

DECEMBER 2008



**VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER MILES**

**Top 3 Volunteers by Level**

**9/1/08 to 11/17/08**

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Award Level 200,000</i></b>	<b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b>
Aldo Grassi	208,948	Manchester, NH
Walter J. Kubinski, Jr.	204,368	Buffalo, NY
David B. Duty	200,941	Nashville, TN

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Award Level 150,000</i></b>	<b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b>
Delia A. Doffin	152,397	Albuquerque, NM
Clifton Greenleaf	151,229	Manchester, NH
Wayne Brumbley	151,158	Tampa, FL

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Award Level 100,000</i></b>	<b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b>
Edwin R. Ranel	102,086	Albuquerque, NM
Joseph H. Isacks	101,971	Buffalo, NY
Warren G. Gentzel	100,040	Chillicothe, OH

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Award Level 75,000</i></b>	<b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b>
Frank D. Watkins	80,324	San Francisco, CA
Herbert Ohm	80,255	Alexandria, LA
Lawrence E. Atwood	80,080	Chillicothe, OH

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Award Level 50,000</i></b>	<b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b>
James H. McGean	60,456	Manchester, NH
Robert A. Pixley	55,745	White River Jct., VT
Richard S. Smith	54,600	W. Los Angeles, CA

<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Award Level 25,000</i></b>	<b><i>VA Medical Center</i></b>
William L. Bowen	47,000	Manchester, NH
Garner Hardy	35,474	Memphis, TN
Victor Hanley	33,860	Iowa City, IA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Herman L. Winch	20,741	Manchester, NH
Juan Ronnie Armijo	20,640	Albuquerque, NM
Richard Bernier	20,501	Manchester, NH

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Anneliese I. Rauber	9,981	Albuquerque, NM
Timothy C. Harris	9,733	Pittsburgh, PA
William A. Lardis	9,622	Miles City, MT

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
James S. Bolstad	7,379	Billings, MT
Richard D. Isaacson	7,368	Topeka, KS
John Lewis Rowles	7,164	Altoona, PA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 2,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Judy B. Ronis	4,653	Portland, OR
Daniel N. Sundberg	4,500	Minneapolis, MN
Richard D. Walker Jr.	4,462	N. Las Vegas, NV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
David Sexton	2,495	Salisbury, NC
Charles C. Beck	2,428	Saginaw, MI
Richard E. Dubay	2,376	Cheyenne, WY

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Robert Crowe	30,729	Billings, MT
Robert H. Calderwood	28,533	Orlando, FL
Richard Ernest Edlund	27,475	Tacoma, WA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Marie Flaherty	16,268	West Haven, CT
Patricia Anne Pancake	13,517	Tacoma, WA
Joseph L. Backers	12,335	Pittsburgh, PA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Don Duvernoy	9,379	West Palm Beach, FL
Frank D. McNeil Sr.	9,135	Manchester, NH
Gary D. Frank	8,760	Oklahoma City, OK

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Clifton Greenleaf	7,341	Manchester, NH
Clarence McPherson	7,072	St Louis, MO
William H. Gann	6,886	Leavenworth, KS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 3,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Herbert Ohm	4,892	Alexandria, LA
Donald W. Sealock	4,590	Fort Meade, SD
Roy E. Meron	4,453	Manchester, NH

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Richard Labrie	2,979	Manchester, NH
Stephen Orr	2,837	Alexandria, LA
Charles L. Crosby	2,817	Alexandria, LA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
David A. Dunnagan	1,480	Grand Junction, CO
Gary W. Knudson	1,447	Fort Meade, SD
Alice Kelley	1,444	Manchester, NH

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Renold I. Faulk	983	Alexandria, LA
Paul F. Kriner	924	Loma Linda, CA
Linda St. Laurent	920	Manchester, NH

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 250</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
James Edward	498	Huntington, WV
Ronald Howard	494	Orlando, FL
William J. Velie	481	Prescott, AZ

