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Sheila Carpenter Receives 2018 SDDVA Partner of the Year Award

PIERRE, S.D. – Sheila Carpenter of Pierre has been named the 2018 South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Partner of the Year. Carpenter was recognized by her peers at SDDVA's annual benefit conference Monday, Aug. 20, in Pierre.

Sheila Carpenter, veterans service claims assistant for Hughes, Stanley, and Sully Counties, was awarded the 2018 Partner of the Year award for her compassion, commitment, knowledge and professionalism when assisting South Dakota's veterans.

Key Achievements of the Partner of the Year:

- Best overall service provided by support staff of a County or Tribal Veteran Service Officer.
- Outstanding customer service in assisting veterans and their families.
- Great office management.
- Utilizing new technologies that benefit our network.

“Sheila Carpenter is excellent in her role as claims assistant,” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “The reality is she is excellent in all that she does whether it is working with veterans and their families or volunteering in her community.”

Carpenter's office serves over 1,500 veterans in Hughes, Stanley and Sully counties.

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