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Tom Sparrow Receives 2018 SDDVA Outreach Award

PIERRE, S.D. – Tom Sparrow of Parker has been named the 2018 South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Outreach Partner of the Year. Sparrow was recognized by his peers at SDDVA’s annual benefit conference Monday, Aug. 20, in Pierre.

Tom Sparrow, veterans service officer for Turner County, was awarded the 2018 Outreach of the Year award for going above and beyond in his efforts to reach out to South Dakota’s Veterans. He has been nicknamed “Mr. Red, White and Blue” for compassion, commitment, knowledge and professionalism when assisting South Dakota’s veterans.

Key Achievements for Outreach:

- Ensure that veterans are aware of their benefits.
- Conduct informational meetings.
- Involved in community activities and events.
- Maintain good media relations.
- Excel in obtaining medals for veterans.

“Tom Sparrow is excellent in his role as county veterans service officer,” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “His outreach efforts are 24/7 no matter where his travels take him. He has excelled in all our Department’s operations and his duties every day.”

Sparrow’s office serves over 600 veterans in Turner County.

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