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Media Alert

Sidney L. Chase of Centerville Named 2010 Red Cross Community Service to Veterans Hero



Sidney Chase

Hyannis, Mass, February 23, 2011 –The American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to announce that Sidney L. Chase of Centerville has been named a Community Medical Support hero and will be honored at the 9th Annual Heroes Breakfast at the Resort & Conference Center in Hyannis on March 31, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 am. Tickets are available on-line at www.cciiredcross.org, by calling (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or at American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Sidney was nominated by Patrick McNamara of Marstons Mills because for 40 years, veterans in 13 of the Cape's 15 towns have turned to him to be their advocate, marshal their paperwork and provide support to get the benefits they need. He formally ended his career as Director of Veterans Services in 2010, but worked as a committed agent for more than 15,000 veterans and their families.

As the Director of Veterans Services, Chase worked with a staff of four Veteran Services Officers and administrative staff to guide veterans and their families to appropriate services. He was skilled at cutting through the red tape to get results.

Chase was born and raised in Barnstable and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He was deployed overseas to Germany and served in the areas of Communications, Supply and Services. He was discharged in May 1969 and applied for the Veterans Agent position later that year. He was hired as the first Vietnam veteran in Massachusetts as an agent for the Department of Veterans Services.

Chase has been the lead organizer of the Barnstable Soldier's Association for the town's Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. Specifically, he has been the Master of Ceremonies for these parades in which community organizations, schools and individuals have shared these holidays in a rich traditional manner, honoring those who serve our country.

By helping those who have helped their country, Chase has earned the title of Red Cross Hero. To find out more about the 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit www.cciiredcross.org

The Red Cross is not a government agency and does not receive federal or state funding. Local Chapters do receive some human resource support from the American Red Cross Headquarters, however, each Chapter is responsible for raising adequate funds to support all of its activities, including recruiting and training volunteers, and teaching life saving skills within its geographical coverage area. It relies on donations of time, money, and blood from the American public to successfully do its work.