

## **VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC) Volunteer of the Year**

This Award Program permits the NAC to honor members who have given extraordinary service to our Nation's Veterans.

The Executive Committee of the NAC coordinates this program. The Executive Committee (EC) works closely with the NAC and a selection committee established for reviewing nominations.

**Nominees for this award must participate in established VAVS assignments, serve as an RS volunteer and meet one of the following criteria:**

- 1) Volunteer with hospitalized Veterans
- 2) Volunteer with Veterans at Outpatient Clinics
- 3) Volunteer with Veterans in Community Living Centers
- 4) Volunteer with homeless Veterans
- 5) Volunteer with Veterans and Veterans groups in the community
- 6) Host Veterans' functions in the Lodge, Post, Chapter, i.e. Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day observances, etc. that qualify as a VAVS assignment
- 7) Host Veterans' functions outside the Lodge, Post Chapter i.e., fishing trips, day at the races, sporting events, etc. that qualify as a VAVS assignment.
- 8) Visit Veterans confined to their homes as a VAVS assignment
- 9) Adopt-A-Veteran

Those eligible for the award are: NAC member organizations with emphasis on VAVS Representatives, Deputy Representatives, members who visit the VA Medical Centers, Community Living Centers, etc. or work at Lodge, Post Chapter veteran functions either within or outside the Lodge, Post, Chapter. **Nominees must participate in established VAVS assignments and serve as an RS volunteer.**

There will be two recipients (1 male and 1 female) per year.

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN NARRATIVE FORMAT WITH NAME AND NAC ORGANIZATION IN THE UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER.**

The narrative is not to exceed 500 words and must be submitted to the EC Chairman by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year on organization letterhead. Letters of recommendation may be submitted with the narrative. VA Staff making recommendations for this award must send the nomination to the National Representative of the organizations to which the nominee is a member for preliminary judging. Failure to do so will invalidate the nomination.

The Selection Committee with the assistance of the EC will select the winners. The awardees will be presented with a suitably inscribed plaque at the annual meeting of the NAC.