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## **Local Veterans Affairs Employee Earns National Recognition**

**OMAHA, Neb., April 23, 2013** — A Doniphan, Neb., native was recently named the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Police 2013 Administrative Support Staff employee of the year for large facilities.

David D. Anderson is a VA police administrative security assistant for the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System, Grand Island.

Anderson's accomplishments include redesigning the process for issuing employee identification badges and fingerprint processing. He also took the lead in coordinating advanced training for Grand Island VA police officers at lower costs, which saved the federal government more than \$40,000 in tuition and travel.

Anderson has been employed at the Grand Island VA since 2008. He has more than 22 years of prior experience at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and 16 years with the Nebraska State Patrol.

He retired as a master sergeant after 19 years with the Nebraska Air National Guard, where he served as a security forces law enforcement specialist and first sergeant. Anderson also served for three years on active duty in the U.S. Army as a military police sergeant.

### **About VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System**

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's mission is to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O'Neill, Neb. For more information, visit <http://www.nebraska.va.gov>

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