

JUNE 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.

DAV TRANSPORTATION NETWORK MILES

Top 3 Volunteers by Level

2/5/2008 to 3/27/2008

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 200,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
William C. Giles	203,322	Muskogee, OK
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 150,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Harlon R. Owens	154,579	Miles City, MT
Gordon K. Thompson	153,098	Tampa, FL
Everett Darling	152,740	Huntington, WV
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 100,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
William Gamble	107,365	Miles City, MT
Austin L. Miller	102,563	Fayetteville, AR
Barbara E. Wright	102,315	Albuquerque, NM
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 75,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Dale Benti	83,565	Miles City, MT
Jimmie Lee Kerr	83,142	Miles City, MT
Yolanda G. Rodriguez	82,610	San Antonio, TX
<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
Ann Gamble	37,310	Miles City, MT
Clifford R. Boxley	32,202	Pueblo, CO

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Conway Pete Ellers	24,806	Spokane, WA
Rick Braley	23,760	Miles City, MT
John D. Scarborough	23,559	Houston, 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
Patrick D. Markuson	9,703	Boise, ID
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
James A. Reid	7,425	Danville, IL
John R. Darre	7,379	Reno, NV
Bruce Dennis Drewett	7,363	White River Jct., VT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 2,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Carl J. Campbell	4,993	Salt Lake City, UT
Leland A. Berndt	4,819	Pueblo, CO
Gerald E. Hazel	4,570	Minneapolis, MN
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Kenneth Domonoske	2,492	Miles City, MT
Edwin L. Mayberry	2,450	Miles City, MT
Roland Rudy Kuneff	2,448	Miles City, MT

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS

Top 3 Volunteers by Level

2/5/2008 to 3/27/2008

<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>
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
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>
Terry L. Fowler	4,997	Pueblo, CO
Steven Kahnke	4,938	Minneapolis, MN
Theodore K. Witsche	4,934	Ft. Myers, FL
<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
Marvin A. Northey	1,494	Fort Harrison, MT
Marcia A. Smith	1,478	Louisville, KY
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Homer O. Lea	996	Oklahoma City, OK
Wilbert Smith	992	Fort Harrison, MT
Marvin R. Korb	952	Fort Harrison, MT
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 250</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
William J. Quast	485	Fort Harrison, MT
Judge Dudley Jr.	484	Loma Linda, CA
David Palmer	479	Jackson, MS
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Thom P. Buell	249	Fort Harrison, MT
Richard W. Blake	249	Pueblo, CO
Robert C. Bourasa	246	Fort Harrison, MT

New Volunteers
2/6/2008 to 3/27/2008

Montgomery, AL VA Medical Center

Joyce M. Jackson

Fayetteville, AR VA Medical Center

Jess W. Baker, Jr. and Jonathan Bonnett

Little Rock, AR VA Medical Center

James H. Ashley and Henry W. Clements

Phoenix, AZ VA Medical Center

James T. Cronk

Prescott, AZ VA Medical Center

John Fitzgerrel, Sean E. Samitt and Leigh V. Wray

San Francisco, CA VA Medical Center

Luis Becerra, Jr.

Grand Junction, CO VA Medical Center

Francis L. Eggers

Ft. Myers, FL VA Medical Center

Richard L. Cox Matthew A. Enderle and Louis Piwowarski

Gainesville, FL VA Medical Center

James W. Hall David Leo Lyons, Kathleen Mary McMyne, Kyra L. Rosek, Willard S. Squire, Jr., William J. Struck and James "Ray" Williams

Orlando, FL VA Medical Center

Bradley Bouters

Decatur, GA VA Medical Center

Raymond Rivers

Boise, ID VA Medical Center

Paul H. Gatley, Patrick D. Markuson, William H. Parker and Tammy L. Shelden

Bedford, MA VA Medical Center

Joseph Civittolo

Iron Mountain, MI VA Medical Center

Ralph T. Kallio and Carl Anthony Turner

Minneapolis, MN VA Medical Center

George R. Ebbers

Columbia, MO VA Medical Center

Walt J. Timm

Fort Harrison, MT VA Medical Center

Robert Jon Burton and Michelle Lee Ferguson

Miles City, MT VA Medical Center

Rick Braley, Don F. Cramer, William J. Eshleman, Benjamin David Knudson, Roland Rudy Kuneff, Larry S. Lizotte, Bonnie Lynn Mace, Edwin L. Mayberry, Victoria Lee Miller and Martin E. Storfa

