

June 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.

***DAV TRANSPORTATION NETWORK MILES  
Top 3 Volunteers by Level  
As of 5/29/09***

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Joseph R. James Sr.     | 500,000<br>646,011        | Minneapolis, MN                 |
| Clayton C. Morgan       | 523,038                   | Salt Lake City, UT              |
| Donald W. Sanner        | 504,359                   | Albuquerque, NM                 |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Darrel V. Koss          | 200,000<br>302,200        | Minneapolis, MN                 |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Ronald Gassman          | 150,000<br>199,440        | Fort Meade, SD                  |
| Garland M. Roberts      | 159,192                   | Chillicothe, OH                 |
| Ralph Lynn White        | 158,513                   | Clarksburg, WV                  |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| James E. Whitehead      | 100,000<br>118,793        | Northport, NY                   |
| Don Kopf                | 105,350                   | Erie, PA                        |
| Dennis R. Carrier       | 105,173                   | Gaylord, MI                     |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Ray Marsh               | 75,000<br>89,348          | Portland, OR                    |
| Lanny G. Proffitt       | 89,326                    | Lexington, KY                   |
| Norwood W. Thomas       | 88,561                    | Hampton, VA                     |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Ernest Hengstler        | 50,000<br>74,434          | Dayton, OH                      |
| Frank L. Webb           | 70,994                    | Houston, TX                     |
| John Hoolahan           | 66,573                    | Northport, NY                   |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Lewellyn Frank Fresonke | 25,000<br>47,146          | Minneapolis, MN                 |
| Frank Spencer           | 44,467                    | Beckley, WV                     |
| Mitch L. Ormsbee        | 42,411                    | Ann Arbor, MI                   |

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| <b><i>Name</i></b>    | <b><i>Award Level 10,000</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| David Steven Zeemont  | 23,604                           | Albuquerque, NM                 |
| Paula R. Stangret     | 23,525                           | Minneapolis, MN                 |
| Martin F. Bell        | 23,321                           | Canandaigua, NY                 |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>    | <b><i>Award Level 7,500</i></b>  | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Melodie K. Allen      | 9,957                            | Loma Linda, CA                  |
| Robert A. Baehr       | 9,940                            | Milwaukee, WI                   |
| Louis W. Mahoe        | 9,932                            | Honolulu, HI                    |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>    | <b><i>Award Level 5,000</i></b>  | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Kenneth Vankekerix    | 7,472                            | Fort Meade, SD                  |
| Melvin Lee            | 7,438                            | Fort Meade, SD                  |
| Donald W. Spotloe     | 7,419                            | Huntington, WV                  |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>    | <b><i>Award Level 2,500</i></b>  | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Earnest Simmons       | 4,979                            | Dublin, GA                      |
| Orland Bradford Niday | 4,968                            | Clarksburg, WV                  |
| Michael D. Guy        | 4,947                            | Albuquerque, NM                 |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>    | <b><i>Award Level 500</i></b>    | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Alan E. Bock          | 2,494                            | Richmond, VA                    |
| Brian O'Reilly        | 2,491                            | Augusta, GA                     |
| Dale Goodman          | 2,488                            | Sioux Falls, SD                 |

***VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS***  
***Top 3 Volunteers by Level***  
***As of 5/29/09***

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level 50,000</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| John E. Goodman         | 50,043                           | Amarillo, TX                    |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level 25,000</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Donald F. Slattery Sr.  | 30,761                           | San Antonio, TX                 |
| Clayton P. Giles        | 28,162                           | Washington, DC                  |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level 10,000</i></b> | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Herb J. Giordano        | 19,765                           | Orlando, FL                     |
| Francis Thomas Kristoff | 17,749                           | Salem, VA                       |
| Leon J. Fields          | 17,227                           | Salem, VA                       |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level 7,500</i></b>  | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Phillip M. Martin       | 9,954                            | Salem, VA                       |
| Ell J. Wilkins          | 9,591                            | Washington, DC                  |
| George Bogas            | 9,459                            | Iowa City, IA                   |
| <b><i>Name</i></b>      | <b><i>Award Level 5,000</i></b>  | <b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b> |
| Lee Kauffman            | 7,395                            | Canandaigua, NY                 |
| Roy Lamb Jr.            | 7,321                            | Clarksburg, WV                  |
| Sharon Ann Ray          | 7,195                            | Salem, VA                       |

