

Oklahoma veteran recognized with national award

RENO, Nev. – Army veteran Jeff Fryer of Muskogee, Oklahoma, will receive the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) National Commander's Award for the 2018 Outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representative July 14 at the DAV 97th National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

Fryer regularly conducts outreach to employers and veterans in 18 counties across Oklahoma, the largest area of responsibility in the state. He has self-built a network of veterans seeking employment, hiring managers, local chambers of commerce and Rotary Clubs. This enables him to pass on information about candidates and job openings not listed through normal posting channels and specifically link veterans with employers seeking veteran talent in the state.

He also designed and implemented a "USAJobs workshop" for the Muskogee area, where he regularly conducts seminars on how to navigate the website, resume building and application coaching. This has proven to be an invaluable tool for local veterans seeking government employment, as well as for the many government employers in the area including the Department of Veterans Affairs, Army Corps of Engineers and the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant. Through his efforts, Fryer has placed veteran job candidates in positions ranging from entry level up to and including director and executive positions.

"Jeff has a drive and passion for his work on behalf of fellow veterans," said DAV National Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster. "His networks and personal partnerships are instrumental to veterans who are looking for meaningful jobs."

"Jeff has made a remarkable impact on the veteran, as well as disabled veteran, community," said Jeff Hall, DAV National

Employment Director. "His advocacy also breeds credibility with employers largely because he's a veteran himself. I'm proud to recognize his work and his continued service on behalf of fellow veterans."

Photos and media will be available upon request.

About DAV:

DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; providing employment resources to veterans and their spouses; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a nonprofit organization with more than 1 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U. S. Congress in 1932.