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Kindsfater Named DAV Top Psychologist

VA Black Hills Health Care System (BHHCS) employee Dr. Hilary Kindsfater was named the Psychology Doctor of the Year by the South Dakota Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

“She has displayed the outstanding qualities needed by the patients in the PCT Program,” said Martin Anderson, DAV Chapter 11 Commander. “She is always there when needed.”

Kindsfater works in the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Outpatient Program at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center. She works with Veterans of all eras, suffering the effects of traumatic military experiences. She has worked to develop a strong, cutting edge, clinical skill in working with Veterans who suffer from PTSD.

“Dr. Kindsfater has not only treated our Veterans with compassion and respect, she often goes the extra mile,” said a co-worker of Kindsfater’s.

Kindsfater demonstrates daily compassion and excellence in her work. Her commitment spreads beyond her normal duties. Even with a full case-load, Kindsfater took the time to help facilitate the semi-annual PTSD Women’s Retreat at VA BHHCS. She is committed not only to the Veterans she serves, but also the other Psychologists she works with. Kindsfater serves as the Training Director for the Pre-doctoral Psychology Internship Program.

Kindsfater is known around the office as having a “can do” attitude when it comes to just about everything. “Her discipline to the job and her commitment to her Veterans can only be described as inspiring,” said one co-worker.

The DAV unanimously voted on Kindsfater for their Psychology Doctor of the Year Award and she gratefully received the award at the DAV Annual State Convention in May.

“I am truly humbled and grateful to the DAV Department of South Dakota for this recognition,” Kindsfater said. “I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with amazing Veterans

and co-workers to give back, in just a small way, to those who have given so much through their military service. I am proud to say that I serve Veterans at the VA BHHCS.”

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