



AWARDS BULLETIN

DAV and DAV Auxiliary George H. Seal Memorial Awards

2017 marks the 40th anniversary of the **George H. Seal Memorial Trophy**, which is awarded annually by DAV in recognition of extraordinary volunteer dedication to the needs of ill and injured veterans through the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) program.

Only DAV and DAV Auxiliary members enrolled as accredited VAVS volunteers are eligible for this prestigious award. The award honors the memory and accomplishments of George H. Seal, a World War II combat-injured paratrooper, who made many significant contributions during his lengthy career as DAV National VAVS Representative and member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee.

An award will be presented to an outstanding volunteer from both the DAV and DAV Auxiliary at the DAV National Convention. Each of the two (2) winners and their companion will receive round-trip airfare (lowest non-refundable fare), hotel accommodations, and per diem for three days. The winners will also receive a trophy replica and their names will be engraved on the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy, which is permanently displayed at DAV National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Kentucky. In addition, all individual nominees receive a certificate recognizing their contributions.

We encourage your whole-hearted participation in the nominations for the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy. Department commanders and voluntary service program managers should submit nominations to this office **no later than February 28, 2017.**

Please return completed nomination forms for one DAV and one DAV Auxiliary VAVS volunteer from your VA medical facility to DAV National Headquarters. Department commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one DAV and one DAVA volunteer from each facility. Please feel free to copy the nomination forms as needed or if you have any additional questions contact Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst at vavs@dav.org or (859) 442-2056.

Thank you for your efforts in making 2017 a year to remember in the history of the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy. What better way is there to honor volunteers who do so much for America's ill and injured veterans! We look forward to hearing from you **no later than February 28, 2017.**

J. MARC BURGESS
National Adjutant



2017 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form
George H. Seal Memorial Trophy

This nomination is for: DAV DAV Auxiliary

Nominee's Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

VAMC Name _____

VAMC _____ Station Code _____ City _____ State _____

VAVS Program Manager _____ Phone _____

NOTE: THE NOMINEE MUST BE A DAV OR DAV AUXILIARY MEMBER. Chapter # _____ Unit # _____

Please answer the following questions. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

1. Total years as a VAVS Volunteer: _____

2. Lifetime VAVS hours: _____

3. The volunteer has worked in the following services:

4. How does the volunteer's assignment directly affect patient morale?

5. In what ways does the volunteer positively affect other volunteers?

6. Please explain why the volunteer's assignment is valuable to the Service Chief.

7. The volunteer's dependability is: Fair Good Excellent

8. The volunteer's assignment is: Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m. Weekends On call

9. Average hours volunteered per week: _____

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Nominee's Name _____

10. Please describe any special aspects of the volunteer you are nominating.

Approved by *(requires at least one signature)*

DAV Department Commander

VAVS Program Manager

Date

When submitting your nomination, please include the following items:

- Recent photo of nominee, suitable for publicity purposes. Acceptable formats include:
 - (1) glossy print, at least 4" x 6"
 - (2) CD/USB drive containing a JPEG image measuring at least 4" x 6" and 300 ppi or higher
- Nominee's signed consent (below)
- Optional:** Photos of the nominee volunteering at the VAMC

Consent Form

I, _____, hereby authorize DAV to use my name, photo and biographical information in connection with the National Commander's Awards Program.

Signature

Date

Please submit your nomination by February 28, 2017 to the Voluntary Services Department via email at vavs@dav.org or via postal mail at the address below.

DAV National Headquarters
Voluntary Services Department
3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076