

MRF ANNOUNCES NOMINEES ITS MILITARY PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Military Racquetball Federation is proud to announce the nominees for the first annual MRF Military Player of the Year award which will be presented at the USAR Nationals banquet this May in Houston. The award will be presented each year to the person (Active Duty or Retiree) who goes above and beyond to promote military racquetball throughout the world. Congratulations to all the nominees listed below:

Shaun Broeker – United States Army:

Shaun has been instrumental in starting the first ever racquetball tournament in a combat zone. He was able to pull from resources and with the help of MRF to get a sanctioned military racquetball tournament in Balad, Iraq..... Unheard before until Shaun took the true initiative to make this event happen. He found enthused combat racquetball players in the operating area during their spare time to compete in this first ever tournament. A true success story for military racquetball.

Daniel Nagel – United States Army:

Daniel ran the first event ever in Kuwait at Camp Arifjan. Stepping up to help fellow soldiers in a war zone, Daniel created events, excitement, & camaraderie throughout Kuwait and the surrounding region to be able to host this tournament. He was able to gain the trust and confidence of the local MWR and other supporting staff to allow him and his team to make this a successful turnout.

Kevin Brylski – United States Navy:

Kevin has been the strongest advocate and voice of the MRF Ad Council while at the same time leading the Ektelon Military Team. He has been truly proactive in every aspect of promoting racquetball in the military. His sound advice and “can-do” attitude to the MRF Board members has been instrumental in moving MRF forward for 2009 and 2010. There is no obstacle too great for Kevin’s spirit.

Charles Knight – United States Army:

Although Charles is retired from the military and now lives in the Cincinnati, Ohio area, (on his own expense) - he continues to travel to Hunter Army Air Force Base, GA, and Fort Stewart, GA to organize and run the racquetball events on these bases. Working with local vendors and sponsors in the area, year after year, Charles has been able to run these tournaments with nothing but continued success!

Kimo Hansen – United States Army:

Kimo has drawn on his vast racquetball experience to promote and organize the Texas military players in the Ft. Hood area. Kimo led the way raising funds for the victims of the Ft. Hood shooting. His group is the first of many local chapters to organize events for our military players & he is the MRF Texas Representative.

Sean McTighe – United States Marine Corps

Sean is the creative genius behind the current version of the MRF website. He has effectively organized the site to be user friendly and maintains up to date information for our players & members worldwide to access.

Joey Gibbons – United States Army

Joey is the leader & President of the AERA (American European Racquetball Association) who runs a series of events throughout Europe. Joey & AERA have been around for a long time and are a valuable partner for MRF in creating tournaments for military members current & retired in Europe.