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# News Release

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Vosika named a patriotic employer**

The South Dakota Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recognized VA Black Hills Health Care System (BHHCS) employee Lori Vosika, OEF/OIF/OND Program Manager, as a patriotic employer for her outstanding support of her employee's military participation.

Vosika was nominated for her support of her employee, Amber Heinert, in her deployment with the South Dakota Air National Guard and in recognition of her passion and commitment to returning combat Veteran's entering VA BHHCS for care.

Vosika was recently part of the team of VA BHHCS staff who spent November 3 and 4 attending a 30 Day Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Event for Soldiers and families of South Dakota National Guard Units, the 842<sup>nd</sup>, 451<sup>st</sup> and Detachment 48, all recently home from spending a year in Afghanistan. Vosika and Ryan Maurer conducted six VA health care benefits briefings while Sherry Kloeckl, Tom Lowther and Kris Stiles worked with each Soldier individually to get them fully enrolled and get them health care screens.

The Rapid City Vet Center staff of Jim Dodds and Jeff Gorr were also on hand teaming up to make a difference. A total of 160 Soldiers were impacted. Of those Soldiers, 120 will be receiving their health care at VA BHHCS, and 38 will be handed off to other VA Medical Centers closest to their homes.

"A lot of work goes into all that happens before, during and after these Yellow Ribbon Events but it's worth every minute of it," said Vosika.

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