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Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System physician recognized as Health Care Hero

NEW ORLEANS – Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System is honored to have staff physician, