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Vets' Community Connections receives 2021-2022 San Diego County Veterans Allegiance Award

SAN DIEGO, CA- Vets' Community Connections (VCC), a San Diego nonprofit serving veterans, military, and their families, has received the 2021-2022 San Diego County Veterans Allegiance Award. This honor is awarded to one agency or non-profit for outstanding service to individual Veterans and Veteran Programs, and support to Armed Forces Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard members, and contributions to the community.

"This is a tribute not only to the outstanding VCC team but to the many San Diegans from all walks of life who have taken the opportunity to do more than just say "thanks for your service", said VCC Co-Founder and Board Chair Doug Wilson. "Productively using the time available to them, they have responded to the questions of San Diego veterans and military families through the VCC channel established precisely for this purpose: Americans connecting with fellow Americans."

"We set out 6 years ago with a simple idea: to involve more of the community in support of our military and veteran families of San Diego County.' said President and Co-Founder Kari McDonough, "We couldn't be more proud or more grateful to this community for their can-do spirit in supporting those that have served."

Additional award winners include: Mike Sloan (2021 Will Hays Lifetime Support of Veterans Award) and Joshua Prada (2021 San Diego County Veteran of the Year). Workshops for Warriors was a finalist for the Allegiance Award.

"I am honored to be a part of <u>Vets' Community Connections</u>, such an amazing organization that fuels my passion of supporting our military and veteran community in San Diego!" said VCC's Program Manager, Amy Richards.

About Vets' Community Connections

Vets' Community Connections (VCC) is a San Diego County-based initiative designed to involve a greater number of individuals in veteran reintegration efforts. It provides individuals who want to do more than say "thanks for your service" the channel to use their own professional experience and expertise to respond to veteran and military family relocation and reintegration questions in a wide variety of fields: education, health, business, recreation, arts, community service and a host of other areas, which collectively make up the communities in which we live.

Vets' Community Connections (VCC) launched in 2016 in San Diego County with the support of dozens of local leaders who over the course of a year built the program so as to best incorporate local assets. Our core partners since launch include: The County of San Diego; the San Diego Veterans Coalition; the local Chamber of Commerces; Wounded Warrior Project and 2-1-1 San Diego.

Veterans and military families in San Diego County can reach Vets' Community Connections by calling 1 844 VET CONX or via the <u>Get Connected</u> form.