564,666	27,774,391
2007	725,034	1,533,179	26,687,422
TOTALS	11,175,444	22,889,520	420,091,836



We Want Your DAV TN Story!

Every day the DAV TN sends out scores of volunteer drivers to transport veterans to and from VA health care facilities all across the nation. We want to hear about the special and heartwarming events that our Hospital Service Coordinators and transportation network drivers are experiencing while transporting veterans.

Send your stories to Mr. Edward E. Hartman, National Director of Voluntary Services, Disabled American Veterans, National Service and Legislative Headquarters, 807 Maine Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024 or by fax (202) 863-0233.



MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRE VISITS VA MEDICAL CENTERS



Retired Major League Umpire Larry Barnett visited the following VA medical centers in February: Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina; Augusta (downtown and uptown facilities), Dublin and Atlanta, Georgia.

NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

2008 National Salute Chairman -- Mike Vogel

"Discretion is being able to raise your eyebrow instead of your voice."

-Unknown

Actor Mike Vogel led VA's annual patient recognition program where the public was invited to visit and honor hospitalized veterans during National Salute Week, February 10-16, 2008. He will serve as national spokesperson for more than 90,000 volunteers serving veterans at VA facilities across the nation. The youngest celebrity to lead the National Salute, Mike Vogel brings youthful energy to the program at a time when the number of young combat

veterans under VA care is growing and VA is looking to younger generations of American's to replenish an aging volunteer force.

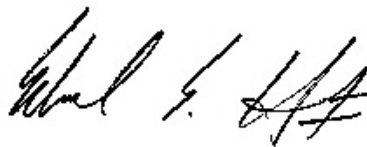
Mr. Vogel was born in Abington, Pennsylvania in 1979 and began modeling for Levi-Strauss & Company shortly after high school. He began his acting career in 2001 on the Fox Network television series "Grounded for Life." He has appeared in a variety of movies since, including "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants," "Rumor has It," and "Poseidon," the 2006 remake of the "Poseidon Adventure." Currently, Mike has a starring role in the new feature film "Cloverfield," released in January 2008. He became personally involved in supporting veterans after his cousin's husband was killed during military duty in Iraq in 2007. Both of his grandfathers fought in World War II. One was a tank commander and veteran of the Battle of the Bulge; the other a Seabee in the Navy.

The purpose of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Program is to pay tribute and express appreciation to hospitalized veterans; increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, more than 98,000 veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for every day in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes.

During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities and veteran recognition programs. The week provides an opportunity for the community to become acquainted with the volunteer opportunities within the medical center.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions about the information in this bulletin.



EDWARD E. HARTMAN
National Director of Voluntary Services

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