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COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

November 9, 2023

Annual Report

The Annual Report is in its final review stages and should be ready to send to the printer next week. Our goal is for it to be mailed out the last week in November.

Governor's Volunteer Service Award

It's that time of year again, when the Governor's Office seeks Volunteer Service Awards and recognitions in each county. This Award recognizes individuals and groups who make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service. Exhibit A contains the nomination form and completed forms may be emailed to Brock Hall at jbhall@yadkincountync.gov

Vacancies

As of today, we have 19 vacancies, with 11 of them being in Human Services. Two of these are the positions the Board of Commissioners created last month.

EMS Outposts

During the Commissioners' meeting Monday, a Commissioner made the Board aware that Wilkes County recently built several new EMS outposts. I contacted Wilkes County Manager for more information concerning these outposts.

Until recently, Wilkes County EMS operated on 12-hour shifts, which do not require sleeping quarters and therefore no sprinkler system, as well as less space. They built 2 substations (not primary) and they were 1500 sq. ft. each and cost \$280,000 in 2020 and 2021 when the second one was built. They are constructed of metal and have 2 bays (no pull thru). Due to staffing issues, they have now changed their work schedule to 24/72 and employees in these substations take "naps" on couches or in chairs. Pictures of the substations are on the next page.



Wilkes County also partnered with a fire department to include an EMS Base with the fire department and it is 25,000 sq. ft. and it cost \$12,000,000. This one was built with sleeping quarters, is sprinkled and has all pull thru bays.

Upcoming Dates

Viewing of "The Veteran's Battlefield", A Story of North Carolina Veterans at the Willingham Theater on **Thursday, November 9th** at 7pm. The Veterans' Day Event will be held **November 11th at 11am** at the Veterans' Memorial at the County Park.

Community meetings for Strategic Planning will be held **Tuesday, November 14th** at Starmount High School and on **Tuesday, November 28th** at Forbush High School. Both of these meetings will start at **7pm**. The purpose is to educate citizens about county government's mandated and non-mandated services provided, gather information for the Board's consideration in its Strategic Plan and to offer those in attendance an opportunity to complete the survey online if they have not. Staff will bring 3 laptops for their use.

The Annual Christmas Employee Luncheon will be held on **Friday, December 22nd, 12noon-2pm** in the Banquet Room at the Agricultural & Educational Building. County offices will be **closed the remainder of the afternoon**, as well as **December 25, 26 and 27**. County offices will also be closed **January 1**.



GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Governor's Volunteer Service Award (GVSA) honors the true spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals who significantly contribute to their community through volunteer service. The Commission reviews county recommendations and awards are given out in the counties. The guidelines and application form are provided below.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

1. Nominees must have been engaged in volunteer activities for a minimum of one year in North Carolina. Volunteer service performed outside the state is ineligible.
2. Nominees are ineligible if they receive compensation for their service.
 - a. This includes service done for school credit, in the official capacity of National Service programs, as a "loaned executive", or for other forms of compensation.
3. Nominees are ineligible if they are required to do the service.
 - a. This includes service mandated by schools, the court, or other authorities.
4. Self-nominations are ineligible.
5. Family members may not nominate their family members.
6. Group Nominees must be made by someone external to the group.
7. Previous award recipients from within the past 10 years are ineligible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. All nominations **must** be submitted on **this** nomination form or on the link on our website (nc.gov/volunteer).
2. All **required parts** of the nomination form **must** be completed
3. All nominations must be **typed**. Email kenneth.mclellan@nc.gov for a copy of the nomination form in Word.
4. The nomination form **must** be **signed** and **dated** by the nominator.
5. Additional information and/or supporting documents **will not** be accepted.
6. Nominations must be submitted by the **deadline**.
7. One additional reference is required for each nomination.

AWARD SELECTION

Award selections are based on the nominee's volunteer efforts and commitment of time, accomplishments, community impact, and enhancement of the lives of others.

