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## Gene Hansbrough Honored for Volunteerism *Helps to Provide Quality Health Care to Veterans*

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In May, Calvin E. "Gene" Hansbrough was honored with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for providing more than 4,000 hours of volunteer service for the Veterans of the Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center (MVAMC).

As part of the Veteran Transportation Network Program (VTN), Hansbrough has volunteered his time by carrying patients from Elkton, Va., to their scheduled medical appointments at MVAMC.

Since Feb. 1997, he has completed more than 100,000 miles of driving the VTN van, an admirable feat achieved only two previous times at the medical center.

The Voluntary Service Staff hosted its annual Awards Banquet in May in recognition of the generosity of its volunteers.

Chief of Voluntary Service Dottie Hough described Hansbrough as "a beautiful person, just one of those special people who gets along well with everyone and is a favorite in his home community."

A resident of Shenandoah, Va., Hansbrough helps his neighbors and friends by calling bingo and providing fresh produce from the garden he has maintained for 30 years.

Voluntary Service Specialist Patricia DeHaven said, "In knowing him, you see he has the heart of a volunteer, a heart for the Veterans and his community."

MVAMC relies heavily upon volunteers to help provide quality health care to all our Veterans, from their charitable donations to their dedicated hours of service.

The VTN Program also provides transportation from additional locations, including Keyser and Franklin, W.Va., Cumberland and Frederick, Md., Elkton and Woodstock, Va., and Chambersburg, Pa.

To become a transportation volunteer or participate with any of the other volunteer assignments, please contact Dottie Hough or Patricia DeHaven at

(304) 263-0811, extensions 3309/3310.

For additional information, see the Voluntary Service Web page at : <http://www.martinsburg.va.gov/giving/index.asp>.



Volunteer Gene Hansbrough, right, with MVAMC Associate Director Tim Cooke, at the annual Awards Banquet for Voluntary Service.