



# Lifesaving Awards

Whenever a life is saved, share the story!



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## Inspiring Stories

### Wisconsin Region



(from left: Alicyn Nicholson, Angie Lucas, John Ames and Lindsey Paulson)

One of the regular lap swimmers, a 58-year-old man, got out of the pool and walked over to a chair – and then collapsed. Within seconds, John sounded the emergency whistle and was at the man’s side. Fellow lifeguards Lindsey Paulson and Alicyn Nicholson, as well as Angie Lucas, school Aquatics Director, immediately joined in to ensure man’s safety.

It appeared the man was having a seizure. American Red Cross training kicked in, keeping the Verona aquatics team on top of the fast-moving and dire scene.

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### Service to Armed Forces - Sigonella Italy



(from left: Karen Jorgenson, the American Red Cross Regional Program Manager, the honoree, Marcila Chatman, and Courtney Schonfeldt, SES principal)

What started as a normal day at Sigonella Elementary School quickly took a terrifying turn.



## Instructor Spotlight

Each month we highlight instructors who have taught students who in turn used their lifesaving skills to save or sustain a life.

**James Seigh** was honored for teaching a student Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED skills. James’ student used their skills to help save the life of gentleman who fell unconscious at a residence in Topsail Beach, NC.



## Lifesaving Awards Vault

The following vault story comes from the New Castle Tribune in 1958 (Chappaqua, NY).



(Pictured: Left to right are Ralph M. Hollopetter, vice president, Telephone Employees Organization,

As students ate their lunch in the SES cafeteria, one child began to choke. Luckily, Marcila Chatman, a nearby employee at the school, sprang into action and saved the day.

"I never knew I would be put in a situation like this," said Chatman. "I was just trying to calmly get everything together, and I remembered my training: as long as I see [whatever is stuck in her throat] come out and I get her coughing, then I know there is some air coming in."

Because of Chatman's quick thinking, training, and presence of mind, the obstruction was dislodged and the student began to breathe again.

"I am just glad that she safe; that is my main concern," said Chatman. "I don't feel like a hero or anything. I am just glad that I was trained to make sure that in that situation I knew what to do."

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## Louisiana Region



Ron J. Moore and a friend arrived at Trapp's restaurant in West Monroe to have lunch. While they were waiting inside the restaurant, they noticed an older gentleman a couple of tables away who suddenly stood up and began grabbing his throat. Ron got up from their table and approached the man. Ron asked him if he was choking and the man gave an affirmative nod. Ron directed one of the waitresses to call 911. Ron worked to stand the man up, positioned himself behind the man, and delivered several forceful back blows.

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## Interactive Map of the Lifesaving Awards

Interested to see if a Lifesaving Award recipient was awarded in your area? Please view our interactive Lifesaving Awards map to see where a life has been saved as well as where we have honored awardees.

[View the interactive map](#)

## Nominate. Recognize. Inspire!

View even more inspiring actions by Lifesaving Award recipients on the Training Services and American Red Cross social media pages.



*Wehr., Stephen M. Moravick, cable splicer; George E. Kahler, personnel director, Westchester.*

CERTIFICATES of merit and commendation for noteworthy public service are shown here being presented to Stephen Moravick, of Lincolndale, an employee of the New York Telephone Company, by George E. Kahler, personnel director for the Westchester area. Mr. Moravick was awarded the American National Red Cross Certificate of Merit and the New York Telephone Company Certificate of Commendation in recognition of services rendered on Nov 27, 1957, when he administered first aid to John Petro of Yonkers who had pierced his right leg and severed an artery with an arrow while hunting in the woods at Lincolndale.

## **Saving lives starts here.**

If you or someone you know has used **skills** and **knowledge** learned in an American Red Cross **Training Services** course to help save or sustain the life of another individual, visit [LifesavingAwards.org](http://LifesavingAwards.org) to nominate, recognize, or be inspired.