Nominations are evaluated by the appropriate County Award Coordinator who submits up to ten nominations to the Commission for consideration. Of the submitted, one may be recommended (at the discretion of the County Award Coordinator) for the Medallion Award, the highest level of volunteer recognition in the state. *Please note if a group is awarded the Medallion, only one physical medallion is given and extra medallions are not available for purchase.*

The Commission selects award recipients based on merit and eligibility and without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, national origin, or physical/mental disability.

PRIMARY COUNTY OF SERVICE: _____

2024 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Section 1-Nomination Categories (Completion Required)

Special Volunteer type

- Individual:** one person providing outstanding volunteer service.
- Group:** two or more individuals who volunteer together as a team.
- National Service:** Anyone who volunteers with a National Service program (AmeriCorps, VISTA, or AmeriCorps Seniors).
- Director of Volunteers:** A paid staff member who exceeds expectations of good volunteer management skills including recruitment, training, coordination, risk management, evaluation, retention, and recognition of volunteers. *Other job titles may include Volunteer Program Director or Manager of Volunteers.*

Section 2-Nominee Service Information

Area of Volunteer Service: (Mark all that apply. Minimum 1 response req.)

- Veteran/Military:** Notable service to military families or veterans.
- Youth:** Extraordinary commitment to mentoring or educating youth.
- Seniors:** Significant devotion to assisting older adults.
- Historically Underserved Populations:** Noteworthy dedication to assisting marginalized populations.
- Disaster:** Remarkable volunteerism in disaster preparedness, response, recovery, or mitigation.
- Animals:** Outstanding dedication to volunteering with or for animals.
- Cultural:** Remarkable devotion to restoring or preserving history, culture, or the arts
- Environment:** Exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship.
- Health and Human Services:** Significant devotedness to those in need.
- Lifetime Achievement:** An individual who has exhibited a lifelong commitment to volunteerism and community service. Nominees must have made a substantial and long-term sustained impact in the community because of their service efforts.
- Other:** Areas of service not listed above.

Section 3-Nominee Information

Title: Dr. Rev. Hon. Other: _____

Name (First and Last or Group Name):

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

If your nominee is a youth or senior volunteer, please check the appropriate box below: (Mark if applicable)

Youth: A volunteer who is 19 or younger.

Senior: A volunteer who is 55 or older.

Section 4-Service Details

Organization(s) where the nominee volunteers:

Primary County of Service: _____

For the below, provide an estimate. For group nominations, provide a combined estimate.

Number of Hours Volunteered Per Week : _____

Number of Weeks Volunteered Per Month: _____

Number of Hours Volunteered Annually: _____

Section 5-Nominator Information

IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NOMINATOR AND REFERENCE SECTION

1. One additional reference is required.
2. The nominator and one reference must sign and date the page.
3. Forms without the required dated signatures will not be accepted.
4. The nominator may not serve as the only reference

Nominator Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee (ex. volunteer supervisor):

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): Phone / Email

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Section 6-References

REFERENCE 1 (ONE REQUIRED)

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee (ex. volunteer supervisor):

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): Phone / Email

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

REFERENCE 2

Name: _____

Relationship to Nominee (ex. volunteer supervisor):

Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Preferred method of contact (circle one): Phone / Email

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Section 7-Nominee Statement

The nomination statement's purpose is to explain the main reasons this nominee is being nominated. This is important in the evaluation of the nominee's impact. Because of this, please be very descriptive in the statement. Please note: *Unless the nominee is being nominated for the **lifetime service achievement**, focus on the service done in the past year.*

Describe the nominee's outstanding commitment to volunteerism to their community and dedication to the organization they served. Describe accomplishments and how their service has helped meet needs in their community. If possible, please include measurables (numbers or quantities) that explain the nominee's impact (**150-word minimum**).

It is recommended to refer to the sample rubric while developing your statement.

Begin the Nominee Statement Below

Nominee Statement

Supplemental Information-Additional Nominee Names

***Note: This page should be completed only for Group/Team Volunteering nominees**

Member 1 name:

Member 2 name:

Member 3 name:

Member 4 name:

Member 5 name:

Member 6 name:

Member 7 name:

Member 8 name:

Member 0 name:

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