| <i>Name</i>       | <i>Award Level 3,000</i> | <i>VA Medical Center</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Richard S. Glover | 4,954                    | Grand Island, NE         |
| Harold L. Soult   | 4,706                    | Indianapolis, IN         |
| Robert F. Burns   | 4,609                    | Lake City, FL            |

| <i>Name</i>        | <i>Award Level 1,500</i> | <i>VA Medical Center</i> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Carl E. Jordan     | 2,999                    | Dayton, OH               |
| Gloria Tatro       | 2,972                    | Bay Pines, FL            |
| Robert N. Hackrott | 2,971                    | Canandaigua, NY          |

| <i>Name</i>    | <i>Award Level 1,000</i> | <i>VA Medical Center</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Carl F. Clemen | 1,498                    | Buffalo, NY              |
| Ronald Gassman | 1,498                    | Hot Springs, SD          |
| Louis E. Lamb  | 1,492                    | Albuquerque, NM          |

| <i>Name</i>         | <i>Award Level 500</i> | <i>VA Medical Center</i> |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Orlando Batista     | 989                    | West Palm Beach, FL      |
| Kenneth P. Harp     | 983                    | Lexington, KY            |
| Richard Henry Macho | 970                    | Minneapolis, MN          |

| <i>Name</i>           | <i>Award Level 250</i> | <i>VA Medical Center</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ronald "Rocky" Marino | 499                    | Clarksburg, WV           |
| Lincoln C. Berryman   | 498                    | Dallas, TX               |
| David Lee Kramer      | 496                    | Minneapolis, MN          |

| <i>Name</i>          | <i>Award Level 50</i> | <i>VA Medical Center</i> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Philip Rosko         | 248                   | Lebanon, PA              |
| Raymond William Hoef | 248                   | Big Spring, TX           |
| Wayne W. Weis        | 246                   | Newington, CT            |

### ***NEW VOLUNTEERS***

*As of 5/29/09*

#### ***Tuscaloosa, AL VA Medical Center***

William Bernard Feely

#### ***Fayetteville, AR VA Medical Center***

Bradley R. Becker, Charles D. Dudey, Jerry D. Isham, William A. Rinke, Harold E. Smith and Glade Lynn Williamson

#### ***Little Rock, AR VA Medical Center***

John Wade Alexander, Roynald Lloyd Betts, Lawrence Dale, Victor U. Davies, Hardy Lee Emerson, James Randall Grigsby, Henry Joseph Hicks, Juliann Huffine, Donald Pat Lackey, Jim W. Leonard, Art L. Lockhart, James C. Mandock, William L. Perren, Paul V. Reynolds, Valley Roger Teel, Henry Tolliver, Dan Wingard and Erich H. Wolf

#### ***Prescott, AZ VA Medical Center***

Daryn Barker, Charles W. DeVito, Catherine M. Dukelow-Webb and Steven B. Jacoby

#### ***Loma Linda, CA VA Medical Center***

David Orlando Armstrong, Mark F. Brownton, Edward Gerard Currall, Shari L. Currall,

Kenneth M. Hunt, Larry K. Johnson, Jim A. Killgore, Ronald Howard Lent, Charles Albert Meschter, Stephen Meszaros, Lawrence Joseph Michael, Ray Fred Miller, Martin T. Rodriguez and Patricia T. Standefer

