

OCTOBER 2009



While every volunteer certainly deserves credit for all that they do to serve our nation's sick and disabled veterans, we are especially pleased to acknowledge some of the top volunteers in each category for attaining their various levels of achievement in the DAV's Volunteer Recognition Program.

***DAV TRANSPORTATION NETWORK MILES
Top 3 Volunteers by Level
As of 8/31/09***

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Joseph R. James, Sr.	646,011	Minneapolis, MN
Clayton C. Morgan	523,038	Salt Lake City, UT
Donald W. Sanner	504,359	Albuquerque, NM
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 200,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Darrel V. Koss	302,200	Minneapolis, MN
Donald L. Cornelius	213,859	Augusta, GA
Aldo Grassi	208,948	Manchester, NH
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 150,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ronald Gassman	199,440	Fort Meade, SD
Walter J. Kubinski, Jr.	176,335	Buffalo, NY
Frank D. McNeil Sr.	175,941	Manchester, NH
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 100,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Bernard L. Holloway	123,017	Marion, IN
James E. Whitehead	118,793	Northport, NY
Juan A. Covarrubias	112,501	McAllen, TX
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 75,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ray Marsh	89,348	Portland, OR
Lanny G. Proffitt	89,326	Lexington, KY
Norwood W. Thomas	88,561	Hampton, VA
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Paul H. Wenzel	74,720	Tacoma, WA
Ernest Hengstler	74,434	Dayton, OH
Daniel G. Nichols	74,397	Fort Wayne, IN

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Lewellyn Frank Fresonke	47,146	Minneapolis, MN
Wallis R. Clark	47,073	Little Rock, AR
William L. Bowen	47,000	Manchester, NH
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Conway Pete Ellers	24,806	Spokane, WA
Dannie A. White	24,697	Marion, IL
Robert M. O'Connor	24,456	Roseburg, OR
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Frank D. Hughes	9,994	Lake City, FL
Anneliese I. Rauber	9,981	Albuquerque, NM
John D. Killins	9,978	Little Rock, AR
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
John McDevitt	7,493	Coatesville, PA
Kenneth Vankekerix	7,472	Fort Meade, SD
James D. Gallo	7,454	Clarksburg, WV
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 2,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ted M. Grant	4,994	Miles City, MT
Carl J. Campbell	4,993	Salt Lake City, UT
Martin Collins	4,980	Canandaigua, NY
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
David Sexton	2,495	Salisbury, NC
Shirley Salter	2,494	Jackson, MS
Alan E. Bock	2,494	Richmond, VA

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS
Top 3 Volunteers by Level
As of 8/31/09

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Orville Swett	33,139	Orlando, FL
Paula R. Stangret	31,463	Minneapolis, MN
Terry L. Tabor	25,988	Columbia, MO
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Patricia L. Johnson	19,554	Buffalo, NY
Diane Brent	11,189	Buffalo, NY
Dolores B. Moser	11,073	Albuquerque, NM
<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Fredrick M. Walker	9,738	Minneapolis, MN
John Gonzalez	9,120	Albuquerque, NM
Patrick J. Leonard	8,398	West Roxbury, MA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ronald Gassman	7,144	Hot Springs, SD
Velma Lutz	7,003	Tomah, WI
Nicholas C. Conrad	6,582	Canandaigua, NY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 3,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Clarence William Jones	4,597	Gainesville, FL
Edward Marcantel	4,337	Alexandria, LA
Richard H. Gearhart	4,278	Saint Louis, MO

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Norris Pritchard	2,982	Buffalo, NY
George Perez	2,935	Albuquerque, NM
Frank Spencer	2,826	Beckley, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
John Walsh	1,444	Mountain Home, TN
Dwight Maurice	1,418	Columbia, MO
James F. Campbell	1,417	Oklahoma City, OK

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Bernard Lee Butler	958	Richmond, VA
Dorothy Schoener	954	Bay Pines, FL
Thomas M. Doerfler	951	Buffalo, NY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 250</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ruth Rose	499	Orlando, FL
Douglas J. Schwartz	493	Bay Pines, FL
Donald Nelson	483	Fort Harrison, MT

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
James Robert Allen	246	Bay Pines, FL
Edward D. Grigsby	243	Nashville, TN
Jerald E. Post	238	Amarillo, TX

A Warm Welcome to our New Volunteers!
As of 8/31/09

Birmingham, AL VA Medical Center

James Aaron, Jr.

