

## 2017 Spirit of America Award Winners

Town	Winner Name	Winner Accomplishments
Appleton	Donald Burke	Donald Burke has served on Appleton's Select Board for over 25 years (including 20+ as Chairman), been a member of the Burketville Grange and of the Appleton Historical Society, been a board member of the Mildred Stevens Williams Memorial Library, and town board representative of the Tri County Solid Waste Transfer Station.
Rockport	Keep Rockport Beautiful	This is a group of volunteers that started a few years ago with Maggie Christie approaching Town Manager Rick Bates about the litter problem in Rockport. She and nearly 100 volunteers clean up over a ton of roadside trash every year.
St. George	John M. Falla	John has had 30+ years of service to St. George; he is a great leader and an exemplary model of steadfastness, compassion and camaraderie.
Union	Dave & Suzy Shaub	Dave & Suzy Shaub took leadership roles in the Union Historical Society, have been instrumental in planning and organizing Union Founders Day, have been careful Stewards of the Alden House, and have dutifully served the People's United Methodist Church of Union. Dave has volunteered with the Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District and has served on the Town of Union Budget Committee. Suzy has served as Regent of the Lady Knox Chapter of the DAR and has taken a leadership role in the Veterans Grave Marking Project at Tolman Cemetery.
Washington	Dorothy & Henry Sainio	Dorothy & Henry Sainio have lived in Washington for many years and have been involved in many things throughout those years. She being a school teacher in various small schools around the area and being on the select board in the early 1980's, the Minnie Weaver Scholarship Committee and Library Board. He worked on construction throughout the state and New England, he belonged to the Washington Fire Department and was Fire Chief for a few years. They both were involved in 4-H Clubs, the Village Baptist Church and the Evening Star Grange. They helped with the restoration of both buildings. She is still on the Appeals Board and he goes with her to the meetings. Both have attended many Select Board meetings keeping various select people 'in line' over the years.