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DAV VOLUNTEERS HONORED FOR SERVICE TO VETERANS

NEW ORLEANS— J.T. Tate of Birmingham, Ala., and Ada Perry of Lexington, Ky., have been selected by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) to receive the 2011 George H. Seal Memorial Trophy for extraordinary volunteerism. The awards will be presented August 6 by DAV National Commander Wallace E. Tyson at the organization's 90th National Convention at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel in New Orleans, La.

“These are truly outstanding individuals,” Commander Tyson said. “Tate has been volunteering for 25 years with 11,682 hours donated in service to veterans. Perry has been at the Lexington Department of Veterans Affairs medical center for 11 years and has given 5,892 hours in support for veterans and their families.”

“Volunteerism is one of the most important parts of our mission to serve disabled veterans and their families,” he said. “And the DAV has more volunteers than any other veterans service organization. From our hospital volunteers to our Transportation Network drivers, to our Local Veterans Assistance Program, we reach out to sick and disabled veterans to deliver assistance by leading with our hearts.”

The prestigious awards honor the best of thousands of remarkable volunteers who serve disabled veterans and their families through the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program. The awards are conferred in memory of George H. Seal, who was DAV's Director of Membership and Voluntary Services and leading organizer and administrator of the DAV volunteer program.

“Our 2011 Seal Trophy winners clearly show what volunteers can mean to our veterans,” Tyson said. “Their support of our sick and disabled veterans despite their own disabilities is exemplary of the dedication of DAV's volunteers. They are there to serve those who have served and sacrificed.”

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 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 Web site www.dav.org.

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