***Martinez, CA VA Medical Center***

James O. Jones

***Sepulveda, CA VA Medical Center***

James Larry Hux, John R. Newman and Gilbert P. Ruby

***Denver, CO VA Medical Center***

Stewart Alan Brown, Ken A. Burham, Frank Roy Gilbert, Dennis Hurt, Kimberly Michelle Kennedy, Kenneth S. Lieb, Joseph Plant, Edward Sears, Kathleen Solhein and Melanie K. Starkman

***Grand Junction, CO VA Medical Center***

Robert C. Hartley, William A. LeBlanc, Steven John Nannestad and Michael B. Watkins

***West Haven, CT VA Medical Center***

Kimberly Kancir

***Bay Pines, FL VA Medical Center***

Norman L. Alexander, Frank Wayne Barnell, Arthur J. Dreyer, Theodore Joseph Eitel, III, Jim Elliott, Westley H. Foye, Dennis M. Gulley, Stephen B. Hall, Roger H. Johnson, Walter Malinowski, Barbara A. Murch, Robert H. Smith, Ellis T. Sweat and Henry Joseph Tessandori

***Fort Myers, FL VA Medical Center***

Gerald A. Conway, Ronald A. Garsteig, Robert M. Johnston, Albert R. Jordon and Daniel Lainez

***Gainesville, FL VA Medical Center***

John L. Brown, Lonzo Douglas, Normand Euclide Lefebvre, Clay T. McElvain, John Orman, William Mark Stasiewicz, Joseph A. Stephens, William Patrick VonKorff and Leon Gary Wright

***Lake City, FL VA Medical Center***

Ollie Davis, Jr., Roderick James Langevin, Randall Owen Mason, Thomas D. McGurk, David Wayne Noble, Willie M. Rose and Felton Spencer, Jr.

***Orlando, FL VA Medical Center***

Dennis T. Burchill, James Crawford, Robert F. Gonzalez, Ellen S. Paul, Donald E. Poskus, Guy Schiber and Jonathan R. Turk

***West Palm Beach, FL VA Medical Center***

Earl Gay

***Augusta, GA VA Medical Center***

Kelvin Apparico, William Atkins, Bud Blount, Paul Brigmon, David Dees, Ronald Keenan, Walter Koth, Roger Majchrzak, Stanley Massingill, Brian O'Reilly and Art Zaenker

***Dublin, GA VA Medical Center***

Ronald J. Breedlove, John Philip Dadmun, James E. Hannan, Billy G. McFadden, Leonard McNair, Tommy Postell, Sr., Earnest Simmons, Larry W. Slade, Thomas Edward White, Sr., Marvin A. White and Mary T. Wood

***Honolulu, HI VA Medical Center***

Don E. Allen

***Iowa City, IA VA Medical Center***

Edward D. Bennett and Lawrence Charles Garthoff

***Boise, ID VA Medical Center***

Robert R. Martin

***Wichita, KS VA Medical Center***

James O. Bean

***Louisville, KY VA Medical Center***

Jennie M. Atherton, Monica Michele Elmore, Robert Haynes Elmore, Loraine Howard, William A. Johnson, Catherine B. Kiney, Carl H. Moore, Katherine I. Roberson and David Watkins

***New Orleans, LA VA Medical Center***

Samuel Clay, Jr.

***Bedford, MA VA Medical Center***

Christopher M. O'Brien

***Brockton, MA VA Medical Center***

Caron Elizabeth Borowy, Nancy Briand, Paul Lee Fleming, Edward Anthony Skowronski, Teana Woods and Gene T. Woods

***Iron Mountain, MI VA Medical Center***

Lionel Francis Beaudoin, Dennis Earl Fraki, Donald E. Guzek, Thomas R. Harding, Gary R. Hausmann, Joseph Francis Jasenovskyy, Paul W. Kawalski, Dale Edward LaPalme, Keith W. Larivee, Kenneth A. O'Brien, Robert Michael O'Connell, Ken Gary Radovich, Kenneth J. Schuman, Bernard W. Seid, Richard Dale Shafer and Howard Arnold Walters