Fayetteville, AR VA Medical Center

William M. Dudley, Arthur L. Simmons and Oman L. Stroud

Little Rock, AR VA Medical Center

Nedra Kay Hopper, Lewis S. Johnson, Kenneth Edward Newberry, Delbert Lynn Rinehart, Ronald T. Stephens and Roger M. Teel

Prescott, AZ VA Medical Center

James E. Boyd, Steven W. Connor, Eric J. Downing, David J. Imlay, Marlene J. Mitts, Erik Thomas, Julia Ann VonWuffen and Kent H. Willard

Loma Linda, CA VA Medical Center

Matthew M. Enos and Elaine Farrell

Los Angeles, CA VA Medical Center

Robert J. Pearson

Denver, CO VA Medical Center

Michael Maynard Hardel and Terry McNally

Grand Junction, CO VA Medical Center

Dawn K. Gwin, William S. Harding, Jr. and Barbara R. Lovelett

Bay Pines, FL VA Medical Center

Arthur C. Bywaters, Richard P. Clark, Dariawn Flynn, Kenneth J. Gray, Horace Ray Hensley, Robert M. Howell, Leon G. Kathan, Jack J. Kleener, John Bernard McDonald, Harvey L. McKay, Edward J. Mitchell, Arthur Schwalbe Nichols, John Norman Pickens, James V. Ray, Ernest Edward Reedy, Sandra Jean Reynolds, Hugo Santiago-Ramos, Louis A. Towne, Lavert Kenneth Vinacci, Clifford Albert Wright

Fort Myers, FL VA Medical Center

William G. Segur, Edward R. Shultes, Bruce A. Tepper, Maurice Alan Thorne and Fred L. Wright

Gainesville, FL VA Medical Center

Walter C. Ott

Lake City, FL VA Medical Center

Steven Tiefel

West Palm Beach, FL VA Medical Center

Dewey H. Varener

Dublin, GA VA Medical Center

Franklin Brown, Willie B. Floyd and Robert J. Smith

Chicago, IL VA Medical Center

Taylor Brittany Spencer

Hines, IL VA Medical Center

Victor Alvarez

Fort Thomas, KY VA Medical Center

John R. Hater

Brockton, MA VA Medical Center

Francis Ryan Ardita, William Blight, Sheila A. Mott and Glenn H. Mott

Ann Arbor, MI VA Medical Center

Robert E. Hatmaker

Battle Creek, MI VA Medical Center

David Hoger, Joe Kudary and Donald R. Leibel

Iron Mountain, MI VA Medical Center

Morris G. Cole and Linda L. Reed

Biloxi, MS VA Medical Center

Richamond W. Ruso

Jackson, MS VA Medical Center

Floyd T. Killebrew, Jr.

Fargo, ND VA Medical Center

Gary G. Fiss

Manchester, NH VA Medical Center

Kevin M. Murray

Albuquerque, NM VA Medical Center

Kevin C. Bond, Robert G. Bowkea, Richard L. Peavey, Myra Lynette Powers and Amber M. Rose

Reno, NV VA Medical Center

David L. Stillwagon

Buffalo, NY VA Medical Center

Lorenzo Burt, James Cochran, Robert C. Daeschler, Elias Eade, Alan D. Harriman, Karl A. Henry, Stephen Kockler, Robert W. Leese, Fred Mitchell, Jr., Stanley Myles, David C. Oswald, Daniel Rasey and Donald Sacchi

Canandaigua, NY VA Medical Center

Dennis M. Capriotti

Muskogee, OK VA Medical Center

Jack L. Cordell

Portland, OR VA Medical Center

Duane L. Ahrens

Charleston, SC VA Medical Center

James E. Ray and John R. Smith

Columbia, SC VA Medical Center

Ralph K. Andrews and Marvin Daniels Bethea

Big Spring, TX VA Medical Center

Robert A. Chase, Horace Wells Leland, Doyle Wayne Rodgers and William Howard Shaw

Fort Worth, TX VA Medical Center

Donald L. Ryan and Jarrod W. Tallman

Lubbock, TX VA Medical Center

Eli Boroda

Hampton, VA VA Medical Center

Charles A. Wynder

Richmond, VA VA Medical Center

John E. Callis, Earnest Carl Faircloth, Herbert T. Gillis and Gary L. Hinkson

Salem, VA VA Medical Center

Steven E. Hinton and Sandra S. Jamison

Madison, WI VA Medical Center

Jack M. Fankhauser

Milwaukee, WI VA Medical Center

James F. Deimer, Johnathan W. Dykstic, Norbert G. Goodreau, Jimmy Lee Kelly, Thomas J. Monaghan, Blayne H. Pynakker, Thomas G. Weinfurter, David Albert Young and David A. Younk

Martinsburg, WV VA Medical Center

William Leonard Manley

DAV TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Ford Motor Company Donation

Ford Motor Company has once again made it possible for the DAV to purchase and donate nine Ford E-350, 12-passenger vans to the DAV Transportation Network (TN). The donation took place during the opening session at the 88th National Convention in Denver, Colorado. The VAMCs that received these new vehicles were: Topeka, Kansas; Phoenix, Arizona; San Francisco, California; Grand Junction, Colorado; Lake City, Florida; Batavia, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Temple, Texas and Billings, Montana. Ford has donated a total of 141 vehicles to the DAVTN since 1996.

