

Fort Worth Texas veteran receives national recognition

COLD SPRING, Ky. – The DAV (Disabled American Veterans) National Commander's Award for the 2015 Outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representative is Curtis Chalupa of Fort Worth, Texas. The award will be formally presented at DAV 94th National Convention in Denver on Aug. 9.

Chalupa contacted more than 481 employers to advocate for veteran job seekers and their unique skillsets. He helped 133 veterans find meaningful employment, the most in the state among Local Veterans Employment Representatives, including 25 disabled veterans.

"A disabled veteran himself and a recipient of the Purple Heart, Curtis remains absolutely aware that hiring veterans comes first and keeps that in mind as he contacts employers and campaigns for those veteran candidates," said DAV National Commander Ron Hope. "Curtis devotes an incredible amount of energy to his job and has tremendous success."

Chalupa is assigned to the North Texas region, which encompasses Dallas and surrounding areas. He is an Army veteran with 24 years of uniformed service, whose tours of duty include Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, peacekeeping operations in Bosnia and two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It's people like Curtis who are often the singular difference for a disabled veteran looking to find meaningful work to sustain a fulfilling lifestyle for themselves and their families," said Jeff Hall, DAV National Director of Employment. "We're very proud of his accomplishments and honored to recognize all he does."

About DAV:

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