***Saginaw, MI VA Medical Center***

Emil August Franz

***Minneapolis, MN VA Medical Center***

James Robert Barner, John Lloyd Dunlap, Buddy Howell, James Gregory Johnson, Sarah Fawn Jones, Lee Earl McIlquham, Thomas Ralph Menden, Darell Peter Russeau, Rudy Dawson Scott, Arthur Cornelius Soeters, Robert Lee Wallace, Wallace R. Westerberg, Robert Edwin Weum and Gordon R. Woodward

***Columbia, MO VA Medical Center***

Glenn A. Auld, Danny A Brown, Carolyn L. Brown, Ronald Joseph Carr, Lawrence Richard Derks, Laura Christine Gentle, David L. Hartman, Billy J. Jones, Chloe Krause, Billy G. Ray and Ronald G. Seid

***Kansas City, MO VA Medical Center***

Robert Lee Hart, Orris W. Hoff and Danny McMullen

***Poplar Bluff, MO VA Medical Center***

James Dwight Akins, David R. Duncan, Robert Wayne Laplant, Mariam M. Smith, Cora Lee Stephens and John Thomas Webb

***Saint Louis, MO VA Medical Center***

Robert E. Shipman

***Jackson, MS VA Medical Center***

John A. Leckie and Richard W. Ruse

***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

***Fayetteville, NC VA Medical Center***

Joseph F. Rittmeyer

***Fargo, ND VA Medical Center***

Ione G. Gibson, Gerald W. Greenwood, Mike Nunziato and Elizabeth L. Stinar

***Albuquerque, NM VA Medical Center***

Marcylyn Ares Banez, Henry Bulloch, Jessica N. Chavez, Richard B. Decken, Sr., Richard K. Koehler, Billy J. Martinez, George Perez, Mel Pompa, Naida M. Taylor, Thomas H. Torian and John N. Whittam

***Reno, NV VA Medical Center***

Jesse D. Garner, Aubrey Leon Hawkins, Benjamin David Meidinger, Paul R. Schlehr and Fred E. Wagar

***Bath, NY VA Medical Center***

Raymond Zeigler

***Buffalo, NY VA Medical Center***

Alan P. Lisiecki, Natale Mohica, Natale Mollica, Rachael Schuh, Lewis Strawser and Jack Thielman

***Canandaigua, NY VA Medical Center***

William M. Birecree, Edward James Buell, III, Billy Ray Dotson, James B. Langan, Jr., George H. Moore and Frederick A. White

***Columbus, OH VA Medical Center***

Ronald Edward Thomas, Sr.

***Oklahoma City, OK VA Medical Center***

Bobby Gerald Blankenship, James F. Campbell, Spencer Gordon Randolph

***Roseburg, OR VA Medical Center***

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

***White City, OR VA Medical Center***

John L. Capurro and Alexis B. Kula

***Philadelphia, PA VA Medical Center***

Niya Lee Chambers and Gary George Watson

***Pittsburgh, PA VA Medical Center***

Edward J. Bartosiewicz, James M. Desmone, Jerry Louis Greenawalt, Robert Hormonsky, Forrest C. Liermann, Louis A. Mainelli, Victor Jon Pittman, Dianne Irene Powers and Don J. Strickland

***Charleston, SC VA Medical Center***

Samuel M. Steele, III

***Columbia, SC VA Medical Center***

Charles L. Johnson, Wilbur Edward Lowder, Thurman A. McDougal, Joseph U. Moffett, Jimmy L. Moore and Alpha Lee Rogers, Jr.

