

April 2009



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

3/4/09

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Joseph R. James, Sr.	632,129	Minneapolis, MN
Clayton C. Morgan	507,029	Salt Lake City, UT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 200,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Darrel V. Koss	302,200	Minneapolis, MN
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 150,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ralph Lynn White	158,513	Clarksburg, WV
Douglas R. Stewart	156,118	Salt Lake City, UT
Michael K. Dawson	153,818	Beckley, WV
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 100,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
James E. Whitehead	118,793	Northport, NY
Don Kopf	105,350	Erie, PA
Jimmie Lee Kerr	104,114	Miles City, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 75,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Lanny G. Proffitt	89,326	Lexington, KY
Perry C. Rose	84,406	Reno, NV
John D. Barlow	83,632	Pittsburgh, PA
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Frank L. Webb	70,994	Houston, TX
John Hoolahan	66,573	Northport, NY
Herbert E. Lessmann	66,512	Northport, NY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Howard H. Gladstone	38,251	Northport, NY
George W. Duguid	37,454	Northport, NY
Robert Cirino	36,806	Northport, NY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
David Steven Zeemont	23,604	Albuquerque, NM
Paula R. Stangret	23,525	Minneapolis, MN
Lawrence P. Schulz	23,258	Lexington, KY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Melodie K. Allen	9,957	Loma Linda, CA
Robert A. Baehr	9,940	Milwaukee, WI
Louis W. Mahoe	9,932	Honolulu, HI

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Steve Callarman	7,301	Lexington, KY
Robert G. Thompson	7,196	N. Las Vegas, NV
Rick Scott Harmon	7,082	Grand Junction, CO

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 2,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Orland Bradford Niday	4,968	Clarksburg, WV
Warren J. Kerzon	4,928	Albuquerque, NM
Vernon Laddell Hinton	4,884	Reno, NV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Alan E. Bock	2,494	Richmond, VA
Laszlo Kozmer	2,420	West Palm Beach, FL
Donald T. Delamore	2,367	Iowa City, IA

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS

Top 3 Volunteers by Level

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Donald F. Slattery, Sr.	30,761	San Antonio, TX

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Francis Thomas Kristoff	17,749	Salem, VA
Leon J. Fields	17,227	Salem, VA
Jerry Lee Ray	16,073	Salem, VA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Phillip M. Martin	9,954	Salem, VA
George Bogas	9,459	Iowa City, IA
Mary G. (Skinner) Callis	8,971	Clarksburg, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Roy Lamb, Jr.	7,321	Clarksburg, WV
Sharon Ann Ray	7,195	Salem, VA
Wendell Roark	6,135	Kansas City, MO

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 3,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Robert F. Burns	4,609	Lake City, FL
Joseph H. Fidura	4,066	White City, OR
Robert E. Yoak	3,970	Clarksburg, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Gloria Tatro	2,972	Bay Pines, FL
Dennis John Holmquist	2,968	Minneapolis, MN
Jon Ray Richmond	2,782	Clarksburg, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Louis E. Lamb	1,492	Albuquerque, NM
John Aplin	1,474	Iowa City, IA
Jessie F. Wilson	1,453	Clarksburg, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Kenneth P. Harp	983	Lexington, KY
Richard Henry Macho	970	Minneapolis, MN
Karen Annajeau	960	Clarksburg, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 250</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ronald "Rocky" Marino	499	Clarksburg, WV
Ashley N. Woodward	493	Salem, VA
Gilbert Garcia	464	Phoenix, AZ

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Philip Rosko	248	Lebanon, PA
Martin W. Fender	240	Minneapolis, MN
Jacqueline E. Majeski	234	Minneapolis, MN

New Volunteers

3/4/09

Tuscaloosa, AL VA Medical Center

William Bernard Feely

Little Rock, AR VA Medical Center

Lawrence Dale; Victor U. Davies; James Randall Grigsby; Henry Joseph Hicks; Donald Pat Lackey; Jim W. Leonard; James C. Mandock; Paul V. Reynolds and Dan Wingard

Prescott, AZ VA Medical Center

Daryn Barker; Catherine M. Dukelow-Webb and Steven B. Jacoby

Loma Linda, CA VA Medical Center

David Orlando Armstrong; Kenneth M. Hunt; Charles Albert Meschter and Patricia T. Standefer

Sepulveda, CA VA Medical Center

James Larry Hux

Denver, CO VA Medical Center

Kimberly Michelle Kennedy; Kenneth S. Lieb; Joseph Plant and Melanie K. Starkman

Grand Junction, CO VA Medical Center

Robert C. Hartley; Steven John Nannestad and Michael B. Watkins

West Haven, CT VA Medical Center

Kimberly Kancir

Fort Myers, FL VA Medical Center

Ronald A. Garsteig; Robert M. Johnston; Albert R. Jordon and Daniel Lainez

Gainesville, FL VA Medical Center

John L. Brown; Normand Euclide Lefebvre; Clay T. McElvain; William Mark Stasiewicz;
Joseph A. Stephens and Leon Gary Wright

