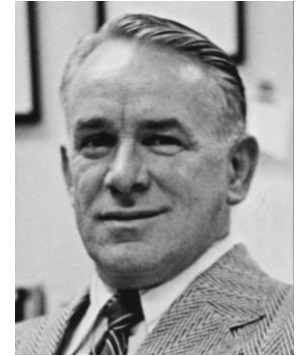




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**DAV and DAV Auxiliary
2013 George H. Seal Memorial Awards
Nominees Sought**

Dear Commanders and Program Managers:

2013 marks the 36th 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. Presentation is made at the DAV National Convention to which the two (2) winners and their companion are provided an expense-paid trip. Each receives a trophy replica and their names are engraved on the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy, which is permanently displayed at DAV National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Kentucky. In addition, the VA medical facility represented by each winner is awarded a plaque, and all individual nominees receive an attractive Honorable Mention Certificate.

The award honors the memory and accomplishments of George H. Seal, a World War II combat-disabled paratrooper who made many significant contributions during his lengthy career as DAV National VAVS Representative and member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee.

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 Friday, March 1, 2013**. 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 contact this National Headquarters for additional copies.

You are encouraged to solicit recommendations and information from the VA medical facility Director, Service and Program Managers and other staff members directly involved with the VAVS program in your installation as well as from VAVS Representatives and Deputies.

Thank you for your personal efforts in making 2013 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 heroes! We look forward to hearing from you **no later than Friday, March 1, 2013.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Minter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M".

RON MINTER

National Director of Voluntary Services

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Enclosures

c: DAV National Line Officers
DAV National Executive Committee
Supervisory National Service Officers
DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant
State VAVS Chairpersons
DAV VAVS Representatives
Laura Balun, Director, Voluntary Service Office,
Department of Veterans Affairs

**DAV or DAV AUXILIARY
2013 GEORGE H. SEAL
MEMORIAL TROPHY NOMINATION**

NAME _____ Last 4 Digits of SSN _____
(first) (middle) (last)

ADDRESS _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

TELEPHONE (____) _____ BIRTHDATE _____
(month) (day) (year)

VAMC _____ STATION # _____ VAMC TELEPHONE (____) _____

NOTE: MUST BE DAV MEMBER CHAPTER _____

NOTE: MUST BE DAVA MEMBER UNIT _____

TOTAL YEARS AS A VAVS VOLUNTEER _____ **TOTAL VAVS HOURS** _____

1) The volunteer has been a regularly scheduled volunteer at _____
Medical Center and has worked in the following services:

2) The volunteer's assignment has a direct effect on patient morale because (explain)

3) The volunteer has a positive effect on other volunteers because (explain)

4) The volunteer's assignment is valuable to the Service Chief because (explain)

- 5) The volunteer's dependability is () Fair () Good () Excellent
- 6) The volunteer's assignment is () between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. () after 5:00 p.m.
() week-ends () on call. Average hours volunteered per week _____
- 7) Please describe the volunteer's ability to accept job assignments and his/her general attitude while performing volunteer assignments.

Signature
DAV Department Commander

Date

OR

Signature
Voluntary Services Program Manager

Date