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VA Women Honored at Women's Equality Day Luncheon

Two employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Western New York Healthcare System will be honored at the Women's Equality Day Luncheon sponsored by the Federal Executive Board's Women's Program Network, Tuesday, August 26 at the Niagara Center, 130 South Elmwood at noon.

Dr. Terri Julian, Program Manager, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Programs was selected as Supervisor/Manager of the Year and Judith Kaczmarek, Human Resource Specialist, has been awarded Federal Woman of the Year. The awards are part of the Federal Executive Board's awards recognizing the accomplishments of federal employees who promote the advancement of women.

Dr. Terri Julian, a licensed clinical psychologist and Program Manager of the Batavia VA PTSD Programs has extensive trauma treatment training and is also specialized in the treatment of psychoactive substance abuse. She joined the Batavia VA PTSD Team and was appointed program manager in 2001. In her capacity as PTSD Program Manager, she opened the first Women Veterans Residential PTSD Program in New York State in February 2006. She also was instrumental in increasing the access of the men's combat program to almost double in size in August 2007. Honors received include the 2006 Federal Women's Program Network Recognition Award and the 2007 Department of New York VFW VA Employee of the Year Award. Dr. Julian is devoted to the delivery of compassionate and state of the art treatment to help veterans suffering from military-related trauma.

Since 2001, Judith Kaczmarek, has been coordinating Thanksgiving for needy veterans at the Buffalo VA in addition to her Human Resources responsibilities. Through 2007, Judith coordinated seven annual Thanksgiving dinners serving more than 800 of our nation's heroes. The dinner is held the Sunday before the holiday, giving veterans a warm place to come as well as a good meal and cheerful atmosphere. In her Human Resources Specialist role, she eagerly

accepted the responsibility for leading the VAWNYHS EEO Advisory Committee while the EEO Manager position was vacant for approximately nine months. During this period, she organized a Career Counseling Fair for VA employees, highlighting various VA occupations and their career paths providing information to women to also learn about “non-traditional” occupations.

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