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Jackie Lee Everhardt, Jr.	246	Mountain Home, TN
Shirleen P. Bess	239	Salt Lake City, UT
Clarence L. Forbes	233	Orlando, FL

***New Volunteers***  
***9/1/08 to 11/17/08***

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

John R. Boland, Joe M. Hanson, Clarence A. Murr

***Phoenix, AZ VA Medical Center***

Ronald Lee Hockenbery, Brenda Lee Keitt-Rosenblatt, John Alexander Shuster, John Taylor and William A. Wiczorek

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

Annie L. Bennett, May Smith and Vernon L. York

***Palo Alto, CA VA Medical Center***

Kirk Harry Johnson and Jafer Naqvi

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

Janet Louise Bennett

***Wilmington, DE VA Medical Center***

Jack P. Laird

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

Robert Armour, Charles Brox, Jr., James Carstairs, Scott Claudon, Netha Graedel, Zachary Gregovich, Michael Hunt, Sydney James, Earl Loughman, Jack Maggard, Kevin Montgomery, Lavon Reese and Gloria Tateo

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

Don Baker, Thomas L. Boyland, Luther Henry Deese, Jr., Ray Nicholson and Walter David West

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

Julian Q. Copeland, Jr., Donald Perla, John Schanbacher, Raymond Wright and Chester Wright

***Tampa, FL VA Medical Center***

Rajeev Philip

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

Thomas Charles Clarkson

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

Paul Frances Bowman and Kaleka Latashia Johnson

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

Robert Allen Clayton

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

John N. Gallo

***Fort Harrison, MT VA Medical Center***

Gregory Criss Baker, Frank Collin Campbell, James Edwin Dahl, Louis Eugene McKinzie, Michel Andrew Miner and Steven J. Vielleux

***Salisbury, NC VA Medical Center***

James Clayton Davis

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

Benjamin Adam Holkesvig and Joseph A. Pierce

***East Orange, NJ VA Medical Center***

Paul D. Cobb

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

Juan Ronnie Armijo, Mike R. Dunaway, Dale Edward Nelson, Jr., Willford Romero, Roger P. Struss and Pat L. Wainwright

***Brooklyn, NY VA Medical Center***

Donald Thomas Day

***Muskogee, OK VA Medical Center***

Sandra Barnes and Ken Rystedt

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

Andrea D. Bernhardt

***Lebanon, PA VA Medical Center***

William Skrocki

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

Christos Kowtavnolis

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

Morris Bridges and Charles Mac Kneppshield

***Murfreesboro, TN VA Medical Center***

Donald R. Ashenbramer, Wayne Mailliard and Kenneth R. Newman

***Nashville, TN VA Medical Center***

Robert Willis Poole

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

Jacqueline Joyce Bazile, Doyle D. Orr and Bill F. Smith

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

Charles Steven Bratton and Ronald L. Campbell

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

Clayton E. Parcell, Jr. and Paul A. Wormald

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

Lawrence H. Strozyk, Leanne Marie Twigg and James Oscar Wardensky

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

Donald E. Askenette, Thomas Grossenbach Barnum, Daniel David Clementi, Thomas Arthur Cotter, Wayne Daniel Dorn, Eugene Leo Greening, Oliver L. Hamilton, John Joseph Wesley Honaker, Bryan D. Johnson, Victor Lee Mitchell, Paul J. Mix and Adrian David Stewart

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

Richard W. Fisher

***Huntington, WV VA Medical Center***

Jacquelyn N. Abdul-Azim, Lawrence A. Olson, Harry Alan Peterson and Donald W. Spotloe

## **2009 GEORGE H. SEAL MEMORIAL AWARDS**

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### **2009 JESSE BROWN MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The 2009 George H. Seal Memorial Awards and the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program announcements were mailed this month to all DAV Department Commanders and Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program Managers across the country. These awards are presented annually by the Disabled American Veterans in recognition of the extraordinary dedication of DAV and DAV Auxiliary and the outstanding young volunteers serving disabled veterans through the VAVS program.

