

Boz Scaggs never had much to do with the military, even though he was born just two days after D-Day, on June 8, 1944. Around the time American forces got interested in the situation in Vietnam, Scaggs had left the states for Europe and his burgeoning music career. He didn't return until the height of the flower power season, when he hooked up with a former high school classmate, Steve Miller, and recorded a few albums. Then, in 1976, he recorded "Silk Degrees" which hit number 2 on the American charts and introduced the public to "Lido Shuffle," "Lowdown," and "What Can I Say." But for a short time (just this month) Boz Scaggs and America's war efforts will be linked in at least one way—by helping the latter, you can win tickets to see the former when Scaggs appears at this year's Festival at Sandpoint on Saturday, August 8.

Here's how it works. At any time during the month of July, head into Panhandle State Bank (any location) and make a donation to the Disabled American Veterans' Van Fund. These monies will be used to replace their current medical transportation van when the time comes. The van, by the way, provides a wonderful service to any American veteran in the area—vets can hop on three days a week for trips to the Spokane VA hospital, the closest medical care available to them.

Once you've made your donation, write your name and telephone number on the receipt you get from the bank (that's your entry to win) and mail it to the River Journal (PO Box 151, Clark Fork, ID 83811) or drop it off in one of three drop boxes located in downtown Sandpoint: at the Tango Cafe, inside the atrium of the new Panhandle State Bank building, at Keokee Publishing (located at 401 Church St.) or at the Festival's office in the Old Power House building. Sounds too hard? You may also enter by mailing a check (make it out to "DAV Van Fund") with your name and telephone number to the River Journal. Entries will be collected on July 31 and the drawing will take place that night.

Of course, you don't have to make a donation to win (making this a contest and not a raffle) but why wouldn't you? Our local area veterans did not die on your behalf, but in many important ways they did give their life for you; and for those who utilize the van for medical care, they certainly gave their health. (If you prefer not to donate, you may email your name and telephone number to editorial@riverjournal.com to enter. Please put "Boz Scaggs tickets" on the subject line.) The winner will be notified on August 1 and their photo will appear in the next issue of the River Journal. If you win, you'll have two patron tickets to see Boz Scaggs at the Festival at Sandpoint. Patron tickets allow you entry to the field from the patron gate, located just east of the main gate and generally featuring a shorter line. And while you can sit anywhere on the field you please, these tickets also allow for reserved seating in the patron area—the white chairs located directly in front of the grandstands.

You always "win" when you support our area veterans, but for the month of July, your support can win you even more. Please, support our vets and enter to win.