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Reichert Named DAV Veterans' Outreach Rep of the Year

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The S.D. Dept. of Labor's (DOL) Veterans Outreach Representative, Lloyd "Butch" Reichert of Rapid City, has been named the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) 2005 Veterans' Outreach Representative of the Year. This award, given annually for outstanding service to veterans, was presented on May 11 during the DAV state convention in Sioux Falls by S.D. DAV Employment Chairman Todd Kolden and S.D. DAV Commander Roger Andal.

Reichert has been a Veterans' Outreach Representative at DOL's Rapid City South Dakota Career Center (SDCC) since June 2000. He assesses, counsels and refers veterans to ensure priority and quality of service is provided to assist veterans in gaining meaningful employment. During 2005, Reichert had an 80 percent entered employment rate for recently separated veterans, well above the national average.

"Butch goes out of his way to assist his veteran clients in the local area and travels as far as Pine Ridge to visit various facilities that serve veterans and to make contact with them. His expertise is invaluable and greatly benefits both the Rapid City office and Black Hills communities," said Labor Secretary Pam Roberts.

Another duty of Reichert's is to facilitate the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop at Ellsworth Air Force Base. TAP Workshops are conducted for service-members separating or retiring from military service, National Guard, and Reserve Components. The

workshops educate and assist on employment issues during the transition from military to civilian life. Topics include: personal appraisal, career exploration, effective job search, interview techniques, reviewing job offers, and other forms of support and assistance.

DOL has 14 SDCCs and four satellite offices located throughout the state. All of these offices offer services to veterans and eligible spouses, and can assist employers who wish to hire a veteran. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.

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Photo L to R: Earl Schultz, U.S. Department of Labor Veterans Rep; Todd Kolden, State Coordinator of Veterans Services; Roger Andal, S.D. DAV Commander; and Butch Reichert, DAV Veterans Outreach Rep of the Year.