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SUBJECT: 2025 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: Kenneth David, Ohio

Volunteer of the Year: Van Karg, Minnesota

Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year: Hattie Lambert, Virginia

Scholarship Program Award (1st place - \$30,000): Nihar Kummetha, North Carolina

VA National Cemetery Administration Employee: Jason Guenther, Pennsylvania

VA Veterans Benefits Administration Employee: Heather McKibben, Oklahoma

VA Veterans Health Administration Employee: Stephen Plumb, Vermont

Patriot Employer of the Year (Large): Werner Enterprises, Nebraska

Patriot Employer of the Year (Midsize): NTT Global Data Centers Americas, Inc., California

Patriot Employer of the Year (Small): Artemis ARC, Virginia

Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program Specialist: Tiffany Beaubien, New Jersey

Local Veterans' Employment Representative: Sara Lazarz, Wisconsin

Featured Charitable Service Trust Grantee: James Carlsen, Washington, D.C.

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

Daniel Contreras
National Commander