Fayetteville, NC VA Medical Center

Sarah A. Washington-Ephraim

Fargo, ND VA Medical Center

Carrie E. Hoefler and Jonathan M. Hoefler

Bath, NY VA Medical Center

John Stowell and Douglas B. Stubbs

Brooklyn, NY VA Medical Center

Jorge L. Torres-Berrios

Montrose, NY VA Medical Center

Naman Jani

Northport, NY VA Medical Center

Matthew R. Comer

Dayton, OH VA Medical Center

William J. Bates, Jr. and Vincent R. Dec

Muskogee, OK VA Medical Center

John C. Pittman

Lebanon, PA VA Medical Center

Lucille McNier and Richard Musser

Pittsburgh, PA VA Medical Center

Edward W. Brenkus

Charleston, SC VA Medical Center

Thomas Ward

Columbia, SC VA Medical Center

Tracey Jackson and William D. Steele

Memphis, TN VA Medical Center

Charles Ashley, Timothy Burress, James Davidson, Ronald Font, Henry Gill, Jerry Greenway, Joe Johnson, John KayKendell, Jimmy Lowe, James May, Anthony McDaniel, Jimmy Potts, Billy Shanklin, Larry Smith and Joedy Tarking

El Paso, TX VA Medical Center

Waldo Felipe Rodriguez

Houston, TX VA Medical Center

Chuck Beall

Lubbock, TX VA Medical Center

Ron Gilbert Hixson

Temple, TX VA Medical Center

George L. Weaver

Richmond, VA VA Medical Center

Edward A. Murry, Jr. and Janet L. Norris

Seattle, WA VA Medical Center

Gerald D. Carbaugh

Spokane, WA VA Medical Center

Lewis D. Bebee and John "Dan" Tierney

Milwaukee, WI VA Medical Center

Fred A. Chester

Cheyenne, WY VA Medical Center

Thomas F. Harms and Thomas J. Sigl

Sheridan, WY VA Medical Center

Anton John Beehler and Ron L. Ohman

Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)

In October 2007, we were happy to announce the creation of the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) to assist veterans and their dependents in their local communities that are not near a VA medical facility.

To date, a great corps of LVAP volunteers are gaining the satisfaction of giving to others. The statistics are quite impressive. We invite all departments and chapters to get involved and make a difference. Remember, LVAP volunteers will receive the same incentive awards as enjoyed by volunteers in the VAVS program. Reporting procedures should be submitted via the Internet by typing <http://www.dav.org/lvap/reporting/> in your Internet browser. Each department received a unique username and password last October for inputting the monthly data.

And don't forget that youth volunteers who serve in the LVAP will also be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program so long as they meet the minimum eligibility requirements for consideration.

LVAP volunteers may report volunteer time for a variety of activities which include, but are not limited to:

1. Chapter and Department Service Officer work.
2. DAV specific outreach efforts (DAV Airshow Outreach Program, Harley's Heroes, National Guard mobilizations and demobilizations, etc.).
3. Fundraising efforts (Forget-Me-Not and other approved fundraisers).
4. Direct assistance to veterans, widows, or families (yard work, home repairs, grocery shopping, etc.).

LVAP Volunteer Hours
1/1/08 to 5/23/08

State	YTD Hours	Lifetime Hours
Alabama	130	130
Colorado	928	1,536
Florida	8,591	15,203
Michigan	625	830
Missouri	1,687	7,002
Nebraska	177	177
Ohio	2,182	4,114
South Dakota	15	15
Texas	110	760
Wisconsin	292	292
Totals	14,560	30,059

A warm welcome to our LVAP Volunteers!

