



# TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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## News Release

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### Disabled American Veterans awards two TVC employees during annual state conference

**AUSTIN** – Today, the Texas chapter of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) awarded two Texas Veterans Commission employees for their outstanding service in support of Veterans employment.

Curtis Chalupa, Veteran Employer Representative, and Atoya Mason, Veteran Career Advisor, were honored Friday, June 12 during an awards ceremony at their annual held in Austin June 12-14.

Chalupa received the DAV Local Veteran Employment Representative (LVER) of the Year Award. During 2014, Chalupa had 481 Veteran job developments, which is when an employer seeks out a Veteran Career Advisor to inform them of their desire to hire Veterans. He also helped 133 Veterans get hired in 2014.

Mason received the Texas DAV Disabled Veterans Outreach Program of the year. Mason helped more than 500 Veteran job seekers at her Dallas area Workforce Solutions Center and remains in continuous contact with those she helped find employment.

“Our employment services program works hard every day to find Veterans meaningful work,” said Thomas Palladino, Texas Veterans Commission executive director. “These awards from DAV honors the hard work they each do and is representative of the work we do every day at the Texas Veterans Commission.”

Chalupa is also the DAV national LVER of the year and will be honored during the DAV annual conference in Denver in August.

Veterans Career Advisors are found throughout the state of Texas as part of the Veterans Employment Services program and help Veterans find meaningful employment through job coaching, resume assistance and job placement.

#### Texas Veterans Commission

The mission of the Texas Veterans Commission is to advocate for and provide superior service to Veterans and their families in the areas of disability claims assistance,

employment services, education benefits and grant funding. More than 200 skilled counselors in 75 cities provide one-on-one guidance to Veterans and their families to ensure they receive all of the benefits to which they are entitled. For more information about the Texas Veterans Commission services click here:  
<http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Home.aspx>.

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