



Quad City CERT Honors Presidential Award Recipients

In September 2006, at the Quad City CERT Annual Volunteer Recognition Picnic, volunteers received Presidential Service Awards for their generous contributions to our CERT team. The participating communities of Quad City CERT, their respective Fire Chiefs, and the Quad City CERT Executive Board appreciate the time and efforts put forth by these exemplary individuals. Their dedication to our program was testament to the compassion citizens have for their communities and the power of volunteerism.

About the Award

America has a long and proud tradition of volunteer service. Now more than ever, volunteers are renewing their commitment to helping others and making new connections that bring us closer together as families, as neighbors, as communities, and as a Nation.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Every day, millions of Americans volunteer, using their time, talents, and compassion to make a difference in the lives of others. Through volunteering, Americans are helping to foster a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility for generations to come. It is through these acts of kindness and decency that we are able to demonstrate the true character and compassion of our country.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award is a Presidential recognition program for Americans of all ages, who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer service. The program recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard — measured by the number of hours served in a 12-month period.

The President's Volunteer Service Award was created to recognize the tens of millions of Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation.

Presidential Award Recipients

Gold Award (500 or more Hours)



Nina Boodjeh
Bob DiBianca
Ralph Gromelski
Amy Gruenberg
Tom Mego

Silver Award (250 to 499 Hours)



Robert Bartholomew
Linda Chesnik
Nada Fleming
John Joyce
Ken LeMonte
Rebecca Maichryc

Bronze Award (100 to 249 Hours)



Joy Bailey
Tom Gulick
Ron Latare
Ben Magistro
Steve Peine
Tom Priebe
John Skalsky
Sue Walcher
