



PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

2006 State Report

Arkansas

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June 19, 2006

The Honorable Mike Huckabee
Governor
State Capitol
Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Huckabee:

We are pleased to provide you with this first Annual State Report presented by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

The State Report provides a summary of your state's commitment to the President's Volunteer Service Award Program since its inception in 2004. The Council works in partnership with businesses, nonprofit groups, schools, and other organizations across the country to honor local volunteers with the Award. More than 16,000 organizations across the nation have recognized over 400,000 Americans with this honor.

Citizens of all ages and backgrounds are giving of their time and talents to improve lives and strengthen communities. In 2005, more than 65 million Americans volunteered to help their neighbors and communities through service. The President's Volunteer Service Award is one way we pay tribute to these volunteers.

The Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

Today, we challenge you to help advance this national volunteer recognition movement and celebrate the volunteer contributions of your residents especially during National Volunteer Week. I hope your office will join us in honoring your state's most valuable assets – volunteers.

Sincerely,

Kari Dunn
Executive Director

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD STATISTICS
October 1, 2004 – April 14, 2006

National Statistics

Number of Certifying Organizations		Number of Awards Presented					
2006	1,510		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	7,682	2006	36,163	18,554	28,093	11,090	93,900
2004	6,418	2005	73,851	37,847	55,972	32,197	199,867
2003	1,385	2004	38,686	26,436	34,040	11,538	110,700
Total	16,995	Total	148,700	82,837	118,105	54,825	404,467
Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)							
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total		
2006	859,503	3,852,879	72,125,017	70,247,750	147,662,149		
2005	2,074,400	6,990,129	31,029,401	79,432,771	119,526,701		
2004	290,654	747,079	8,451,545	56,811,121	66,300,399		
Total	3,224,557	11,590,087	111,605,963	207,068,642	333,489,249		
Number of Awards in Presidential Priority Service Area							
		2006	2005	2004	Total		
	Youth Achievement	20,493	46,725	9,924	77,142		
	Parks and Open Space	4,033	4,175	515	8,723		
	Healthy Communities	70,115	88,442	32,186	190,743		
	Public Safety and Emergency Response	12,013	8,113	1,198	21,324		

Arkansas' Statistics

Since 2004, 3,821 citizens of Arkansas have received the PVSA recognizing 5,707,391 hours of service.

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2006	13		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Lifetime	Total
2005	94	2006	491	174	166	110	941
2004	78	2005	716	402	550	140	1,808
2003	7	2004	281	137	306	348	1,072
Total	192	Total	1,488	713	1,022	598	3,821
Hours Served by Awardees (By Age)							
	Ages 5-14	Ages 15-25	Ages 26-64	Ages 65+	Total		
2006	2,816	15,422	97,184	1,091,600	1,253,716		
2005	11,314	41,089	652,050	1,524,757	2,229,210		
2004	1,777	10,659	5,060	2,205,969	2,224,465		
Total	15,907	67,170	754,294	4,822,326	5,707,391		

Award recipient in your state:

John Heffernan (Little Rock, AR)

Certified by: Retiree Activities Office - 314AW/CVR

John is the director of the Retiree Activities Office (RAO) at the Air Force Base in Little Rock. The RAO serves as the link between retired members, the local military community, and other government and non-government agencies, and is staffed by volunteers. As RAO director, John has volunteered more than 11,662 hours to the office in less than 6 years. Thanks to his commitment, the RAO is open daily, providing quality service and guidance to more than 34,000 military retirees and annuitants living in Arkansas. These retirees depend on the RAO for expert and timely assistance and John makes every effort to ensure their needs are met. Under his expert leadership and inspiration, sixty-three RAO volunteers contributed over 18,000 hours in 2005 supplementing the Little Rock AFB work force. In addition to his volunteer duties associated with being the RAO Director, John also is very active in community activities including the President David D. Terry Chapter Air Force Association; 2nd Vice President Central Arkansas Council of MOAA; Chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of Amboy UMC; and a volunteer with Alzheimer's Arkansas Programs and Services.

How you can use the President's Volunteer Service Award in your state:

- On your state's website, promote your state's President's Volunteer Service Award winners, and include a link and banner for the President's Volunteer Service Award.
- Issue a press release highlighting outstanding volunteers and encouraging others to volunteer and aspire to receive the President's Volunteer Service Award. For a sample press release, please visit www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/tools.cfm
- Challenge local and state governmental offices to register as Certifying Organizations for the President's Volunteer Service Award and issue 25 Awards by 2007 National Volunteer Week
- Encourage organizations (e.g., nonprofits and businesses) to sign up as Award partner organizations by distributing a special invitation during National Volunteer Week
- Whether or not you have a governor's volunteer awards program, consider partnering with us to deliver a statewide volunteer recognition program modeled after the President's Volunteer Service Award. For an example of a state's volunteer award program, please visit <http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov/S/California/>
- Register your state as a Certifying Organization and start recognizing your volunteers with this Presidential recognition. For more details, please contact Tomme Beevas at 202-729-8018 or TBeevas@PointsofLight.org.

About the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation:

President George W. Bush established USA Freedom Corps in January of 2002, and he called on all Americans to serve a cause greater than themselves. One year later, he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to help recognize the contributions of America's volunteers. The Council strives to promote and recognize outstanding volunteer service and raise awareness of the many ways in which Americans can help meet the needs of individuals within their communities and around the world. The Council brings together leaders from business, entertainment, sports, education, government, nonprofits, and the media, each of whom has demonstrated a commitment to service and volunteering in his or her own life. For more information about the President's Council and its members, please visit www.volunteer.gov.

