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While every volunteer certainly deserves credit for all that they do to serve our nation's sick and disabled veterans, we are especially pleased to acknowledge some of the top volunteers in each category for attaining their various levels of achievement in the DAV's Volunteer Recognition Program.

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER MILES
Top 3 Volunteers by Level
4/1/08 to 8/31/08

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 150,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Joseph B. Hardee	152,024	Charleston, SC
Ray T. Farmer	150,353	Minneapolis, MN
Freddie A. Jackson	150,320	Nashville, TN

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 100,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Bernard L. Holloway	123,017	Marion, IN
Paul H. Wenzel	105,488	Tacoma, WA
Homer Harvin	104,077	Shreveport, LA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 75,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Arnold Dean Weston	80,533	Roseburg, OR
Roy J. Benoit	77,067	Alexandria, LA
Pablo Marquez	76,240	San Antonio, TX

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Daniel G. Nichols	74,397	Fort Wayne, IN
Ken Ray Hershberger	57,777	Roseburg, OR
Galan D. Burnett	56,028	Pueblo, CO

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 25,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Norman E. Davis	42,763	Huntington, WV
Arnold Marcum	41,806	Huntington, WV
Joseph William Ryan	36,150	Madison, WI

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Robert M. O'Connor	24,456	Roseburg, OR
Ray Carl Adams	23,430	Roseburg, OR
Jack R. Conklin	23,192	Salem, VA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Allen R. Grell	9,865	Tomah, WI
Johnnie Carson	9,799	Memphis, TN
Alfred Maruszewski	9,792	Louisville, KY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Donnie Ellis	7,392	Fayetteville, NC
Joseph W. Rihel	7,268	Glen Burnie, MD
Jon H. Idso	7,009	Boise, ID

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 2,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Ted M. Grant	4,994	Miles City, MT
Raphael Hilton Johnson	4,681	Glen Burnie, MD
Roland A. Wiborg	4,632	Hampton, VA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Paul Caron	2,441	Manchester, NH
Larry E. Alvarez	2,425	Glen Burnie, MD
James William Forbes	2,406	White River Jct., VT

VA VOLUNTARY SERVICE VOLUNTEER HOURS
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<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 10,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Skip Johnson	11,281	Sepulveda, CA
Michael J. Hiley	11,132	North Chicago, IL
Warren L. Lewis	10,785	Des Moines, IA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 7,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Robert B. Nally	9,888	Louisville, KY
Robert F. Christensen	9,606	Marion, IN
Ronald Milazzo	8,619	San Francisco, CA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 5,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Betty Hirtzel	7,248	Lincoln, NE
Kenneth Raymond	6,816	Santa Barbara, CA
Donald Ned Auradou	6,791	San Francisco, CA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 3,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Millard Wagon	4,589	Ft. Myers, FL
Hermana Grant	4,580	San Francisco, CA
Robert Frank Fleck	4,144	Louisville, KY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Richard Orsen	2,992	Butler, PA
Judith Carder	2,933	Pueblo, CO
Benard Tucker	2,837	Philadelphia, PA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 1,000</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Dennis K. Moody	1,491	Biloxi, MS
Lloyd Hinchberger	1,472	Butler, PA
Lawrence O. Childers	1,450	Huntington, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 500</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Roger Heron	993	Loma Linda, CA
Bernard C. McGinnis	967	Huntington, WV
Bobbie Chubb	959	Huntington, WV

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 250</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
Jeffery W. Marshall	495	Glen Burnie, MD
Dolphus Jay Perry	492	Huntington, WV
Tommie E. Gaddy	490	Loma Linda, CA

<i>Name</i>	<i>Award Level 50</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
James C. Grant	249	Salt Lake City, UT
Gary W. Musick	246	Louisville, KY
William T. Kunkel	245	Ft. Sill, OK

A Warm Welcome to our New Volunteers!
4/1/2008 to 8/31/08

Fayetteville, AR VA Medical Center

Dale L. Chappell, Thomas D. Collum, Coy D. Fitts, Charles Hagen, Errol Lynn Lorimer and Tom Roy Schuessler