***Fort Meade, SD VA Medical Center***

Wilbur D. Flyingby, Sr., Troy Lynn Peneaux, Jerry Pottratz and Nancy J. Worth

***Amarillo, TX VA Medical Center***

Jerald E. Post and Jonathan W. Tikker

***Big Spring, TX VA Medical Center***

Cathy J. Ey, Raymond William Hoef and Roy Wade Parker

***El Paso, TX VA Medical Center***

Jesse R. Dryer and Mario Rodriguez

***Houston, TX VA Medical Center***

Larry G. Epperley, Scott Leslie Mitchell and Felipe Sanchez

***San Antonio, TX VA Medical Center***

Rashard Smith

***Temple, TX VA Medical Center***

Kerry Dwyer, Constance Anne Miner, David V. Opland and Daniel C. Pfannstiel

***Salt Lake City, UT VA Medical Center***

Freddy R. Crespin, Herbert G. Troester and David M. Webster

***Hampton, VA VA Medical Center***

David Carlton Bunch, John W. Gore, Eric Ronald Isaksen, Michael Arthur Keegan, Martin Richard Long, Mack McCallon and Robert Joseph Riedmiller

***Richmond, VA VA Medical Center***

James E. Ball, Bernard Lee Butler, Robert H. Crow, Jr. and Gladys Taylor Hewitt

***Salem, VA VA Medical Center***

Donald W. Orfield, Theodore (Ted) J. Sabados, James R. Tichenor, III and Howard White

***Spokane, WA VA Medical Center***

Timothy P. Trimble

***Madison, WI VA Medical Center***

Larry A. Fiala, Janet Kay Morgan and Douglas R. Morgan

***Milwaukee, WI VA Medical Center***

Jillene K. Bielinslci, Carl H. Boyd, Patrick Brian Denomie, Bernard Eugene Doyle, Jr., Christopher C. Gardon, Lyle E. Hagen, Richard Frederic Johnson, Raymond Everett Kirkpatrick, Charles Kurhajec, Michael R. Larson, Michael D. Libert, Robert Jon Nelsen, Larry M. Phillips, Paul R. Rasmussen, Terry A. Riggs, Robert H. Schurk, Stephen Sivyler, Marc S. Taylory and Randy Earl Vanness

***Tomah, WI VA Medical Center***

Albert V. Lijewski

***Clarksburg, WV VA Medical Center***

Karen Ruth Penning, Jimmie L. Rollyson, and Lewis B. Simers



*Cheyenne, WY VA Medical Center*

Daniel Babcock, William M. Miles and Manuel H. Solano

**2009 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:

Mr. Salvator Uccello, of Greenacres, Florida, currently a lifetime member of DAV West Palm Beach, Florida Chapter 42, has volunteered 22 years for more than 19,500 VAVS hours. He's worked in Voluntary Service, Facilities Management (Motor Pool Management); Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service; Recreation Therapy Section, Blind Rehabilitation Service, Extended Care and Mental Health and Behavioral Service.

Mr. Uccello joined the DAV in 1955 and became a life-time member in 1961. As a DAV member, he volunteered in Connecticut for many years prior to retiring in 1987. Upon his retirement he started volunteering full-time for the DAV, many times, spending his days off, weekend and money helping out veterans. His wife and two sons would often say with fond memories how often they waited for him to finish helping a veteran.

In 1987, he was appointed DAV Hospital Service Coordinator/Department Service Officer at the Newington, Connecticut VAMC. Word quickly spread in the veteran community about the new Department Service Officer. He was known for not taking breaks, lunch or leaving at the end of the day if a veteran was waiting. If a veteran had a problem, he would not hesitate to make every effort to correct it or contact the medical center staff.

In 1994, Mr. Uccello served as the first DAV Hospital Service Coordinator to the new West Palm Beach, Florida VAMC. Over the months, he set the standard for new VAVS representatives by attending DAV Chapter meetings in seven counties serviced by the VAMC. After discovering serious transportation problems for veterans, Mr. Uccello spent a few months working with DAV chapters, veterans' organizations, volunteers, VA staff and officials in the seven counties, he obtained several DAV vans. He recruited, signed up and trained volunteer drivers, established routes, pick-up times and set up safe places in each county to park the vans. Now the West Palm Beach VAMC has one of the largest groups of DAV volunteer drivers who volunteer seven days a week to transport veterans.

