

Local veteran receives national award

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Mr. George Antee, life member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), was recognized as a Top Recruiter at the National DAV Convention held in Las Vegas, Nev. earlier this year.

Antee received a letter of commendation from National DAV Commander, Donald L. Samuels. In addition to top recruiter honors, Mr. Antee is the DAV Hospital Service Coordinator at Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport where he arranges transportation for Veterans who have appointments at the medical center and do not have transportation. In 2012 he has assisted over 6000 Veterans and has scheduled volunteer drivers who have driven almost 180,000 miles.

Mr. George, as he is known at the medical center, served in the United States Army. He was wounded during the Korean War in 1951 and is a recipient of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He joined the DAV to be able to help Veterans and he certainly has done an excellent job. He recruited over 100 new DAV members each year from 2009 to 2012 and is a member of local DAV Chapter 30, located in the Shreveport/Bossier area. George also provides assistance to Veterans who are submitting claims for benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: empowering Veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. They accomplish this by ensuring that Veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of Veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

They also provide free, professional assistance to Veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of the government. They conduct outreach concerning their program services to the American people generally, and to disabled Veterans and their families specifically. They represent the interests of disabled Veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government. They extend the DAV's mission of hope into the communities where Veterans and their families live through a network of state-level Departments and local Chapters, and provide a structure through which disabled Veterans can express their compassion for their fellow Veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.

For more information about the DAV log on to www.DAV.org or call (318) 990-8411 extension 7025.

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