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SUBJECT: 2024 National Commander Award Winners

When it comes to keeping our promises to the men and women who've served, DAV has some of the most thoughtful and compassionate volunteers and care providers in the world working alongside us to ensure our mission is accomplished. With this in mind, each year DAV recognizes some of the top contributors with an award from the DAV National Commander. This year's honorees are listed below. We will also be recognizing the recipients via social media, and encourage you to share through your networks.

Disabled American Veteran of the Year: Terry G. Hillard, Illinois

Volunteer of the Year: John Makas, Florida

Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year: Dorothy Robinson, Tennessee

Scholarship Program Award (1st place - \$30,000): Amelia Marcum, Colorado

VA National Cemetery Administration Employee: Jesse Getz, Ohio

VA Veterans Benefits Administration Employee: Raymond Saldana, Texas

VA Veterans Health Administration Employee: Devin Woods, Hawaii

Large Employer of the Year: BlueHalo LLC, Virginia

Midsize Employer of the Year: Aptive, Virginia

Small Employer of the Year: Arlinghaus Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Kentucky

Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist: Christopher Smith, North Dakota

Local Veterans' Employment Representative: Justin Spencer, Maine

Arthur H. and Mary E. Wilson Award for Top Venture Impacting Veterans: TBD

Featured Charitable Service Trust Grantee: Joseph House, Ohio

Congratulations to all of our honorees and my sincere thanks to the state and local leaders who have supported their efforts.

Nancy G. Espinosa
National Commander