

USAG BAVARIA CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

JAMES JOYCE IS AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER LEADER WHO PROVIDES SELFLESS, UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO VETERANS, SERVICEMEMBERS, CIVILIANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES ACROSS USAG BAVARIA. CURRENTLY SERVING AS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE VFW DEPARTMENT OF EUROPE AND IN DUAL ROLES AS ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER FOR VFW TOWER POST 10692, JAMES IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED FOR HIS SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, CLEAR COMMUNICATION, AND DEDICATION AS A TRUSTED MENTOR.

HE ACTIVELY DRIVES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH INITIATIVES LIKE THE VFW'S MONTHLY POST CLEANUP AT TOWER BARRACKS—A PUBLIC EVENT THAT FOSTERS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WHILE MAINTAINING THE INSTALLATION. ADDITIONALLY, JAMES PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN THE VFW-SPONSORED "FOOD & FUN WITH FRIENDS" (TACO TUESDAY) AT USO GRAFENWOEHR, WHERE HE CONSISTENTLY COORDINATES LOGISTICS, PURCHASES INGREDIENTS, AND PREPARES AND SERVES MEALS.

HIS PROFOUND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY IS EVIDENCED BY 515 VOLUNTEER HOURS THIS YEAR ALONE, CONTRIBUTING TO A REMARKABLE LIFETIME TOTAL OF OVER 5,000 HOURS. BEYOND THE VFW, HIS EXTENSIVE SERVICE SPANS THE USO, GERMAN AMERICAN KONTAKT KLUB, DAGA, , , THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE, AND THE SERVUS SAUFEN & LAUFEN RUNNING GROUP.

FURTHERMORE, JAMES IS A CORNERSTONE OF LOCAL HOLIDAY TRADITIONS, SERVING AS SANTA CLAUS AT NUMEROUS EVENTS—including the CITY OF GRAFENWOEHR CHRISTMAS MARKET AND THE TOWER AND ROSE BARRACKS TREE LIGHTINGS—WHERE HE ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTES AROUND 900 CHOCOLATE SANTA CLAUSES TO OUR COMMUNITY CHILDREN.

