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Florence Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 23 provides free transportation to veterans five days a week, if needed, to hospitals in Portland, Eugene and Roseburg for ongoing treatment and medical appointments.

Swantz, the senior vice commander, has been making the more than 12-hour trip each week for seven years, in addition to the other volunteer work he does in town.

"Most of the vets I work with are Korean or Vietnam vets. I do have a couple of WWII vets, but most of the people I transport, male and female, are from the Korea or Vietnam era," he said.

Swantz has been recognized statewide and on a national level for his volunteer efforts relating to veterans' issues. He will be attending a ceremony in Washington D.C. later this month to receive his award at the 2019 DAV National Convention.

The DAV recognizes a volunteer in every state, each year, to receive the George H. Seal Memorial Award. The award honors the memory and accomplishments of George H. Seal, a World War

II combat-injured paratrooper who made many significant contributions during his lengthy career as a DAV national representative and member of the National Advisory Committee.

This prestigious commendation is given to an individual that provides an outstanding example of service and dedication to the needs of ill and injured veterans. Swantz is the recipient of the award for the State of Oregon.

In 2018, DAV volunteers donated more than 1.4 million hours of their time nationwide. "I co-chair the Veterans Parade Committee and I'm involved with buddy poppies for the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and forget-me-nots for the DAV. I clean up the airport and Veteran's Memorial Park, but mostly I think I received this award for the work I do driving the DAV van."

Swantz has been assisting vets in getting to their medical appointments for the last seven years but he also provides direction and encouragement to other veterans who may not realize the help the government and local support groups, like the Band of Brothers, can provide.

"I feel an obligation to my fellow veterans to help to take care of them if they can't take care of themselves," Swantz said. "I drive the van for two purposes. ... One is to get them to their appointments, but the second reason is to make sure they know what they are entitled to. It's amazing how many vets I take to Portland that don't know what they are entitled to. A lot of guys that I talk with feel they don't deserve to be compensated; they say, 'All I did was serve my time.'"

Swantz is pleased that his volunteer work has been recognized but deflects the attention he is receiving by pointing to the work other vets in the area are doing.

"I'm proud of the fact that I received this award, but I don't think I do any more than anybody else. I realize they have to give it to someone, but I didn't do anything more than any other volunteer does. I was just the one they decided deserved it this year," he said.

Swantz also wants to remind the community that Flag Day is Friday, June 14. There will be an official "retirement" ceremony for American flags that are old or have deteriorated to the point where they are

unusable.

"Folks can take their old flags to the Elks Lodge, which has a collection point, or they can drop them by the DAV office when they are open, or they can call me and I will come by and pick them up.

And we are still looking for a few more drivers for the DAV van."

Swantz can be reached at 541-968-9512. For more information on Florence DAV, stop by 1715 21st St. or call 541-997-8060.

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The group's name "Byrdsong Consort" refers to William Byrd, an English composer of the renaissance. The musicians are Michael Bardossi, Alice Barkan, Julia Heydon, Elinora Sears, and Tom Sears, all of Eugene.

This will be their third appearance at the Little Log Church, with its unique interior design of the Little Log Church lending itself to a rich acoustical experience.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Little Log Church and Museum.

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