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### **Aaron Walberg Named CTVSO of the Year**

PIERRE, S.D. – Aaron Walberg of Aberdeen has been named the 2018 South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs “County/Tribal Veterans Service Officer of the Year.” Walberg was recognized by his peers at SDDVA’s annual benefit conference Monday, Aug. 20, in Pierre.

Aaron Walberg, veterans service officer for Brown County, was awarded the 2018 County and Tribal Veterans Service Officer of the Year award for his knowledge of federal and state regulations governing veteran’s benefits, as well as quality of the claims his office files.

#### Key Achievements of the CTVSO of the Year:

- Customer service.
- Submission of complete and accurate claims.
- Outstanding office management.
- Utilizing new and innovative procedures and technologies.

“Aaron Walberg, in his role as county veterans service officer, is willing to step up and give his all for helping veterans of his county, state and country.” said Larry Zimmerman, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “His career path of son of a veteran, active duty and National Guard has given him a strong foundation to be a great leader.”

Walberg’s office serves over 2,500 veterans in Brown County, as well as numerous veterans from counties bordering Brown County.

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