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1st ILLINOIS MEMBERS AWARDED PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Chicago, Illinois – Three service members of the Veteran Reserve Corps were awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Captain Dean Argiris, Commander of 1st Illinois, was awarded the Gold for dedicating over 400 plus hours to volunteer services while part of both the Indiana and Illinois units, as well as for his role as Chief of Public Affairs for Division Headquarters.

Chaplain Anthony Catella, was awarded the President's Volunteer Award (Silver) for his continued service to the welfare of personnel within the 1st Illinois and 1st Indiana Battalions.

Warrant Officer 2nd Class Scott Crays, of 1st Indiana Civil Support Battalion, was also awarded the Silver for contributing his counseling training to improving the mental welfare of personnel within both Battalions.

Each recipient receives a medallion, a letter from the President of the United States, and a certificate. They are also permitted to wear the ribbon for their service uniforms.

Created in 2003, by President George W. Bush, the President's Volunteer Service Award was created to reignite the spirit of volunteerism within American society, by recognizing individuals who contribute an extraordinary number of hours for a certifying organization, which the Veteran Reserve Corps is.

The U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps is a 501(c)(3) uniformed service, much like the Civil Air Patrol or U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. They operate as a Community Emergency Response Team, an all-volunteer network of individuals specially trained in disaster response and relief.

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