***George H. Seal Memorial Awards***

Only DAV and DAV Auxiliary members enrolled as accredited VAVS volunteers are eligible for this prestigious award that will be presented to the two winners at the DAV National Convention. Each winner receives a trophy replica, and their names are engraved on the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy, which is permanently displayed at DAV National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Kentucky. In addition, the VA medical facility represented by each winner is awarded a plaque, and all individual nominees receive an attractive Honorable Mention Certificate.

The award honors the memory and accomplishments of the late George H. Seal, a World War II combat-disabled paratrooper who made many significant contributions during his lengthy career as National Director of Membership and Voluntary Services and as DAV's National VAVS Representative and a member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee.

You are a strong influence on volunteer nominations because of your close contact with the many fellow DAVers you serve with. Therefore, DAV Department Commanders may submit nominations for these awards. Submittal of nominations of a DAV or DAV Auxiliary volunteer must first be signed and certified by the Voluntary Service Program Manager at the facility where the candidate volunteers. Nomination packets will be mailed in January with specific instructions. **Nominations must be received no later than March 6, 2009.**

Go ahead and make a difference by helping that special DAV/DAVA volunteer to be recognized either through this national program or through your Department or Chapter.

### ***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.

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.
- Immediate 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 March 6, 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](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, Kentucky 41076.

### **2009 DAV TRANSPORTATION NETWORK VAN GRANT PROGRAM**

The 2009 DAV Transportation Network (TN) Van Grant Program application deadline was Friday, December 5, 2008. The DAV ColumbiaTrust is in the process of reviewing all submitted applications.

When the applications are approved, those Departments that have submitted applications will receive notification of van approval with further instructions.

### **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – RETURN OF DONATED VAN**

Effective December 17, 2008, Honorable James B. Peake, M.D., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, established delegation of authority to VA health care facility directors to return donated van(s) to the donor when the condition of the vehicle(s) is unacceptable for use or no longer needed for use in the facility's Volunteer Transportation Network (VTN).

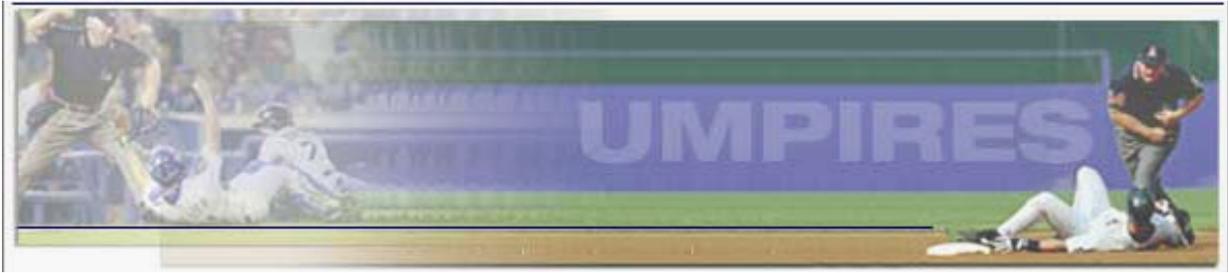
Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 8304, which permits the Secretary to sell, assign, transfer and convey any property received as a gift upon such terms as the Secretary shall consider advantageous. A van may only be returned if the donor agrees to accept it.



### **We Want Your DAV TN Story!**

Every day the DAV TN sends out scores of volunteer drivers to transport veterans to and from VA health care facilities all across the nation. We want to hear about the special and heartwarming events that our Hospital Service Coordinators and transportation network drivers are experiencing while transporting veterans.

Send your stories to Mr. Edward E. Hartman, National Director of Voluntary Services, Disabled American Veterans, National Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076 or by fax (859) 442-2088.



### **MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES VISIT VA MEDICAL CENTERS**



***Retired Major League Umpire Larry Barnett*** visited the following VA medical centers in November and December: Asheville, North Carolina; Mountain Home, Nashville, Murfreesboro and Memphis, Tennessee; San Francisco, Palo Alto, Livermore, Martinez and Mather, California.



