

Cheyenne VA employee, former Marine honored for service to fellow veterans

RENO, Nev. – The DAV National Commander's Award for Outstanding Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Benefits Administration Employee has been awarded to Patrick Hall of Cheyenne, Wyoming. The award will be formally presented July 15 at the DAV and DAV Auxiliary National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

Hall is the supervisory veterans representative at the Cheyenne Veterans Service Center. Since taking the position in 2010, he has nearly doubled the size of his department from a staff of 18 to 32, investing time and resources in hiring, promoting and training new employees. This has played a critical role in the improvements and modernization of the center. Under his leadership, the center has seen record veteran claims completion rates and has made significant strides in veteran appeals, supporting Houston and Denver VA Regional Offices. As a result, the Cheyenne Veterans Service Center has been recognized as part of VA's Top 5 stations for the last six years in a row.

"Pat has always demonstrated a true desire to do what is right for the men and women who served," said DAV National Service Office Supervisor Leroy Kenner, who works closely with the Cheyenne Veterans Service Office. "He has helped our office many times and encourages us to come to him directly for assistance to expedite claims for reconsideration, rather than deal with a lengthy appeals process."

Hall is a Marine veteran who earned his master's degree in legal administration from the Sturm College of Law, University of Denver. He volunteers at the Veterans Law Advocacy Clinic

at his alma mater, teaching veterans advocacy issues to students and professors.

“Pat is an exemplary asset in the veteran community who consistently finds opportunities to educate himself to better serve his fellow veterans,” said DAV National Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster.

Photos and media may be made available upon request.

About DAV:

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