Little Rock, AR VA Medical Center

Frederick M. Beard, Gordon F. Bricco, William I. Buchan, Reginald J. Centeno, Joe T. Cheshire, Stella M. Hazzard, Aaron T. Kilburn, Joseph F. Kopecky, Robert D. Ralston, Charles Wesley Sugg and Wesley F. Zulfer

Phoenix, AZ VA Medical Center

Dennis J. Auman, Maurice John Berger, James Vernon Branberg, James H. Burden, Robert James, Chamberlain, Edward R. Cole, Edward A. Cooney, James Brian Davis, Richard D. Kiburz, Jerome K. Miner, James D. Prince, Jack William Ruedy and Stephen G. Schmittroth

Prescott, AZ VA Medical Center

Warren D. Olson and Diana V. Olson

Tucson, AZ VA Medical Center

James Collins

Loma Linda, CA VA Medical Center

Daniel R. Burke, Jessica Grace Castillo, Larry R. Cole, Glen M. Costa, Tommie E. Gaddy, Michael Gardner, Daniel Matthew Goldstein, Roger Heron, William Jeffords, Lareena L. Johnston, Dolores A. Klopping, Danny Konsulian, Manuel Navarrette, Victor W. Quiroga, Kijuan T. Randall, Ronald Lee Verner, Michael F. Wallace, Andrew Whalley and Michelle Jean Yang

Sepulveda, CA VA Medical Center

Lance S. King

Denver, CO VA Medical Center

Robert C. McClelland and Steven J. Weise

Grand Junction, CO VA Medical Center

Albert L. Atkinson, Stephen Guy Baker and Thomas G. Kupcho

Gainesville, FL VA Medical Center

Jerry Jerome Adams, Donald Allen Beidler, Raymond L. Boylan, Robert A. Kindergan, James A. Phillips, Joseph Renzo, Joseph W. Schnapp Jr., Gary J. Tompkins and Terry L. Wise

Lake City, FL VA Medical Center

Pearl D. Sanders

Fort Wayne, IN VA Medical Center

Rose M. Coop

Marion, IN VA Medical Center

Jo Harris, Robert Ladd, Frank Ramirez, Monte Shaffer, Betty Shaffer, Linda Shipp and Bobbette Suthers, Kenneth W. Ward

Louisville, KY VA Medical Center

Jordan Elizabeth Basemore, Chelsea T. Brown, John Joseph Frewen, Chrstina Noelle Gilowatz, Samantha M. Hubbard, Thanom Kentucky Jackson, Thanu K. Jackson, Brittany N. Jones, Zachary Kaufmann, Stacia M. Lenahan, Whitney M. Osborne, Sarah J. Perry, Jenna R. Price, James Joseph Rickert, Brianna Morgan Robinson, Diamond S. Ruffin, Patrick M. Scrivena, Divyansh Sharma, Chynelle B. Sutton, Matthew K. Walston, William Tyler Warren, Aaron Anthony Wheat, Andrew William Wuetcher and Addison V. Wynn

Baltimore, MD VA Medical Center

Glynn E. Parker

Battle Creek, MI VA Medical Center

Steven J. Bell, Stacy Bruder, James A. Cox, Charles J. English, Daniel E. Groteke, John Heinerich, Wayne Johnson, Richard Kasmer, Thomas R. Keel, Kenneth E. Keith, Samuel E. Kiger, Lane R. Kuypers, James H. Loveland, Melvin W. Machener, William Medonis, Harry Reid, Larry C. Schoene, Raymond D. Shaffer, Rosemary Way, Robert White, Michael Woods, Charles Zimmerman

Gaylord, MI VA Medical Center

Phyllis R. Cowden, Ronald Schrieber and William M. Tod

Saginaw, MI VA Medical Center

Reginald Frank Benson and Shirley Ann Maturen

Columbia, MO VA Medical Center

George C. Ashford

Jackson, MS VA Medical Center

Purau S. Brahmhatt, Kristen A. Dupard, Andrew P. Edward, Roger D. Edwards, Gregg B. McClinton, William D. Shaw and Jeremy J. Williams

