

December 2, 2013

**DAV and DAV Auxiliary
2014 George H. Seal Memorial Awards
Nominees Sought**



Dear Commanders and Program Managers:

2014 marks the 37th anniversary of the **George H. Seal Memorial Trophy**, which is awarded annually by DAV in recognition of extraordinary volunteer dedication to the needs of ill and injured veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program.

Only DAV and DAV Auxiliary members enrolled as accredited VAVS volunteers are eligible for this prestigious award. Presentation is made at the DAV National Convention in which the two (2) winners and their companions are provided an expense-paid trip. Each 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 George H. Seal, a World War II combat-injured paratrooper, who made many significant contributions during his lengthy career as a DAV National VAVS Representative and member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee.

We encourage your whole-hearted participation in nominating deserving individuals, for the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy. Department Commanders and Voluntary Service Program Managers should submit nominations to this office **no later than Friday, February 7, 2014.**

Please return completed nomination forms for one DAV and one DAV Auxiliary VAVS volunteer from your VA medical facility to DAV National Headquarters. Department Commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one DAV and one DAVA volunteer from each facility. Please feel free to copy the nomination forms as needed or contact this National Headquarters for additional copies.

(2)

You are encouraged to solicit recommendations and information from the VA medical facility Director, Service and Program Managers and other staff members directly involved with the VAVS program in your installation as well as from DAV VAVS Representatives and Deputies.

Thank you for your personal efforts in making 2014 a year to remember in the history of the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy. What better way is there to honor volunteers who do so much for America's heroes! We look forward to hearing from you **no later than Friday, February 7, 2014.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Minter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Minter" clearly legible.

RON MINTER

National Director of Voluntary Services

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Enclosures

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DAV National Line Officers
DAV National Executive Committee
Supervisory National Service Officers
DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant
State VAVS Chairpersons
DAV VAVS Representatives
Sabrina Clark, Director, Voluntary Service Office,
Department of Veterans Affairs
Joy Ilem, DAV Deputy National Legislative Director
Hospital & Voluntary Services Committee

**DAV or DAV AUXILIARY
2014 GEORGE H. SEAL
MEMORIAL TROPHY NOMINATION**

NAME _____ Last 4 Digits of SSN _____
(first) (middle) (last)

ADDRESS _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

TELEPHONE (____) _____ BIRTHDATE _____
(month) (day) (year)

VAMC _____ STATION # _____ VAMC TELEPHONE (____) _____

TOTAL YEARS AS A VAVS VOLUNTEER _____ TOTAL VAVS HOURS _____

PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL VAVS HOURS _____

NOTE: Volunteer must be a DAV or DAV Auxiliary Member

CHAPTER INFORMATION _____

or

UNIT INFORMATION _____

1) The volunteer has been a regularly scheduled volunteer at _____
Medical Center and has worked in the following services:

2) The volunteer's assignment has a direct effect on patient morale because (explain)

3) The volunteer has a positive effect on other volunteers because (explain)

(2)

4) The volunteer's assignment is valuable to the Service Chief because (explain)

5) The volunteer's dependability is () Fair () Good () Excellent

6) The volunteer's assignment is () between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. () after 5:00 p.m.
() week-ends () on call. Average hours volunteered per week _____

7) Please describe the volunteer's ability to accept job assignments and his/her general attitude while performing volunteer assignments.

Signature
DAV Department Commander

Date

OR

Signature
Voluntary Services Program Manager

Date