Lake City, FL VA Medical Center

Ollie Davis, Jr.; Roderick James Langevin; Randall Owen Mason and Willie M. Rose

Orlando, FL VA Medical Center

Dennis T. Burchill and Robert F. Gonzalez

West Palm Beach, FL VA Medical Center

Earl Gay

Honolulu, HI VA Medical Center

Don E. Allen

Iowa City, IA VA Medical Center

Edward D. Bennett and Lawrence Charles Garthoff

Wichita, KS VA Medical Center

James O. Bean

Louisville, KY VA Medical Center

Jennie M. Atherton; Robert Haynes Elmore; Monica Michele Elmore; Catherine B. Kiney; Carl H. Moore; Katherine I. Roberson and David Watkins

Iron Mountain, MI VA Medical Center

Dennis Earl Fraki; Donald E. Guzek; Thomas R. Harding; Gary R. Hausmann; Joseph Francis Jasenovsky; Paul W. Kawalski; Dale Edward LaPalme; Kenneth A. O'Brien; Robert Michael O'Connell; Kenneth J. Schuman; Bernard W. Seid; Richard Dale Shafer and Howard Arnold Walters

Columbia, MO VA Medical Center

Ronald Joseph Carr; David L. Hartman; Billy J. Jones; Chloe Krause; Billy G. Ray and Ronald G. Seid

Kansas City, MO VA Medical Center

Orris W. Hoff and Danny McMullen

Jackson, MS VA Medical Center

John A. Leckie

Fort Harrison, MT VA Medical Center

Kenneth D. Brandvold; James Michael Connolly; James M. Devich; James F. Gleason; Louis Hagener; Lynn Francis McAtee; Everett Dale Schelin; Richard W. Swietek and Leonard R. Wheeler

Durham, NC VA Medical Center

Billy Flynychum Underwood and Alexandria Ward

Fargo, ND VA Medical Center

Ione G. Gibson; Mike Nunziato and Elizabeth L. Stinar

Albuquerque, NM VA Medical Center

Henry Bulloch; Richard B. Decken, Sr. and Thomas H. Torian

Reno, NV VA Medical Center

Benjamin David Meidinger

Bath, NY VA Medical Center

Raymond Zeigler

Canandaigua, NY VA Medical Center

William M. Birecree; Edward James Buell, III; Billy Ray Dotson and George H. Moore

Rochester, NY VA Outpatient Clinic

Jeffrey Matthews

Columbus, OH VA Medical Center

Ronald Edward Thomas, Sr.

Roseburg, OR VA Medical Center

Marvin John Carter; Raymond Frank Cedarquist; Gary E. Goff; Paul Eugene Hosper; Robert O. Strickler and Larry Woodward

White City, OR VA Medical Center

Alexis B. Kula

Philadelphia, PA VA Medical Center

Niya Lee Chambers and Gary George Watson

Pittsburgh, PA VA Medical Center

Dianne Irene Powers

Columbia, SC VA Medical Center

Charles L. Johnson

Amarillo, TX VA Medical Center

Jonathan W. Tikker

Big Spring, TX VA Medical Center

Raymond William Hoef

El Paso, TX VA Medical Center

Jesse R. Dryer

Houston, TX VA Medical Center

Larry G. Epperley; Scott Leslie Mitchell and Felipe Sanchez

San Antonio, TX VA Medical Center

Rashard Smith and Austin Spratt

Temple, TX VA Medical Center

Kerry Dwyer; David V. Opland and Daniel C. Pfannstiel

Salt Lake City, UT VA Medical Center

Freddy R. Crespín and David M. Webster

Salem, VA VA Medical Center

Donald W. Orfield

Madison, WI VA Medical Center

Douglas R. Morgan and Janet Kay Morgan

Milwaukee, WI VA Medical Center

Carl H. Boyd; Patrick Brian Denomie; Bernard Eugene Doyle, Jr.; Richard Frederic Johnson;

Raymond Everett Kirkpatrick; Robert Jon Nelsen; Larry M. Phillips; Paul R. Rasmussen;
Stephen Sivyer and Randy Earl Vanness

Tomah, WI VA Medical Center

Albert V. Lijewski

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

The DAV Hospital Service Coordinator/Transportation Network Program (HSC/TN) celebrates 22 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 Service 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. From 1987 to 2008, DAV Departments and Chapters, together with the National Organization, have donated 2,109 vans to VA medical facilities nationwide at a cost of \$41,132,839. 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	736,081	1,557,303	27,255,057
2008	795,688	1,557,611	27,540,549
TOTALS	11,982,179	24,471,255	448,200,020

DAV CELEBRITY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM



Major League Baseball Umpire Visit VA Medical Centers



Major League Baseball Umpire Jerry Layne visited the following VA medical centers in April: Cincinnati, Ohio; Fort Thomas, Kentucky; Tampa, Bay Pines and W. Palm Beach, Florida; Dallas and Houston, Texas; Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia.

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

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