Fort Harrison, MT VA Medical Center

Bruce K. Fauskee, William A. Lardis, Max F. Miller and William H. Steverson

Miles City, MT VA Medical Center

Jerry Lee Weibert

Fayetteville, NC VA Medical Center

Elton George Lavigne, Stephen D. LeQuire, Roland Price and William A. Usher

Salisbury, NC VA Medical Center

Jim Freeland and Billy Russell

Fargo, ND VA Medical Center

James E. Fenstad, Dennis A. Johnson, James H. Melhorn, David Snyder and Lauren C. Van Rosendale

Grand Island, NE VA Medical Center

Donald R. Butler and Virginia Louise Butler

Manchester, NH VA Medical Center

Paul Caron, Timothy Purdy and Edward Reed

Reno, NV VA Medical Center

Carol Ferges Christenson, Patricia L. Cormier, L. Gary Evans, Vernon Laddell Hinton, Peter Lewis Quam and Carl David Urbanac

Buffalo, NY VA Medical Center

Norris Pritchard

Muskogee, OK VA Medical Center

Charles D. Holybee and Anthony R. O'Neal

Portland, OR VA Medical Center

Donald E. Easdale, Clifford Fremstad, Dwight M. Hoover, Haywood Woodrow Kinsey, Mike G. Louie, Charles R. Piersee and Robert Price Thye

Pittsburgh, PA VA Medical Center

Janice Kay Elder and Timothy C. Harris

Columbia, SC VA Medical Center

Anthony Hugh Armstrong, Donald Blackmon, Frank G. Brackett, Don Roger Brown, Johnnie B. Catoe, Judy Cottone, Carol L. Edmond, Clarence Ference, Michael Finlay, Patricia H. Gainey, Robert M. Hall, Howard B. Hodge, James W. Huskey, Judy C. McWaters, Douglas T. Powell, Edmond C. Tomathy, Lanny M. Williams and Jimmie D. Wood

Sioux Falls, SD VA Medical Center

Joann V. Huntington and Shawn L. Shoen

Nashville, TN VA Medical Center

William T. Atherton, Roy H. Atkison, Willie B. Baldwin, John R. Clemons, Carl B. Collins, Sharone Nash, Jennifer Odle, Melvin D. Ralph and Donald W. Scarbean

Amarillo, TX VA Medical Center

John L. Kamp

Big Spring, TX VA Medical Center

James L. Lloyd

Dallas, TX VA Medical Center

Richard P. Lawton

Houston, TX VA Medical Center

Morris Batiste Jr., Vance Jack Blume, Jessie G. Damian, Anthony K. Erwine, Howell H. Gwin, Jr., Oliver Curtis Molo, Ralph O'Henly, Alisha Ann Reynolds, Sheila M. Schulte and Jimmy W. Smith

Temple, TX VA Medical Center

Charles J. Katalenas and Donald E. Williams, Jr.

Hampton, VA VA Medical Center

Thomas E. Chenoweth

Richmond, VA VA Medical Center

Powhatan Red Cloud Owen

Salem, VA VA Medical Center

Willis J. Evans, Kenneth J. Jenkins, Donald S. Lawson, Edward P. Naff, Victor R. Pohan, Billie J. Scott and Ashley N. Woodward

Seattle, WA VA Medical Center

Thomas Richard Loughlin

Spokane, WA VA Medical Center

Joseph Kimball

Madison, WI VA Medical Center

Dennis A. Elsing

Milwaukee, WI VA Medical Center

Donnie R. Boe, Paul C. Dunkel, Richard C. Hehn, Anthony A. Knapp, Brian Keith Kvitek, Joseph Roy Raisleger, Sylvester A. Ramminger, Marvin L. Speigner, Harris Neil Allen Tofte and Arlyn Fred Vollmer

Tomah, WI VA Medical Center

Robert D. Burrier

Beckley, WV VA Medical Center

Charles E. DeLano

Huntington, WV VA Medical Center

Robert G. Cole, Robin W. Combs, William A. Hamilton, Robert Hardy, Sr., Paul C. McCalvin, Carl C. Napier, Danny D. Parsons and Meredith Rice, Jr.

