

Fayetteville, N.C., youth earns \$5,000 scholarship for service to veterans

RENO, Nev. – Korra Cline, who has spent over 450 hours spanning a three-year period volunteering at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, N.C., has been awarded \$5,000 by DAV (Disabled American Veterans) to pursue her educational goal of becoming a respiratory therapist.

The 16-year-old is a recipient of the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship, which is awarded annually to the top youth volunteers in the DAV Voluntary Services program. Named after former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, it honors the memory of a DAV leader dedicated to serving veterans through recognition of those who carry on his legacy of service. The scholarship is open to volunteers age 21 and younger who have contributed a minimum of 100 hours credited through DAV or DAV Auxiliary.

The scholarship will be presented to Cline at the DAV and Auxiliary 97th National Convention July 14 in Reno, Nev.

“Korra’s compassion and care for veterans is truly remarkable,” said DAV National Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst. “When she is helping with activities like games, she is not only entertaining veterans; she is also helping them strengthen their cognitive functioning and recognizing their sacrifices in a meaningful way.”

“Korra is an extremely hard-working young woman with a bright future ahead of her,” said DAV National Adjutant Marc Burgess. “Her experience in volunteering has inspired her to become a respiratory therapist and she hopes to one day work at a VA medical center. We are fortunate to have committed volunteers like her who passionately wish to honor our heroes.”

About DAV:

DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; providing employment resources to veterans and their families and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a non-profit organization with more than 1 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932.