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DAV VOLUNTEERS HONORED FOR SERVICE TO VETERANS

WASHINGTON — Dennis Krulder of Yaphank, N.Y., and Melody Angelini of Forest Park, Ill., have been selected by DAV (Disabled American Veterans) to receive the 2013 George H. Seal Memorial Trophy for extraordinary volunteerism. The awards will be presented by DAV National Commander Larry Polzin at the organization's 92nd National Convention Aug. 10-13 at the Hilton Orlando Hotel in Orlando, Fla.

"This year's Seal award recipients are dedicated volunteers," said Commander Polzin. "They represent the finest DAV has to offer in serving veterans."

"Volunteerism is one of the most important components of our mission to serve injured and ill veterans and their families," said Polzin. "And DAV has more volunteers 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 deliver assistance to the veterans who need us."

The prestigious awards honor the best of thousands of remarkable volunteers who serve in 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 the leading organizer and administrator of DAV volunteer programs.

"Our 2013 Seal Trophy winners show what volunteers can mean to our veterans," said Polzin. "Their support of our injured and ill veterans is a fine example of the dedication of DAV's volunteers. They are there to honor the promises made to the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our freedom."

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; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a non-profit organization with 1.2 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U. S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at www.dav.org.

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