Always willing to do what needs to be done for veterans, Mr. Uccello's motto is "no patient is to be left behind" and carries this attitude with everything he becomes involved with.

***DAV Auxiliary – Katie Critz***

Ms. Katie Critz, of Dallas, Texas, a member of DAV Auxiliary Unit 175 has been a DAVA VAVS volunteer for 30 years with over 13,000 VAVS hours of service.

Ms. Critz has volunteered in many areas of the Dallas VA Medical Center such as Escort, Patient Advocate Office, Voluntary Service Office, Coffee Cart, Voter Assistance, AEGIS, Recreation Therapy Service and Silver Spoons.

With her outgoing attitude and leadership abilities, Ms. Critz supports the Silver Spoons Program where she is in charge of recruiting and training additional volunteers. She is instrumental as a mentor to many youth volunteers and a definite role model to her peers and the younger generation of volunteers regarding the needs of the VAMC and recruitment of volunteers.

Ms. Critz has a sincere and positive attitude and is always willing to go the extra mile to assist veteran patients and their family members.

Mr. Uccello and Ms. Critz will be presented with their awards during the opening session of the 2009 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

**2009 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 2009 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.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Jamal Donte' Childs, Washington DC VAMC   | \$15,000 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Andrew Theodore KozelSan Antonio, TX VAMC | \$10,000 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Christian Allen Trent Lexington, KY VAMC  | \$ 7,500 |
|                       | Jeralyn G. Westercamp, Iowa City, IA VAMC | \$ 7,500 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | Alexandria Ward, Durham NC VAMC           | \$ 5,000 |

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|---|----------|
| Aiesha Nekia Cockerham, Jackson MS VAMC     | \$ 5,000 |
| Alexis B. Kula, White City, OR VAMC         | \$ 5,000 |
| Peter E. Makar, Hines IL VAMC               | \$ 5,000 |
| Torrie Nicole Murders, Little Rock, AR VAMC | \$ 5,000 |
| Tiara Michelle Johnson, Long Beach, CAVAMC  | \$ 5,000 |
| Chloe June Krause, Columbia, MO VAMC        | \$ 5,000 |
| Rajeev Valiyaveetil Philip, Tampa, FL VAMC  | \$ 5,000 |

Mr. Jamal Donte' Childs will be presented with his scholarship during the opening session of the 2009 DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

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 Service 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 2010 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship program will be accepted between September 1, 2009 and February 26, 2010.

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](http://www.dav.org/volunteers/jesse_brown_scholarship.html) should be completed and mailed to: Disabled American Veterans, National Headquarters, Voluntary Services Department, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076.

### DAV CELEBRITY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM



#### MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES VISIT VA MEDICAL CENTERS



Retired Major League Baseball Umpire Larry Barnett entertained the veteran participants at the 2009 National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic at Snowmass Village, Colorado, March 29 through April 3 and visited the following VA Medical Centers in June: Lebanon, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (Aspinwall and University Drive "C" Divisions), Pennsylvania; Martinsburg and Clarksburg, West Virginia.



Major League Baseball Umpire Jerry Layne visited the following VA Medical Centers in May and June: Jesse Brown and Hines, Illinois; W. Palm Beach and Miami, Florida; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Denver, Colorado; Phoenix, Arizona; Kansas City, St. Louis (John Cochran and Jefferson Barracks Divisions), Missouri; VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (Aspinwall and Oakland Divisions), Pennsylvania; Bronx, New York; Baltimore and Baltimore Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center, Maryland.



## **2009 NATIONAL DISABLED VETERANS WINTER SPORTS CLINIC**

We want to thank the sponsors of the 2009 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 Illinois, 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 9<sup>th</sup> District and DAV Portland Chapter 1.

**HOST (\$30,000 +):** Cisco Systems, Ford Motor Company, Health Net Federal Services/MHN, Sprint, TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Veterans Canteen Service.