Paul Adams, Phillip Alexander, Anthony Alfano, Amanda Alvarado, Opal Bailey, Dale Baird, Bert Bautista, Alan Bedor, Joe Bencsik, Florence Bernhard, Edward Bernhard, Mari Jo Berryhill, William Berterman, Albert Blanck, Daniel Bowman, William Bragg, Josephine Brandon, Richard Breedlove, Roseann Brill, Karen Britton, Eugene Brostoski, Theodore Burch, Robert Eldred Camp, Bonnie Cannon, Astrid Cawiezel, Gerald Cawiezel, John Cerra, Marvin Chaney, Frank Chicollo, Joe Clark, David Coates, Martha Cobb, Tom Cobb, Phil Condon, Ed Conley, Shirley Conley, James Cook, Herman Corbett, Isreal Cortez, Aaron Cunningham, Denzel Curby, Terri Daugherty, Howard Daughtery, James Davidson, Angela Davis, Drake Davis, Lucy DeFelice, Jean Delts, Don Denny, Victor Dossi, Leon Duke, Jim Dupuy, Tom Dutkavich, James Dutrow, Paul Dyl, Jack Edwards, Jim Ehlert, Ronald Ehmann, Marie Elmore, David Endean, Larry Erwin, Patricia Esswein, Al Estrada, Robin Feldman, Richard Floyd, William Foster, Roger Franklin, Jimmy Fulbright, Bobby Garcia, Jack Gernemt, Duane F. Getzmyer, Georgette Glasser, Edmon Godette, Richard Goshorn, Joseph Guarmeri, Ted Gummerger, Joyce Hahn, Gene Hahn, Kenneth Hall, Robert Hall, Ron

Hansen, John Hansvick, James Harker, Michael Harmon, Sue Harrington, Robert Harrison, Kenneth Hayward, Richard Hecathorn, Edward Hessner, Judy Hezlep, Scott Hood, Raymond Houston, Michael Huff, Bill Hutson, Harry Johnson, Gail C. Johnson, Theron L. Johnson, Joseph Johnston, Bonnie Jones, Dennis Joyner, Pete Kazakis, Fred Kerns, Raymond Kidd, Ronald Knold, Mariann Knudson, Bobby Knudson, Margaret Koenig, Lee Krabill, Raymond Lamp, Robert Lawton, Robert Layman, Lorie Layman, Edna Jeanne Lee, Jack F. Lemire, Morgan Lierd, Ed Lietz, Edward Litsinger, Fidel Lucero, Bob MacNeil, Donald Major, George Manes, Diane Marsh, Andy Marshall, J. W. Martin, Sam Martinez, Earl Mason, Gordon Mauldin, David McCall, J. McCann, Ray McGuire, Barbara McVicker, John Mendez, Henry Merckson, Harold Messner, Frank Miko, Claudia Minor, Mary Miscione, Richard Miscione, Brian Mitchell, Hector Mitchell, Billy Montgomery, Jo Montgomery, Maude Moriti, Joe Morris, Mark Mortensen, Maude Mortti, Eugene Muniz, Glenn Nichols, Larry Oney, Jack Ourada, Frank Ourada, Morton Parks, Annamarie Perrigo, Wayne Peters, Jon Petersen, Clifford Petrey, Mike Pilgrim, Maggy Pitton, John Platten, Illa Prusha, Leornard Puls, Mike Purcell, Rocky Puritis, Joe Quintana, Grant Raulerson, Ray Raulerson, Jack Reade, Eddie Reade, Ramon Reyes, Howard Reynolds, Angel S. Rivera, Ruben Rodriguez, Hugh Rogers, Nappy Romero, Lee J. Romero, Nedra Ruckman, Luz Ruiz-Reyes, Leonard Rush, Toby Salazar, Fred Schilling, Lyle Schmeiser, George Schnaudigel, Lydia Schnee, Belinda Schuler, Paul Schuler, III, Jeffery Scott, Wylie Ann Sealy, John Seaman, Shirley Seaman, Charnette Sellers, David Sharp, Barbara Ann Shepard, Donald Sheppard, Barbara Sheppard, Arlene Shy, Joey Sillyman, Marian Skorusa, Oscar Smith, Janice Snow, Albert Sorrentino, Yuki Spilman, Armand St. Jean, Edmund Stepnowski, Ferna Stewart, Leonard Stewart, Marie Stoke, Bonnie Streeter, Jim Stringham, Raymond Suarez, Fred J. Suazo, James Sursely, David Tannenbaum, Bernard Taylor, Timothy Tepker, George Theriault, Roger Lee Tiffany, Virgil Torres, Ralph Travis, Dorothy VanHoy, Joe Verdi, Raphael Wahwassuck, Melinda Wakefield, Jill Watts, Ovid Wear, JoAnn Weber, Tom Weber, Roy Wiggins, Bennett Willis, Donald Wilson, Carl Winningham, Bruce Winters, Luther Winters, Ursula Wolf, David Wolf, Joe Wornery, Harold E. Wright and Bert Zampese

