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South Carolina Veteran Recognized Nation's Top Recruiter

COLD SPRING, Ky. — DAV (Disabled American Veterans) is proud to announce U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ronald L. Voegeli is the Membership Recruiter of the Year for 2014.

The South Carolina native and life member of DAV Chapter 12 in Beaufort, S.C., recruited 129 part- and full-life members into DAV during the past year.

"Ron Voegeli is able to connect with so many veterans in large part because of the free services he offers in helping connect them with the benefits they've earned as a result of their military service," said DAV's National Membership Director Tony Baskerville. "DAV is a growing organization because people like Ron are on the front lines in communities nationwide providing a clear benefit and message to their fellow veterans."

Voegeli's efforts helped DAV reach yearly membership goals at the fastest rate in the organization's history. Where many veterans service organizations have seen continual reductions in membership, all DAV state-level Departments met recruiting goals, along with more than 90 percent of local Chapters for the second consecutive year. Nationwide, DAV has 1.2 million members – all wartime service-connected disabled veterans.

"We are veterans serving veterans and our members and focus give us tremendous credibility in communities and before law makers in Washington," said Baskerville. "Ron's hard work reflects great credit upon himself and shows the commitment of veterans in the Lowcountry."

Voegeli is a service-connected disabled veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division from 1969 to 1971. He has served in numerous leadership capacities at the Chapter, Department and National levels within DAV.

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 <u>www.dav.org</u>.

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