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Sean Doolittle Named Oakland A's Nominee for the 2013 Roberto Clemente Award Presented by Chevrolet

Beginning on Roberto Clemente Day, Fans Can Vote for the National Award Recipient on ChevyBaseball.com and Register for a Chance to Win a Trip to the 2013 World Series

Major League Baseball and Chevrolet, the official vehicle of Major League Baseball, today announced that Sean Doolittle was named the Oakland A's 2013 nominee for the prestigious Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet. Tomorrow marks the 12th annual Roberto Clemente Day, which was established by Major League Baseball to honor Clemente's legacy and to officially recognize local Club nominees of the Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet. Doolittle is one of the 30 Club finalists for the annual award, which recognizes a Major League Baseball player who best represents the game of baseball through positive contributions on and off the field, including sportsmanship and community involvement.

The Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet pays tribute to Clemente's achievements and character by recognizing current players who truly understand the value of helping others. The 15-time MLB All-Star and Hall of Famer who died in a plane crash on New Year's Eve 1972 while attempting to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

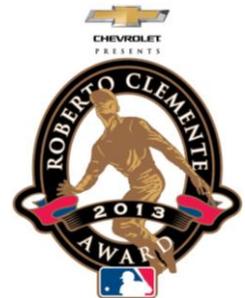
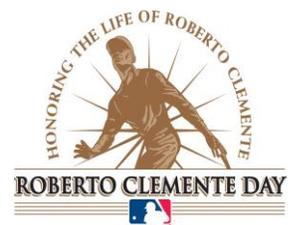
For the last two years, Doolittle has supported numerous local and national charities, including Freedom Alliance, an educational and charitable organization that supports and honors our military service members and their families. He has visited and supported veterans at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif., and Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. He also has donated numerous signed items for Memorial Day and Fourth of July silent auctions, which led to a \$5,000 donation to Freedom Alliance.

Along with other A's relievers, Doolittle created the A's Relief program, which honors local heroes in the community with a monthly donation to a charity of each recipient's choice. He has recorded public service announcements for GovX, the largest military and government exclusive ecommerce site which offers ticket discounts to military members and first responders.

"We're proud to take the lead in offering this terrific program to our fans in the military and first responder communities," Doolittle said about the GovX program. "These men and women sacrifice so much for our country and community, and it is the least we could do to express our gratitude. As a proud member of a military family, I know firsthand the dedication it takes."

"Sean exemplifies the community-minded spirit that Roberto Clemente himself personified," said Michael Crowley, Oakland A's president. "With his actions both on and off the field, Sean sets a positive example for his teammates, our fans, and the entire Oakland community."

Doolittle will be recognized in an on-field ceremony prior to the A's game on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at approximately 6:50 p.m.



The distinguished list of past national Roberto Clemente Award recipients includes 14 members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame:

1971	Willie Mays+**	1982	Ken Singleton	1993	Barry Larkin+	2004	Edgar Martinez
1972	Brooks Robinson+**	1983	Cecil Cooper	1994	Dave Winfield+	2005	John Smoltz
1973	Al Kaline+	1984	Ron Guidry	1995	Ozzie Smith+	2006	Carlos Delgado
1974	Willie Stargell+	1985	Don Baylor	1996	Kirby Puckett+	2007	Craig Biggio
1975	Lou Brock+	1986	Garry Maddox	1997	Eric Davis	2008	Albert Pujols
1976	Pete Rose	1987	Rick Sutcliffe	1998	Sammy Sosa	2009	Derek Jeter
1977	Rod Carew+	1988	Dale Murphy	1999	Tony Gwynn+	2010	Tim Wakefield
1978	Greg Luzinski	1989	Gary Carter+	2000	Al Leiter	2011	David Ortiz
1979	Andre Thornton	1990	Dave Stewart	2001	Curt Schilling	2012	Clayton Kershaw
1980	Phil Niekro+	1991	Harold Reynolds	2002	Jim Thome		
1981	Steve Garvey	1992	Cal Ripken, Jr.+	2003	Jamie Moyer		

+ Member of the Baseball Hall of Fame

** Originally known as the Commissioner's Award (prior to 1973)

Beginning tomorrow on Roberto Clemente Day, fans are encouraged to participate in the process of selecting the national Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet recipient by visiting ChevyBaseball.com, which is powered by MLB Advanced Media, to vote for one of the 30 Club nominees. Voting ends on Sunday, October 6th and participating fans will be automatically registered for a chance to win a trip to the 2013 World Series, where the national winner of the Roberto Clemente Award presented by Chevrolet will be announced. The winner of the fan vote will receive one vote among those cast by the selection panel.

Clubs playing at home on September 17th will recognize their local nominees as part of Roberto Clemente Day ceremonies, while visiting Clubs will honor their nominees before another September home game. As part of the league-wide celebration, the Roberto Clemente Day logo will appear on the bases and the official dugout lineup cards.

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