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Reservist feted for volunteer work

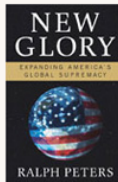
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An Air Force reservist described as a "modern-day superhero" has been honored for his volunteer efforts that have taken him from the battlefields of the Persian Gulf War in 1991 to the tsunami relief efforts in Asia in 2005 to hurricane relief efforts.

Staff Sgt. Gerald Flint, an aeromedical evacuation technician stationed with the 932nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron in Scott Air Force Base, Ill., founded Volunteer Medics Worldwide after seeing dying civilians on the battlefields of the Gulf War. At that time he was a volunteer with the U.S. State Department. His organization now has more than 80 volunteers in 11 countries, and has completed 35 disaster relief missions.

Flint is one of 11 people who received the Cherokee Inspired Comfort Award, given annually by Cherokee Uniforms to recognize nurses and other nonphysician health professionals who demonstrate exceptional service, sacrifice and innovation, and have a positive impact on others' lives. Nearly 900 nominations were submitted for this year's awards.

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In January 2005, after recovering from wounds to his foot sustained during a Medevac mission to Iraq, Flint led an international team of medical volunteers to help the tsunami victims in Asia, providing rescue and recovery services for five months, as well as general health care, medications, eyeglasses and other medical supplies to the people of Thailand and Sri Lanka.

"Doing remote care in places abroad where people are normally without any kind of medical attention brings me the greatest satisfaction," Flint said, according to a press release from Cherokee Uniforms. "I see God smiling back at me when I give my all for others. I'm at my best when I'm volunteering. Nothing beats stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

Flint receives an all-expense-paid Caribbean cruise for two, an award made of crystal and a wardrobe of Cherokee health-care apparel. He also will be featured in the nationally distributed in the company's 2007 award

calendar.

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