

Red Cross salutes Cape heroes

From water rescuers to Cape Cod Times, honorees recognized

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BARNSTABLE — Pay it forward.

That was the message yesterday at the 6th annual American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast, where 49 lifesavers, community leaders and local visionaries were honored.

The event, held at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, recognizes Cape & Islands people from all walks of life who have been nominated for making a difference this past year.

Peter Meyer, president and publisher of Cape Cod Media Group, served as master of ceremonies for the event. Meyer charged the 450 people in attendance to "pay it forward" and honor the heroes by helping others.

The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross was founded in 1915, and is led by executive director Glen Beasley.

The 2007 Heroes are:

- Firefighter/Law Enforcement - Community Impact: Dennis Child Safety Seat Team (firefighters Ben Anderson, Jeff Larkowski and Dan O'Connell, and police officers James Sullivan and Damon Reinold)
- Firefighter/Paramedic: John Talin, Hyannis firefighter
- Law Enforcement/Good Samaritan: Trooper Bruce Buckley of Hyannis, Tom Paulini of Harwich, Nicholas Pelkey of West Yarmouth, Jeffrey Newell of Harwich and Santiago Velez of Sandwich
- Law Enforcement: Anonymous undercover agent
- Medical/Selfless Act: Joseph Rossetti of North Eastham
- Medical: Deputy Sheriff Edward Rodriguez of Marstons Mills, Sgt. Ross Klun of Brewster and Deputy Wallace Bicknell of Chatham
- 911 Dispatch/Sheriff's Dept.: William Watson of Buzzards Bay and Lori Enos of Forestdale
- Adult Good Samaritan: LCDR Chris Kluckhuhn of Forestdale and Robert Messier Jr. of Sandwich
- Youth Good Samaritan: James S. Barabe of Mashpee

- Military: Senior Master Sgt. Francis J. Lang of Forestdale
- Military/Service to Veterans: Joseph P. Kennedy of Sagamore Beach
- Animal Hero - Youth: Eliza Bowes of West Yarmouth
- Animal Hero - Adult: Katie Touhey, Cape Cod Stranding Network/IFAW, Yarmouth Port
- Environmental Hero: Andre Sampou of West Barnstable, and Richard Wheeler of Wareham
- Community Impact/Organization: Paul and Carolyn Hebert of Centerville (Champ Homes)
- Community Impact/Individual: Mark Halstead and Mary Ann Hakenson of Hyannis (Homeless not Helpless)
- Community Service/Adult: Upper Cape - Thomas Hanley of Pocasset; Mid Cape - Ann Marie Carlson of Bass River; Lower Cape - Elizabeth Bridgewater of North Eastham
- Community Service/Youth: Ashley Marie Hansen of Chatham
- Community Service/Business:
- Cape Cod Times

Educator: Kevin F. Depin of West Dennis and Christopher Tarozzi of Centerville

- Consumer Educator: Suzanne Tonaire Brosnan of South Orleans
- Individual Mentor/Role Model Through Disability: Deanna L. Arnold of South Yarmouth
- Adult Mentor/Role Model: Kelly Hewitt of Hyannis
- Youth Mentor/Role Model: Amanda Kate Person of Marstons Mills
- Swim Rescue/Military: Petty Officer Nick Mills of Buzzards Bay
- Swim Rescue/Civilian: Gary Richard of West Yarmouth and Brian W. Taylor of Plymouth
- Diversity Hero: John L. Reed of West Yarmouth
- Red Cross Hero: Amelia Winston of Hyannis, Beverly Peterson of Osterville and Betsey Ward of Brewster