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Prestonsburg man wins prestigious award

PRESTONSBURG, Ky. (WYMT) - John Rosenberg has many awards hanging on his walls, and two weeks ago he received another one.



Rosenberg, who lives in Prestonsburg, was honored at the Fourth Annual Muhammad Ali awards.

He received the Kentucky Humanitarian award, and was only one of 11 people honored.

"I did not really think that I was in the same league as some of these national celebrities who have gotten these awards and for good reason. They're very charitable and set up very charitable organizations." Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg served in the air force before going on to serve as a trial attorney in the civil rights division of the justice department.

He moved to Eastern Kentucky in 1970. He is known as the founding director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, otherwise known as AppalReD.

Rosenberg describes his career as gratifying, satisfying and a privilege to serve others.

"This area does have a very rich heritage. And so I think we are very pleased that we are here and have been here and plan to stay here," he said.

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