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BEAVERTON CITY COUNCILOR LACEY BEATY RECOGNIZED AS 2016 OUTSTANDING OREGON WOMAN VETERAN OF THE YEAR

BEAVERTON, Ore. – Beaverton city councilor Lacey Beaty was honored by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) as a 2016 Outstanding Woman Veteran of the Year. The award is given annually to three woman veterans who exemplify service as a veteran and as an outstanding member of the Oregon community. Councilor Beaty's award was announced today at the ODVA conference at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas.

Councilor Beaty began her service on the Beaverton City Council in 2015. She has successfully advocated for veterans' issues in Beaverton by encouraging the addition of service-disabled veteran business language added to the city's Minority, Women, and Emerging Small Business Policy and supporting making Beaverton the state's eighth Purple Heart City.

Councilor Beaty works full-time as the director for Virginia Garcia's school-based health clinics, overseeing six locations throughout Washington and Yamhill counties. She is active in the community including serving on the HomePlate Youth Services Board of Directors as well as a dedicated lacrosse coach at George Fox University.

Councilor Beaty served five years active duty in the U.S. Army as a radiology specialist and combat medic. She served in the First Infantry Division during the Iraq War. Prior to joining the city council, she was an active volunteer for the city's Visioning Advisory Committee, serving as vice-chair. She has an undergraduate degree in political science and a graduate degree in organizational leadership.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best**

Planning Project by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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Caption: Beaverton city councilor Lacey Beaty was honored today as a 2016 Outstanding Woman Veteran of the Year by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. Beaty has advocated for veterans' issues since joining the city council in 2015, including supporting opportunities for service-disabled veteran businesses and helping make Beaverton an official Purple Heart City. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*