

April 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
12/7/2007 to 2/5/2008***

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 150,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Harlon R. Owens	154,579	Miles City, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 100,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Barbara E. Wright	102,315	Albuquerque, NM
Rick Maynard	100,300	White River Jct., VT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 75,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Yolanda G. Rodriguez	82,610	San Antonio, TX
Paul H. Wenzel	82,495	Tacoma, WA
Bill S. Traxler	79,709	Denver, CO
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Leigh E. Tabor	54,565	White River Jct., VT
Pablo Marquez	54,390	San Antonio, TX
Michael J. Scheufeli	53,601	Minneapolis, MN
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Robert Allen Seaton	41,821	White City, OR
Kenneth Gipson	31,508	Memphis, TN
Clarence L. Weyer	29,923	Marion, IL
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
John D. Scarborough	23,559	Houston, TX
Clifford R. Boxley	22,344	Pueblo, CO

Donald D. Austin	22,006	Big Spring, TX
<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
James H. Lunde	9,630	Minneapolis, MN
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Bruce Dennis Drewett	7,363	White River Jct., VT
Earle B. Kittleman	7,103	Pueblo, CO
William H. Canoles	6,836	Baltimore, MD
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 2,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Leland A. Berndt	4,819	Pueblo, CO
Gerald E. Hazel	4,570	Minneapolis, MN
Donald Nelson	4,440	Fort Harrison, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
David N. Grover	2,373	Pueblo, CO
James Ball	2,194	Miles City, MT
Fred E. Rice	1,894	Pueblo, CO

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS
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<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Robert Crowe	23,430	Miles City, MT
Robley H. Rex	14,627	Louisville, KY
Clayton C. Morgan	13,710	Salt Lake City, UT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Edward R. Grunander	9,089	Salt Lake City, UT
Frank E. Royer	8,863	Kansas City, MO
Jimmy A. Batie	8,253	Big Spring, TX
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Heidi Ann Hopper	7,199	Salt Lake City, UT
Benny J. Chavez	6,447	Salt Lake City, UT
Robert O. Edwards	5,748	Salt Lake City, UT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 3,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Terry L. Fowler	4,997	Pueblo, CO
Douglas R. Stewart	4,888	Salt Lake City, UT
Francis H. Bland	4,821	Louisville, KY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
A. Jay Staker	2,984	Salt Lake City, UT
Forrest Chilton	2,951	Louisville, KY
Mary H. Beamer	2,923	Hampton, VA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Paul E. Powell	1,498	Louisville, KY
Marcia A. Smith	1,478	Louisville, KY
Joseph Elluzzi	1,463	West Palm Beach, FL

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Homer O. Lea	996	Oklahoma City, OK
Gilbert Lee Gross	933	Salt Lake City, UT
William B. Joyner, Sr.	927	Salt Lake City, UT

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 250</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Judge Dudley, Jr.	484	Loma Linda, CA
John W. McNeil	473	Salt Lake City, UT
Robert W. Hamilton	470	Louisville, KY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Richard W. Blake	249	Pueblo, CO
John P. Schaefer	236	Pueblo, CO
Jasmine Kuilan	226	Columbia, SC

New Volunteers
12/7/2007 to 2/5/2008

Birmingham, AL VA Medical Center

Patra A. Howard

Fayetteville, AR VA Medical Center

Alfred T. Bibby; Donald H. Covey; David Wilson

Little Rock, AR VA Medical Center

Lindell C. Taylor

Prescott, AZ VA Medical Center

Fred H. Schultz

Loma Linda, CA VA Medical Center

Melodie K. Allen; Judge Dudley, Jr.; Daniel M. Dyer; Paul F. Kriner; Raymond C. Shaffer; Tina M. Ybarra and Carl V. Young

Santa Barbara, CA VA Medical Center

Robert T. Kelly, Jr.

