

# Rep. Shankland: Awarded 2017 Wisconsin VFW Legislator of the Year

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MADISON – Rep. Katrina Shankland (D-Stevens Point) has been named the 2017 Legislator of the Year by the Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The award was presented at the annual Wisconsin VFW Convention in Oshkosh.

"I am honored to accept the Legislator of the Year award and am humbled for this recognition," said Rep. Shankland. "VFW's mission 'No one does more for veterans' is resoundingly true. I want to thank the VFW for all they do for our veterans."

"Since she was elected in 2012, Representative Shankland has been a passionate advocate for Wisconsin veterans," said "Trapper" John Schultz, the newly elected State Commander of the Wisconsin VFW. "When a popular veterans seminar at UW-Stevens Point was set to end, Representative Shankland spearheaded efforts to not only keep the program on campus, but expand it across the UW System. Representative Shankland is a leader who consistently delivers for veterans, and we are proud to name her the 2017 Department of Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars Legislator of the Year."

Recently, Rep. Shankland toured King Veterans Home with WDVA Secretary Zimmerman and discussed ways the legislature can work together to support our veterans.

Rep. Shankland has also authored legislative proposals to expand hunting opportunities for disabled veterans, provide legislative oversight over DVA, improve living conditions at state veterans homes, and fully fund the Veterans Outreach and

## Recovery Program.

As a member of the Joint Finance Committee, Rep. Shankland has worked across the aisle to provide additional support for Wisconsin veterans at our state veterans homes and through other veterans services and programs. She has supported funding for the CVSIO grant program, veterans service organization grant programs, a new crisis intervention program in Racine and Kenosha counties, and a women veterans study.