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Johnstown, PA - Congressman John Murtha announced today that five members of the Pennsylvania Mountain Service Corps (PMSC), a local initiative of the AmeriCorps Program, are receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The honorees are Monica Shedlock, Leah Horcholic, Kelly Rozich, Nicolette Slagle and Ron Steffey. Shedlock, who served with Westsylvania Heritage Corp. assisting communities with projects and programs, and Horcholic, who set up community-service opportunities for Indiana University of Pennsylvania students, will receive their awards at a ceremony at 11 a.m. March 9 in the Westsylvania lobby, 430 Main St.

"PMSC members dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life in the region through volunteerism, and I applaud their efforts," said Murtha, who supports the AmeriCorps program and was instrumental in putting together a coalition of organizations to create the PMSC. "We extend a special thank-you to these five members for their willingness to go above and beyond the duties required."

Since its inception in 2003, the President's Volunteer Service Award has been given annually to individuals, groups and families who have met or exceeded requirements for volunteer service and have demonstrated exemplary citizenship through volunteering. A total of 48 individuals have received the award since it was established.

PMSC has a long history of volunteer service. As one of thousands of certifying organizations participating in this program, PMSC confers this prestigious award to recognize the outstanding achievements of deserving AmeriCorps members. In addition to the service of its AmeriCorps members, more than 10,000 hours of volunteer service is garnered and performed each year in our community under the auspices of PMSC.