Sepulveda, CA VA Medical Center

James A. Hogan

Denver, CO VA Medical Center

Alan G. Swanson

Grand Junction, CO VA Medical Center

Joan M. Goossens

Pueblo, CO VA Medical Center

John Kenneth Breckenridge

Ft. Myers, FL VA Medical Center

Lawrence E. Earwood and William S. Henderson

Gainesville, FL VA Medical Center

Floyd E. Bubb; Robert M. Grable; Albert M. Gregory; Keith C. Lorrington; John D. Manning; Eileen M. Ricker; Paul D. Scagliarini; James E. Shriver

Iowa City, IA VA Medical Center

Sidney R. Barrett

Saginaw, MI VA Medical Center

Arthur W. Schupback

Poplar Bluff, MO VA Medical Center

Joseph D. Holloway and Patricia A. Holloway

St Louis, MO VA Medical Center

Joyce E. Mayberry and Billy M. Mayberry

Biloxi, MS VA Medical Center

David F. Docter and Melvin Howard

Jackson, MS VA Medical Center

Benny F. White

Fargo, ND VA Medical Center

John Heinert and Kenneth L. Poole

Albuquerque, NM VA Medical Center

Gary L. Jennings

Batavia, NY VA Medical Center

Paul F. Gaylord

Buffalo, NY VA Medical Center

Gloria Butler and Jo R. Sterns

Cincinnati, OH VA Medical Center

Martha J. Tepker

Ft. Sill, OK VA Medical Center

Bennie L. Miles

Muskogee, OK VA Medical Center

Gayle L. Allen; Rhea E. Howard; Kenneth L. Johnson; Linda D. Johnson; James R. O'Neal; Patricia A. O'Neal; Jeramie L. Rennhack and Joe D. Turner

Oklahoma City, OK VA Medical Center

Homer O. Lea

Portland, OR VA Medical Center

Mike R. Aemmer; Donn Robert Dale; Dennis Dean Henthorn; Robert Merton Keeler; Earl D. Lindquist; Robert Lynn Mansfield and Milo Oxford

White City, OR VA Medical Center

Brian D. Sullivan

Lebanon, PA VA Medical Center

James C. Holder and Susan J. Miller

Pittsburgh, PA VA Medical Center

Philbert L. Holley; Raymond W. Mitchell, Jr.; Richard C. Mollick and Thomas P. Patterson

Columbia, SC VA Medical Center

Wayne Lee Johnson

Greenville, SC VA Medical Center

Vernon Moon

Big Spring, TX VA Medical Center

James E. Baker; Joe A. Cochran; Ted Grisham; Thomas Hendrick; Joyce L. Moss and Reid D. Witcher

Salem, VA VA Medical Center

Robert Hermanns

Milwaukee, WI VA Medical Center

Douglas D. Bachmann; Donald W. Hansen; Willie H. Merriweather; Gregory W. Osborn and Raymond J. Shank

Tomah, WI VA Medical Center

Duane C. Powers

Cheyenne, WY VA Medical Center

James M. Eller; Katherine Ann Jones; Harlan Sam and Manuel H. Solano

DAV CELEBRITY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM



Major League Umpires Visit VA Medical Centers



Retired Major League Umpire Larry Barnett visited the following VA medical centers in April: Long Beach and San Diego, California; Prescott, Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.



Major League Umpire Jerry Layne visited the following VA medical centers in February and April: Lake City, Gainesville, Tampa and Bay Pines, Florida; Cleveland (Wade Park and Brecksville), Ohio; Baltimore and Baltimore Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center, Maryland; West Roxbury, Massachusetts and Washington, DC.



2008 NATIONAL DISABLED VETERANS WINTER SPORTS CLINIC

We want to thank the sponsors of the 2008 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic for their generous support. A special note of thanks to the DAV California Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., North Carolina DAV & DAV Auxiliary, DAV Auxiliary, DAV Department of Colorado, DAV Department of Florida, DAV Department of Indiana, DAV Department of Maryland, DAV Department of Nebraska, DAV Department of New Jersey, DAV Department of Virginia, DAV State Commanders and Adjutants Association, DAV Guilford County Chapter 20, North Carolina, DAV Portland Chapter 1, DAV Argonne Chapter 2, Utah, DAV Prescott Chapter 16, Arizona.

HOST (\$30,000 +): BearingPoint, Cisco Systems, Ford Motor Company, Health Net Federal Services, J.H. O'Brien Landscaping & Maintenance, Inc., Sprint, TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Veterans Canteen Service.

NATIONAL (\$20,000 – \$29,999): AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, The Coca-Cola Company, Independence Technology, a Johnson & Johnson Company, Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems, Inc., QTC Medical Services, Inc., Town of Snowmass Village.

GOLD (\$10,000 – \$19,999): Baxter Healthcare Corporation, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., DAV California Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., DAV Department of New Jersey, Eli Lilly and Company, EMC², Fifth Third Asset Management, Inc., Leadership VA Alumni Association LIFE Foundation, R R Donnelley -- Response Marketing Services, Purdue Pharma Fund, Telebright Corporation, United Airlines, Vangent, Inc. and 3M Health Care.