2008 GEORGE H. SEAL MEMORIAL AWARDS

These prestigious awards annually honor the remarkable volunteers who serve disabled veterans and their families through the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program. The awards are conferred in memory of George H. Seal, a former DAV Director of Membership and Volunteer Services and leading organizer and administrator of the DAV VAVS program from 1952 until his death in 1977. This year's winners are:

DAV – George Beadles, Jr.

George A. Beadles, Jr., of Chesterfield, Virginia, a Vietnam veteran, has volunteered more than 16,546 hours at the Richmond VA Medical Center (VAMC) in 11 years.

Mr. Beadles volunteers as the DAV Transportation Network Hospital Service Coordinator, volunteer timekeeper, VAVS Representative and for special events. In 12 years, his hours have added up by volunteering six days a week. When he first began as the Hospital Service Coordinator in 2002, the program was basically not operating. During his tenure as the transportation coordinator, the program has seen a 123 percent increase in veterans served.

Retired from Bell Atlantic when he turned 50, he knew he had to have something to do. “When you are volunteering you tend to lose track of the time. You don’t realize you are there the time that you are,” said Mr. Beadles.

Sometimes known as “King George,” he has achieved greatness in the eyes of many veterans and their family members, dozens of staff members and most of his fellow volunteers. He has assisted countless veterans in the area with necessary transportation to and from the VAMC. He is quick to recognize and attend to ‘the forgotten patient’ who might not ordinarily get as much routine attention from volunteers.

A member of Chapter 44 in Richmond, Virginia, Mr. Beadles says volunteering is a reward unto itself. “When someone tells someone else that I helped them – that I did it for them – that makes me feel like I have a purpose.”

DAV Auxiliary – Miriam Daley

Miriam A. Daley of Arlington, Massachusetts has 4,363 volunteer hours in over 30 years. Mrs. Daley, a member of Auxiliary Unit 27 in Somerville, Massachusetts, has a long history of volunteerism and serving veterans. “My father was a World War I veteran, I had two brothers who were World War II veterans, and my husband was in the Korean War,” she said. I also had a brother in Vietnam. It is in my blood.”

It was 30 years ago that she began as an Auxiliary volunteer. During that time, she has put in 4,363 hours as the Voluntary Service Office Assistant and VAVS Representative as well as volunteering in recreation therapy at the Bedford VAMC.

Mrs. Daley is very dedicated and committed to the care of veterans. She participates in numerous activities both within and outside of the medical center. She is always willing to help in any manner, often going above and beyond what is asked of her. Her example inspires other volunteers to go the extra mile in serving veteran patients in their volunteer assignments. “I feel my time is valuably used,” she said. “It is a real donation.”

While Mrs. Daley was flabbergasted to be chosen for the Seal Award, she says the biggest payback is “the smile on the guy’s face when you do the smallest thing for him.”

The wife of former Department of Massachusetts Adjutant John Daley, her favorite volunteer effort is the birthday parties for homeless veterans. “A lot of those guys have no one to celebrate their birthdays,” she said. “They were so thrilled to get homemade brownies and bakeries for their birthday. Homeless veterans are the guys I especially care about.”

“I can never thank the DAV enough for selecting me for the Seal Award,” she said. “I think it was something very unexpected for doing the job I love.”

Mr. Beadles and Mrs. Daley will be presented with their awards during the opening session of the 2008 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

2008 JESSE BROWN MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program was created to honor outstanding young volunteers who are active participants in the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program. The scholarships are awarded to deserving young men and women who have generously donated their time and compassion to sick and disabled veterans in their communities. The DAV is deeply appreciative of Ford Motor Company for helping DAV recognize the thousands of hours these outstanding students have donated to care for and comfort disabled veterans.

