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Susan Irons Receives 2019 SDDVA Outreach Award

PIERRE, S.D. – Susan Irons of Canton has been named the 2019 South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Outreach Partner of the Year. Irons was recognized by her peers at SDDVA’s annual benefit conference Monday, Aug. 26, in Pierre.

Susan Irons, veterans service officer for Lincoln and Union Counties, was awarded the 2019 Outreach Partner of the Year award for going above and beyond in her efforts to reach out to 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.

“Susan is an extremely active and visible VSO in her community,” said Greg Whitlock, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. “She is well regarded as a keynote speaker and in high demand to attend holiday ceremonies and veterans service organization events. She organizes and attends numerous local events in an effort to reach as many veterans as possible and make them aware that she is available to assist them.”

Irons’ office serves over 3,100 veterans in Lincoln County and over 1,100 in Union County.

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