

National VOLUNTEER Week 2026 UPDATE


In addition to the [April 2026 Edition of the SERV-OR Bulletin](#) that celebrated the service of over 40 SERV-OR volunteers, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) also spotlighted the service of three SERV-OR volunteers. During National Volunteer Appreciation Month, **Alex Dolle**, **Peter Mackwell**, and **Libet Streiff** were acknowledged throughout OHA’s social media platforms, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and X. Click on the images below to view their interviews on YouTube.

The service of **Stuart C Vaughters**, OHA AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer In Service to America), was also recognized for his work supporting SERV-OR. All four volunteers were highlighted in the [Oregon Health News Blog](#) and the OHA press release entitled, [Volunteers power Oregon’s public health emergency response](#). Check out the links to read and hear about these valued volunteers.

SPOTLIGHT

National Volunteer Month

Libet Streiff



Libet a nurse practitioner and long-time volunteer, has dedicated more than three decades of service through organizations including the American Red Cross, SERV-OR and multiple Medical Reserve Corps units.


“Why volunteer? Why not? I have skills and education that are useful and I’m glad that I can,” she said. “It’s a good way to show that we’re grateful for what we have and to see if we can make the world a tiny bit better.”



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Peter Mackwell



Peter, a retired firefighter paramedic and former OHA employee, continues to serve through SERV-OR and the Oregon Disaster Medical Team.

His decades of experience – from Hurricane Katrina deployments to wildfire response planning – inform his ongoing volunteer work.


“Everybody comes to the table with a different set of specialties. It’s about recognizing what you can bring and finding the right way to help people.”



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Alex Dolle



At just 22 years old, Alex represents the future of public health volunteerism. A soon-to-be Emory University graduate, Dolle has already contributed through SERV-OR, the Medical Reserve Corps and many emergency response efforts.

“Everybody has a skill set and if they give that to others, it makes the world a much better place,” he said. “It’s really about the impact that I want to make.”



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National Volunteer Appreciation Week

Stuart Vaughters



Stuart is at his third year of AmeriCorps VISTA service at OHA, continuing his remarkable work supporting Oregon’s State Emergency Registry of Volunteers (SERV-OR).

Stuart leads volunteer recruitment efforts across the state through email outreach, office hours, career fairs, preparedness events and partnerships with local counties to build or revitalize Medical Reserve Corps units.

Stuart finds fulfillment in this work and hopes to continue serving communities through a career in public health after his AmeriCorps VISTA service concludes.



Also, **Tina Magsarili** was presented with the Public Health Collaboration Award for her volunteer service with the Washington County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) supporting the Washington County WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program. The award was given as part of the Washington County Public Health Week celebrations. The Washington County WIC supervisor, Tara Olson, shared this about Tina, “Washington County WIC collaborated with Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to develop a volunteer program. Tina was our first volunteer.

She volunteers for 8-hour shifts up to 3 days per week. Over the last 10 months, Tina has helped WIC to incorporate up to 1,500 additional appointments to be more responsive to the needs of the community. Her assistance also helped to boost employee morale and decrease staff burnout. Tina has been crucial to the success of our WIC volunteer program. She has helped train other MRC volunteers and brings her nurse experience for helping the community.

Her compassion and positivity have been an asset to the program.”

Congratulations and thank you, Tina.