The winners of the 2008 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarships have widely divergent interests, but they have one thing in common – they honor those who defended our nation’s freedom by donating their time to assist disabled veterans.

1 st Place	Crystalyn Whitaker; Shreveport, LA VAMC	\$15,000
2 nd Place	Meagan Smith; Miami, FL VAMC	\$10,000
3 rd Place	Donte Jones; Salem, VA VAMC	\$ 7,500
	Bridget O’ Sullivan; Hines, IL VAMC	\$ 7,500
4 th Place	Jasmine Kuilan; Columbia, SC VAMC	\$ 5,000
	Lydia Cheng; Salt Lake City, UT VAMC	\$ 5,000
	Parees Vereen; Durham, NC VAMC	\$ 5,000
	Katrina Baillargeon; Bedford, MA VAMC	\$ 5,000
	Janelle Fraley; Battle Creek, MI VAMC	\$ 5,000
	Marwah Ahmed; Washington, DC VAMC	\$ 5,000
	Nicole Deeming; Fayetteville, AR VAMC	\$ 5,000
	Alexander Shinneman; Marion, IL VAMC	\$ 5,000

Ms. Crystalyn Whitaker will be presented with her scholarship during the opening session of the 2008 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The outstanding service provided by this dedicated group of young volunteers is inspiring to those veterans who are the recipients of their care and to the families of those veterans. They prove that our nation's youth care about veterans, and the service and sacrifice they made for our nation. They have proven their desire to help disabled veterans, and they clearly have gained a great deal from their association with our veterans. It is a privilege to have these young men and women working to assist our sick and disabled veterans. The tremendous response we have received for the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program is growing. In the future, it will encourage increased volunteerism to help our nation's veterans.

Some of the benefits of volunteering at a local VA medical center may include: scholarships for college, job experience, healthcare career possibilities, providing assistance to hospitalized veterans, completing high school volunteerism requirements and community involvement.



ELIGIBILITY

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered for a minimum of 100 hours at a VA medical center during the previous calendar year. All volunteer hours must be credited to the Disabled American Veterans.
- Scholarships can be used at any accredited institution of higher learning; to include universities, colleges, community colleges, vocational schools, etc.
- Scholarships must be utilized in full prior to the recipient attaining the age of 25, or within 6 years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later.
- All family members of the DAV national organization **are** eligible to receive a scholarship.
- Nominations for this award may be submitted by the Voluntary Services Program Manager at the VA Medical Center, DAV Department Commander, or the student may complete a self-nomination form which is available on-line. If you are submitting your own nomination, please include an essay discussing "What volunteering at a VA medical center means to you." (Essay should be 750 words or less).

- All nomination packets should include a nomination form, essay, and any supporting documentation which you would like to have considered by the Selection Committee.
- Applications for the 2009 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship program will be accepted between September 1, 2008 and February 25, 2009.

Know a youth that is interested in volunteering? Our Volunteer Registration Form, Nomination Form, or Essay Form, which can be accessed on http://www.dav.org/volunteers/jesse_brown_scholarship.html should be completed and mailed to:

Disabled American Veterans
National Service and Legislative Headquarters
Voluntary Services Department
807 Maine Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20024

DAV CELEBRITY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM



MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES VISIT VA MEDICAL CENTERS



Retired Major League Umpire Larry Barnett entertained the veteran participants at the 2008 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic at Snowmass Village, Colorado in March 30 to April 4 and visited the following VA Medical Centers in June: Lexington, (Coopers Drive), Lexington (Leestown), and Louisville, Kentucky; Indianapolis and Marion, Indiana.



Major League Umpire Jerry Layne visited the following VA Medical Centers in May and June: Houston and Dallas, Texas; Kansas City, Missouri, Washington, D.C.,

W. Los Angeles, Sepulveda, San Francisco, San Diego and Palo Alto, California; Seattle, Washington, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward E. Hartman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

EDWARD E. HARTMAN
National Director of Voluntary Services

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