SILVER (\$5,000 – \$9,999): APPTIS, BD Medical, DAV Guilford County Chapter 20, North Carolina, Elks National Veterans Service Commission, Frontline Medical, Lockheed Martin Transportation & Security Solutions, MHN Government Services, Merlin International, Stephen Miller, NetApp, North Carolina DAV & DAV Auxiliary, Otto Bock HealthCare, Panasonic Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 57, Vivitrol Business Unit and Wheelin' Sportsmen and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

BRONZE (\$2,500 – \$4,999): American Board for Certification in Orthotics & Prosthetics, Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS), AMSUS Sustaining Members Section, Bowlers to Veterans Link, CRAssociates, Inc., DAV Auxiliary, DAV Department of Colorado, DAV Department of Florida, DAV Department of Indiana, DAV Department of Maryland, DAV Department of Nebraska, DAV Department of Virginia, DAV Argonne Chapter 2, Utah, DAV Prescott Chapter 16, Arizona, DAV State Commanders and Adjutants Association, EMW, EZ-ACCESS Ramps, a Homecare Products Company, The Fischer Family, Frank Pacello, Inc., Genentech, Invacare, Mike Weiss, Respironics, Inc., Seremet Family Foundation The ROHO Group, Team Nordic, TiLite Wheelchairs and William Malcomb.

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DAV Freedom Award

In 1992 we instituted the DAV Freedom Award at the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. It is given each year to the veteran who makes the most progress during the week, showing outstanding courage and accomplishments in taking a giant step forward in the rehabilitation process.

The award's inscription reads: "Your accomplishments during the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic have proved to the world that physical disability does not bar the doors to freedom. We salute your desire to excel so that others may follow."

Every year, one participant is chosen for The Disabled American Veterans Freedom Award for Outstanding Courage and Achievement. This award is given to the veteran whose outstanding courage and achievement is an example to all disabled veteran athletes. The award recognizes the veteran who excels while taking a giant step forward in their rehabilitation process. This is the veteran who proves to the world that physical disability does not bar the doors to freedom.

The 2008 DAV Freedom Award was presented to Centra Mazyck, a soldier whose energy, enthusiasm and spirit have been inspirational to coaches, volunteers and—most importantly—fellow participants.

As a First Sergeant with the 82nd Airborne, Ms. Mazyck embodied the division's "All American" reputation, as well as its motto: All the Way.

As a graduate of Jumpmaster School, she showed the courage and sense of adventure that embodies the 82nd. But four years ago, on a windy November day at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, she became entangled with a fellow jumper and began rapidly plunging to the rapidly approaching ground.

The two jumpers untangled themselves just feet above the ground. The next thing Mazyck remembered was of drop-zone medics cutting away boots and clothing. Upon waking up in the hospital, she was given a devastating prognosis: paralyzed from the waist down with little chance of ever walking again.

Sometimes stubbornness is the best attribute for a disabled veteran. Sgt. Mazyck wouldn't take that diagnosis as gospel and began the grueling rehabilitation process at the VA Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia. Sports became a cornerstone of rehabilitation. She became a competitive athlete in basketball, weightlifting, slalom and softball.

A three-time Winter Sports Clinic participant, Mazyck also discovered the 'miracles' that take place on this beautiful mountainside. Through painstaking rehabilitation and the spirit that embodies this clinic, she is now able to walk again with the help of a cane.

A fellow veteran of the 82nd Airborne, DAV National Commander Rob Reynolds said he was initially drawn to this year's recipient because of the similar ways in which the two soldiers were injured. But that was just the beginning. Speaking of this year's Freedom Award winner, Commander Reynolds said: "There are people who have a special energy that fills a room. They lift others up with encouragement. I am proud that this year's Freedom Award winner is an 82nd Airborne soldier, fellow DAV member and—most importantly—a disabled veteran who shares my belief about constantly striving to bring about the best in others."

Clinic Statistics

Veterans: 391; new veterans: 133; new OIF veterans: 30; women veterans: 49; states represented 44; VA medical facilities represented: 88; youngest participant: 20; oldest participant: 85.

World War II: 6; Korean War: 13; Vietnam War: 96; Gulf War: 42; Operation Iraqi Freedom: 51; Operation Enduring Freedom: 18.

Branch of Service: Army: 194; Navy: 69; Air Force: 68, Marines: 62; Coast Guard: 5.

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



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