

## 2025 NCRAL NL Editor Award

- This year's recipient
  - Heavily involved in all observatory activities
  - Delivers presentations at public events
  - Operates telescope equipment during viewing nights
  - Jim has volunteered for the last 6 years for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" project building 2550 beds for the needy in the Des Moines area
  - Worked diligently on obtaining EAA equipment and use of Seestar S50 telescope
  - Recipient of the NCRAL Seasonal Messier Observing Award
  - Volunteers for library presentations and STEM conferences for students
  - Editor of DMAS newsletter *The Starlight Journal*



James VandeBerg  
Des Moines Astronomical Society

This year's recipient of the 2025 NCRAL Newsletter Editor Award is Des Moines Astronomical Society's James VandeBerg. The Newsletter Editor Award is given to honor a club newsletter editor who demonstrates outstanding service to their club by documenting club activities, observing sessions, meeting minutes, club projects, feature articles by club members and astronomy related news from around the world. This award seeks to honor this critical service that otherwise might go unrecognized. The above slide, shown at the NCRAL 2025 Conference in Minnetonka, MN, details Jim's impressive list of accomplishments for his work producing the *Starlight Journal* newsletter. In addition to doing an outstanding job as newsletter editor, Jim is also deeply involved with all aspects of DMAS's club activities. The North Central Region of the Astronomical League takes great pride in being able to recognize Jim for his enthusiasm for his club and community. Congratulations to Jim for receiving the 2025 NCRAL NL Editor Award.

Alan Sheidler, NCRAL Chair