



Mercy Medicine Clinic

"I was sick and you cared for me." ~ Matthew 25:36

Mercy Medicine Clinic Volunteer Awarded Presidential Citation

Zavon Felton is a veteran of not one, but three wars, having served in World War 2, Korea and Vietnam. More than 60 years later he's still fighting the good fight.

The threat he helps to thwart these days is far removed from the time when the enemy was defined as either fascist or communist. The battle he now champions involves a challenge right here on the home front where the enemy is characterized by homelessness, hunger and a lack of health-care.

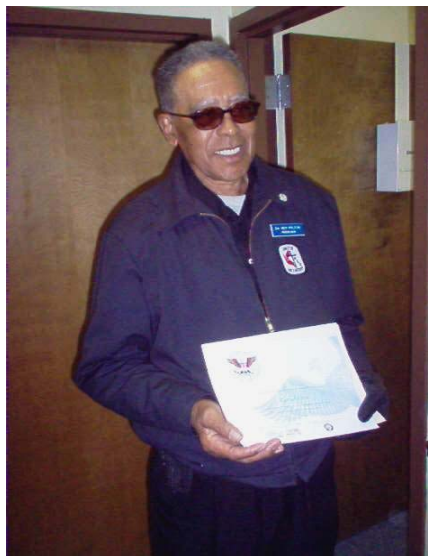
Denoted by a lifetime of service, Felton was further recognized on April 30 for his continued dedication as a volunteer and awarded the silver medal, as part of the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards.

It was all part of National Volunteer Week, which took place between April 27 and May 3. Felton said that volunteerism is something that just comes naturally and is an activity he enjoys.

"If everybody did a little volunteer work it would make a better place to

live in this world," he said. "At the same time, you get satisfaction in helping those who need help in your community."

Kammy Benton, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program director for the Senior Citizens Association in Florence County, made the official presentation.



Zavon Felton displays the Presidential certificate he was awarded for his ongoing dedication to the spirit of volunteerism throughout the community.

"Our goal is to recruit volunteers age 55 and older and try to get them to utilize their time and talents within the community at non-profit organizations such as Mercy Medicine," she said.

The silver pin is given to adults who achieve between 250 and 499 volunteer hours. Felton also received a certificate of achievement along with a congratulatory letter from the President of United States.

What's next? Felton is now going for the gold, which Benton said he will likely receive next year after completing 500 or more hours of volunteer service. He also contributes his time to other organizations including Lighthouse Ministries, as well as the Florence Parks and Recreation Department.

Felton said he never loses sight of the big picture that volunteerism is based upon, but also acknowledges the beneficial returns that come with it.

"Volunteerism also keeps you active physically and mentally," Felton emphasized. "It's much better than sitting at home and doing nothing."

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