***Major League Umpire Jerry Layne*** visited the following VA medical centers in October, November and December: Decatur and Augusta, Georgia; Lake City, Gainesville, Tampa and Bay Pines, Florida; Buffalo, Canandaigua, Syracuse, Bath and Albany, New York; Perry Point, Baltimore and Baltimore Rehabilitation and Extended Care Center (BRECC), Maryland; Washington, D.C. and Orlando, Florida.

### **NATIONAL SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS PROGRAM**

The purpose of the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Program is to pay tribute and express appreciation to hospitalized veterans; increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center; encourage citizens to visit hospitalized veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, more than 98,000 veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for every day in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, domiciliaries, and nursing homes.

During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities and veteran recognition programs.

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

The 23rd National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic (NDVWSC) is scheduled to be held in Snowmass Village, Colorado, March 29 – April 3, 2009.

This year we are encouraging DAV Departments, Chapters and Auxiliary Units to take part in the clinic by becoming a sponsor. For the past several years there have been some Departments, Chapters and individuals that have generously supported the clinic as sponsors, whether it be as clinic sponsor or raising funds for a seriously disabled veteran who could benefit from this rehabilitative clinic.

There are many benefits of sponsorship. Clinic sponsors provide financial support to make it possible for disabled veterans to journey from throughout our nation to experience the unique program of hope and renewal that is the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. The event is cosponsored by the Disabled American Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as corporate and organizational sponsors. Sponsors not only support the clinic, many, often with their families, visit with veterans at the clinic and stay from start to finish. They pitch in as instructors and volunteers, getting to know veterans, cheering them on and awarding medals to participants at week's end.

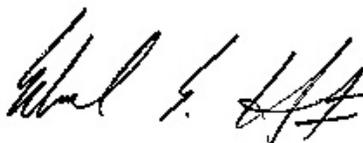
The six levels of sponsorship and their benefits are described below:

<b>Sponsor Benefits</b>	<b>Host</b> \$30,000+	<b>National</b> \$20,000- 29,999	<b>Gold</b> \$10,000 – 19,999	<b>Silver</b> \$5,000 – 9,999	<b>Bronze</b> \$2,500- 4,999	<b>Contributions</b> to \$2,499
Name featured in DAV Magazine (circulation: 1.2 million)	*	*	*	*	*	
Ski lift tickets	*(10 tickets)	*(8 tickets)	*(6 tickets)	*(4 tickets)	*(2 tickets)	
Event Jackets	*(10)	*(8)				
Event Fleece Vests			*(6)			
Tickets to March 28 awards reception	*(10 tickets)	*(8 tickets)	*(6 tickets)	*(4 tickets)	*(2 tickets)	
Logo printed on exclusive banner (individual banners for each gift level)	*	*	*	*	*	
Ad in commemorative booklet	*(1 page)	*(1 page)	*(1 page)	*(1/2 page)	*(name only)	
Trophy at awards reception/dinner	*	*	*	*	*	
Custom Web Page	*	*	*	*	*	
News releases to media in your area	*	*	*			

<b>Sponsor Benefits</b> (continued)	<b>Host</b> \$30,000+	<b>National</b> \$20,000- 29,999	<b>Gold</b> \$10,000 – 19,999	<b>Silver</b> \$5,000 – 9,999	<b>Bronze</b> \$2,500- 4,999	<b>Contributions</b> to \$2,499
Opportunity to offer product sampling	*	*	*			
Opportunity to display company banner	*	*				
Logo printed on official clinic ski bib	*	*				
Name featured in event publicity	*	*				

Anyone interested in attending the event as a sponsor should contact me at (859) 442-1020 or [Ehartman@DAVmail.org](mailto:Ehartman@DAVmail.org). Letters may be sent to Mr. Edward E. Hartman, National Director of Voluntary Services, Disabled American Veterans, National Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, Kentucky 41076.

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



EDWARD E. HARTMAN  
National Director of Voluntary Services

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