

Please allow me to nominate Knights of Columbus for the **Spirit - Faith Based** **2021** VAVS award. Here at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center, we are blessed to work with many organizations that make it their mission to cater to the needs of our Veterans. All of them deserve special awards. However, one organization that stands out is the Knights of Columbus (KOC). The members of this faith-based organization are hard-working, dedicated and selfless.

KOC has, for several years, sponsored one of our most successful events; Big Time Wrestling. This event promotes a professional wrestling event featuring wrestling legends, TV Stars and others, complete with refreshments and entertainment. What a joy it is to see Veteran faces light up just by seeing the 'big ring' set up in our auditorium. The platform is massive, and it gives the feeling that one is watching a match on television however, it's live! The cheers from our guys and gals during this event reminds us why we are here and how privileged we are to work with our Veterans. Another event that gets a lot of praise is our Summer Carnival. Veterans can participate in games from the good ole' days. The carnival theme helps to remind them of times when life was simple, carefree and happy. Our contributors are wonderful in providing donations such as hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and game prizes for Veterans to win. Knights of Columbus never hesitates to help us with this event. KOC doesn't just sponsor events, but they also have over 300 hours of volunteer hours which also involves working with patients in hospice. Though it can be heartbreaking to work with hospice patients, special volunteers dedicate their time to these men and women at the end of their lives. The special volunteers from the KOC improve the lives of many. Without these types of organizations, our community would lose out on the wonderful opportunities we are able to provide for our deserving Veterans and I am proud to nominate them for this award as a small portion of giving back to them.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jamie Russel  
Voluntary Service Specialist.

## Big Time Wrestling

“Knights of Columbus has sponsored Big Time Wrestling for 3 years and have set up the entertainment atmosphere with providing popcorn and hotdogs items you would get at any event in the community the ring with the Wrestlers signing autographs and taking pictures. The Veterans loved the little people and women wrestlers. They have recruited members to volunteer in our Hospice program and has been a great success.”

It was paid for by the Greater Columbus Chapter from donations from local councils. Food was donated, prepared and server by St. Peters council 15793 and Msgr. J. Colby Grimes Assembly 3037







## Summer Carnival

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## Hospice

“Knights of Columbus supports the Hospice program and No Veteran Dies Alone treat our Veterans and staff with dignity and respect while comforting Veteran and family . Provide bibles and Rosaries for our Chaplains to distribute helps provide some comfort in this trying time of their life.”