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ODVA's Brint Montgomery Receives Inaugural Francine Wright Lifetime Achievement Award

Oklahoma City, OK – The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) proudly announces that Brint Montgomery, State Approving Agency (SAA) Administrator, has been honored as the first-ever recipient of the Francine Wright Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes his outstanding contributions to the effective restart of the State Approving Agency, the complete recast of its processes and operations, and the development of essential software and databases that significantly enhanced the efficiency of school certifying officials, particularly during the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Montgomery's leadership and innovation were instrumental in revitalizing the SAA, ensuring that veterans and their dependents could seamlessly access their earned education benefits. His technological advancements provided school certifying officials with the tools necessary to navigate complex regulatory requirements, streamline approvals, and enhance service delivery for educational institutions statewide.

"Brint Montgomery's dedication to the success of Oklahoma's veterans and their families through education is unparalleled," said Jay Bynum, Executive Director of ODVA. "His visionary approach and commitment to improving operational efficiency have left a lasting impact, and this award is a well-deserved recognition of his contributions."

The Francine Wright Lifetime Achievement Award celebrates individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and leadership in veteran education services. Montgomery's achievements set a high standard for the future of the SAA and reinforce ODVA's mission to support veterans in every aspect of their transition and success.

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The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs is dedicated to ensuring that all Oklahoma veterans and their families receive the highest quality services and support. Through a variety of programs, ODVA provides benefits assistance, and other essential services and programs to enhance the well-being of veterans across the state.

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