**NATIONAL (\$20,000 – \$29,999):** AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Baxter Healthcare Corporation, Independence Technology, a Johnson & Johnson Company, Johnson & Johnson Health Care Systems, Inc.

**GOLD (\$10,000 – \$19,999):** BD Medical, Booz / Allen / Hamilton, The Coca-Cola Company, Corrigo Healthcare Solutions, DAV California Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., DAV Chapter #1, Portland, Oregon, Elan, Fifth Third Asset Management, J.H. O'Brien Landscaping & Maintenance, Inc., Lilly, Purdue Pharma Fund, QTC, Town of Snowmass, United Airlines, Vangent and 3M Health Care.

**SILVER (\$5,000 – \$9,999):** AMSUS Sustaining Members, APPTIS/Tandberg, DAV Department of New Jersey, EDS an HP Company, Elks National Veterans Service Commission, EMC2, Frontline Medical, GTSI/Flo Healthcare, Invacare, Lockheed Martin Transportation and Security Systems, Merlin International, Otto Bock HealthCare, North Carolina DAV & DAV Auxiliary, Paul Wolfowitz, SAIC, RR Donnelley Response Marketing Services and Wheelin' Sportsmen and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

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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 2009 DAV Freedom Award was presented to Portray Woods of Indianapolis, Indiana. Like the majority of Winter Sports Clinic participants, Portray Woods is someone whose very survival defied all odds.

On April 18, 2004, this medically-retired Army Sergeant First Class was serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division on a reconnaissance patrol in Baghdad. He was behind a .50 caliber machine gun when a roadside bomb claimed his right arm and left thumb. He woke up at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center to the sound of his four-year-old daughter singing the song he'd taught her before his deployment – “You Are My Sunshine.”

Mr. Woods had suffered the signature injury of the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – a traumatic brain injury. He couldn't walk, talk or see out of his left eye and was told those abilities were likely gone forever. He was paralyzed on his right side. In his heart, the former collegiate basketball player was scared.

But courage requires a warrior to overcome fear. With the support of his family who traveled from all over the country to be with him through every step of his recovery,

Mr. Woods fought tirelessly through an intensive rehabilitation program. In time he was talking again, and walking, and pushing himself to beyond the limitations his multiple injuries had caused.

In 2008, Mr. Woods attended his first National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. The event reaffirmed the tremendous strides he'd taken in recovery. He quickly picked up downhill skiing, cross country skiing and other events. He joined DAV Chapter 52 in Indianapolis and continued to rapidly advance and exceed expectations throughout his recovery there at the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center.

This year, he again showed the courage of a warrior in every event. He led by example. His contagious optimism shone upon every participant he encountered like the ray of sunshine his daughter sang about when he woke up after his injury. He's a special young man and a prime example of what the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic is all about.

### *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.

**Period of War:** 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.

### **UNITED WE SERVE**

On Wednesday, June 17, 2009, President Barack Obama announced an exciting new summer service initiative, *United We Serve*, in cooperation with the Corporation for National and Community Service, encouraging Americans to create meaningful change in their communities by engaging in service.

*United We Serve's* official kick-off started June 22 at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service and will run through the new National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11. All the tools for participating in this initiative can be found on the Corporation's website [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov).

To encourage participation in service this summer and beyond, the [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) website features a volunteer matching platform called *All for Good* that allows people to search for volunteer opportunities based on location and interests. The site also allows users to sign in with their primary social network and includes social media tools to share volunteer opportunities with friends and see what activities they are participating in.

This will be a very exciting couple of months. The call to service will not end on September 11 as it is hopeful that Americans who serve this summer will stay engaged in the ongoing work of strengthening our communities. America's new foundation will be built through an ethic of service and the personal commitment of individuals willing to give of themselves to create a better future.

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 that reads "Michael J. Walsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

MICHAEL J. WALSH  
National Director of Voluntary Services

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