Martinsburg, WV VA Medical Center

Melissa Bea Boyer

Cheyenne, WY VA Medical Center

Ulrich H. Christensen, Richard E. Dubay and Weston P. Pickett

Sheridan, WY VA Medical Center

Mary Suzanne Patterson

Ford Motor Company Donates Vehicles

As a further demonstration of its commitment to the DAV Transportation Network (TN), Ford Motor Company has once again donated seven 2008 Ford Taurus X seven-passenger vehicles to the DAV TN. The donation took place during the opening session at the 87th National Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The VAMCs receiving these new vehicles were: Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Loma Linda, California; Newington, Connecticut; North Chicago, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Lebanon, Pennsylvania; and Amarillo, Texas. Since 1996, Ford has donated a total of 132 vehicles.

Ford Motor Company's continued commitment to veterans displays their great interest in the DAV's mission of service and transportation to the many veterans who have no other means of getting to their VA medical appointments. Ford's participation with us is a remarkable enhancement to the DAV Transportation Network program.

Thank you for your dedicated efforts to make your Transportation Network such an invaluable service for many disabled veterans across America.

2009 JESSE BROWN MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Nominations Being Accepted
September 1, 2008 – February 25, 2009

Summer is over and all across America today's youth are attending school, some may be in their junior or senior year of high school with plans for attending college. Why not encourage them to participate in the DAV VAVS Volunteer Program at a local VA medical center or in our Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)?

We are confident that more students will get involved if they are aware of the generous scholarships available as well as the vast opportunities to help veterans. Many academic

programs include volunteer work as a course requirement, and students may as well volunteer in their local VA medical centers. Some of the benefits of volunteering at a local VA medical center may include: scholarships for college, job experience, healthcare career possibilities, providing assistance to hospitalized veterans, completing high school volunteerism requirements and community involvement.



ELIGIBILITY

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered for a minimum of 100 hours during the previous calendar year. All volunteer hours must be credited to the Disabled American Veterans.
- Scholarships can be used at any accredited institution of higher learning; to include universities, colleges, community colleges, vocational schools, etc.
- Scholarships must be utilized in full prior to the recipient attaining the age of 25, or within 6 years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later.
- All family members of the DAV national organization employees are eligible to receive a scholarship.
- Nominations for this award may be submitted by the Voluntary Service Program Manager at the VA medical center, DAV Department Commander, or the student may complete a self-nomination form which is available on-line. If you are submitting your own nomination, please include an essay discussing "What volunteering at a VA medical center means to you." (Essay should be 750 words or less.)
- All nomination packets should include a nomination form, essay and any supporting documentation which you would like to have considered by the Selection Committee.
- Applications for the 2009 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program will be accepted between *September 1, 2008 and February 25, 2009.*

Know a youth who is interested in volunteering? Our Volunteer Registration Form, Nomination Form or Essay Form which can be accessed on http://www.dav.org/volunteers/jesse_brown_scholarship.html should be completed and mailed to: Disabled American Veterans, National Service and Legislative Headquarters, Voluntary Services Department, 807 Maine Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024.



MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES VISIT VA MEDICAL CENTERS



Retired Major League Umpire Larry Barnett visited the following VA medical centers in July and September: Cincinnati, Dayton, Brecksville, Cleveland and Chillicothe, Ohio; Boise, Idaho; White City, Roseburg and Portland, Oregon; and Vancouver, Washington.



Major League Umpire Jerry Layne visited the following VA medical centers in July, August, September and October: Detroit, Michigan; Long Beach, Loma Linda and Sepulveda, California; Fort Thomas, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Cleveland and Brecksville, Ohio; Houston, Texas; W. Roxbury, Massachusetts; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Kansas City, St. Louis and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; Chicago (Hines and Jesse Brown); Denver, Colorado; Manhattan and Bronx, New York; Decatur and Augusta, Georgia, West Palm Beach, Miami; Lake City, Tampa, Gainesville and Bay Pines, Florida.

We recently received this brief notation on a VAVS Monthly report from Palo Alto, California:

"On May 30, 2008, the Voluntary Service Program Manager assisted Jerry Layne in his visit through the Polytrauma wards. A young vet was thrilled to see and hold Jerry's World Series ring. Jerry gave his jacket to a very happy baseball fan. Jerry made many veterans forget their problems for a short time. I'm looking forward to Jerry's next visit."

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions about the information in this bulletin.

EDWARD E. HARTMAN
National Director of Voluntary Services