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Ford Donations Aid Disabled Veterans

NEW ORLEANS—Ford Motor Company will donate \$200,000 to purchase eight (8) new vehicles for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Transportation Network and provide \$25,000 to the DAV's youth volunteer scholarship program.

“For nearly 90 years, Ford has helped DAV build better lives for America’s disabled veterans and their families,” said DAV National Commander Wallace E. Tyson. “Through this close partnership, the DAV has purchased 2,527 vehicles, worth nearly \$53.4 million, that we have donated to Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers nationwide since our transportation program began in 1987.”

“Ford is proud of our decades-long partnership with the Disabled American Veterans,” said Jim Vella, President, Ford Motor Company and Community Services. “We are pleased to lend our support for these special men and women.”

Volunteer drivers use the vehicles to take sick and disabled veterans to VA medical centers. Since 1996, Ford Motor Co. has donated 159 vans, worth more than \$4 million, to the DAV Transportation Network.

The donation of \$25,000 to the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program helps the DAV provide eight (8) scholarships to deserving young men and women who have generously volunteered their time and compassion to disabled veterans in their community.

“These scholarships are a way for DAV to invest in the future of our nation,” Commander Tyson said. “We are very grateful to Ford Motor Company for its continued support for this important program.”

The DAV's National Director of Voluntary Services Michael J. Walsh said, “The DAV Transportation Network provides much-needed services to thousands of veterans. Our Transportation Network volunteer drivers log millions of miles on the road each year taking sick and disabled veterans to VA medical center appointments and returning them home.”

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation’s wartime disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for our nation’s disabled veterans and their families. For more information, visit the organization’s website at www.dav.org.

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