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DAV VOLUNTEERS HONORED FOR SERVICE TO VETERANS

ATLANTA—Joseph Patterson, Jr., of Washington, D.C., and Barbara Centeno of Albuquerque, N.M., have been selected by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to receive the 2010 George H. Seal Memorial Trophy for extraordinary volunteerism. The awards will be presented Saturday, July 31 by DAV National Commander Roberto Barrera at the organization's 89th National Convention at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Ga.

“These are two of our most dedicated volunteers who serve as outstanding examples for the 14,000 other DAV and Auxiliary volunteers who donate their time on behalf of disabled veterans,” said National Commander Barrera. “Their exemplary performance and compassionate dedication set the standard for all our volunteers.”

“Volunteerism is at the heart of our mission to serve disabled veterans and their families,” he said. “And we volunteer more than any other veterans service organization. From our hospital volunteers to our Transportation Network drivers, to our Local Veterans Assistance Program, we reach out to sick and disabled veterans to deliver assistance by leading with our hearts.”

The prestigious awards honor the remarkable volunteers who serve disabled veterans and their families through the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program. The awards are conferred in memory of George H. Seal, who was DAV's Director of Membership and Voluntary Services and leading organizer and administrator of the DAV volunteer program.

“Both of our Seal Trophy winners this year serve as outstanding examples to all of our other volunteers,” said Barrera. “Their support of our sick and disabled veterans fulfills our mission of building better lives for disabled veterans and their families.”

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation's disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for our nation's disabled veterans and their families. For more information, visit the organization's Web site www.dav.org.

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