Ford Motor Company's continued commitment to veterans displays their great interest in the DAV's mission of service and transportation to the many veterans who have no other means of getting to their VA medical appointments. Ford's participation with us is a remarkable enhancement to the DAV Transportation Network program.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to make your Transportation Network such an invaluable service for many disabled veterans across America.

2010 JESSE BROWN MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Nominations Being Accepted

September 1, 2009 – February 26, 2010

Summer is over and all across America today's youth are attending school, some may be in their junior or senior year of high school with plans for attending college. Why not encourage them to participate in the DAV VAVS Volunteer Program at a local VA medical center or in our Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)?

We are confident that more students will get involved if they are aware of the generous scholarships available as well as the vast opportunities to help veterans. Many academic programs include volunteer work as a course requirement, and students may as well volunteer in their local VA medical centers. 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 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 employees 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 should be completed and mailed to: Disabled American Veterans, National Headquarters, Voluntary Services Department, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076.

DAV NATIONAL COMMANDER'S SERVICE MEDAL (NCSM)

Opportunities have always existed for individuals to assist veterans and their dependents – and members of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Auxiliary have always answered that call. We see examples of this each and every day aimed at meeting the main objective of our organization to build better lives for America's disabled veterans and their dependents. With this in mind, I am pleased to welcome Cadets of the Army JROTC Program to our ranks and provide them with the opportunity to receive the DAV National Commander's Service Medal (NCSM).

With the approval of the Department of the Army the NCSM will be awarded to any Army JROTC Cadet who contributes a minimum of 100 hours of voluntary service to DAV through a Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program or through the DAV Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) during a calendar year.

Every Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in the nation has a VAVS Program for Cadets to enroll in and start accumulating volunteer hours, just like any other DAV volunteer. Their assignments could include visiting hospitalized veterans; working in one of the many specialty clinics such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, orthopedics, etc.; escorting patients through the facility; working at the information desk; or simply reading the newspaper for a blind patient or resident of the nursing home. The opportunities are plentiful.

In addition to volunteering at a VAMC, we will recognize the volunteer hours provided through the LVAP as well. We realize there are several Cadets who might not live in close proximity to a VAMC and would not have the same opportunity to qualify for the NCSM. The LVAP allows for volunteers to perform a variety of activities for local veterans or their families in their communities. Activities such as yard work for an elderly or disabled veteran; assisting a veteran with their grocery shopping; visiting a shut-in veteran or any other activity deemed to benefit a veteran or their family will be considered. Additionally, assisting local DAV chapters and DAV state departments with fundraising activities would qualify. Hours for this program are maintained and reported through DAV state departments.

An added incentive for each Cadet who receives the NCSM is the opportunity to receive a scholarship through the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program. These scholarships recognize the efforts of America's youth who give of their time in order to better the lives of disabled veterans and their dependents. Each year, DAV awards \$80,000 to 12 deserving young men and women through the program. To date, we have awarded \$658,000 to 103 recipients. The criteria to be considered for a scholarship, parallels the criteria to receive the NCSM. For complete details on the JBMYS, please visit the following link: <http://www.dav.org/volunteers/Scholarship.aspx>.

I believe this is an excellent opportunity to reinforce the mission of Army JROTC, "To motivate young people to be better citizens" in addition to "building better lives for America's veterans." We are pleased to partner with Army JROTC and we will also be working with the other branches of service to gain their approval for the NCSM to their cadets as well.



MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES VISIT VA MEDICAL CENTERS



Retired Major League Umpire Larry Barnett visited the following VA medical centers in August and October: Togus, Maine; White River Junction, Vermont; Manchester, New Hampshire; West Roxbury and Brockton, Massachusetts; Leavenworth, Kansas; Kansas City and Columbia and St. Louis, Missouri (Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran Divisions).



Major League Umpire Jerry Layne visited the following VA medical centers in July, August, September and October: Washington, DC; Palo Alto, San Diego, San Francisco, W. Los Angeles and Sepulveda, California; Houston, Texas; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Cleveland, Ohio (Brecksville); Denver, Colorado; Phoenix, Arizona; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; St. Louis, Missouri (Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran Divisions), Chicago (Hines and Jesse Brown); Manhattan and Bronx, New York; West Roxbury and Brockton, Massachusetts.

While making arrangements for MLB Umpire Jerry Layne's visit at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center we received this email from a Chief of Recreation Therapy who had been deployed in Iraq for two years.

"We will update you after Jerry Layne's visit. We are thrilled that he is coming. Last year, he was one of the first activities I did here after coming back from Iraq after nearly two years absence. I associate him with our blessed home soil, American pride, baseball, and apple pie.

He's my hero, along with our veterans living out their lives with us. I love to see them all linked together for his visit." Kathy Brill, Ed., D., CTRS, Chief of Recreation Therapy, Philadelphia VAMC

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

MICHAEL J. WALSH
National Director of Voluntary Services

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