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Media Alert

American Red Cross Names 2010 Military Good Samaritan Heroes to be Honored at 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast in Hyannis on March 31st, 2011

Hyannis, Mass, February 24, 2011 –The American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to announce that several local military members have been named Military Good Samaritan Heroes 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 at www.cciredcross.org, by calling (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or at American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Master Sergeant Joseph Corsaro of the Otis Air National Guard was nominated by MSgt Joseph O'Brien of Plymouth for his quick and courageous action and compassion when he assisted the victims of a vehicle crash which resulted in two vehicles rolling off the side of the road. MSgt Corsaro helped and comforted an Army National Guard soldier who was injured in the accident and continued to assist when the paramedics arrived. If not for his quick action and caring attitude, the situation could have been much worse.

Colonel Timothy A. Mullen of Cotuit, Colonel Christopher M. Faux, Lieutenant Colonel Stephen P. Demianczyk and Colonel Richard V. Crivello, all stationed at the Massachusetts Military Reservation were nominated by Patrick McNamara for their heroic actions in the rescue of three victims of a car accident. On Wednesday August 4th, 2010, Col. Faux, Col. Mullen and LtCol Demianczyk were driving in a van southbound on Route 25 heading toward the Bourne Bridge in the middle lane when they noticed a man lying on the highway. Two victims were in the roadway, and one remained trapped in a vehicle which had been involved in an accident. They immediately stopped their van in the middle of the highway about 100 feet from the accident victim to prevent cars from striking him and exited their vehicle to assist. Col. Faux and LtCol. Demianczyk ran to the person in the road to assist while Col. Mullen ran behind the van and began directing traffic until emergency personnel arrived on scene. Col. Crivello, who was on his way to Camp Edwards, saw Mullen directing traffic and pulled over to help Col. Faux and LtCol Demianczyk with first aid on the man who was in the roadway after being ejected from the vehicle.

After several State Police and local firefighters arrived they immediately began to assist the injured, while Col. Mullen continued directing traffic. LtCol Demianczyk also tried to help a third injured person who was trapped in the van. Traffic was stopped on the northbound side of Route 25 to allow a helicopter medical flight to land and evacuate the man in the roadway. After confirming they were no longer needed at the scene, all four men departed the accident site knowing they had tried to do everything possible to assist in this serious automobile accident.

Airman First Class Michael Albert of Westfield and Otis Air National Guard Base was nominated by Chief Master Sergeant Gus Barrigas of Forestdale for his swift response and valiant efforts in the rescue of a man who crashed his vehicle after suffering what appeared to be a heart attack. A1C Albert was able to assess the situation and begin performing life saving measures on the victim – further assisting when the emergency response crew arrived on the scene. The victim, a 52 year old man, the father of five children survived. According to a state trooper, the actions of A1C Albert contributed greatly to the survival of this man.

To find out more about the 9th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, Red Cross training schedules, volunteering for the Red Cross, for disaster preparedness information in English, Spanish or Portuguese, or to donate, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit www.cciredcross.org



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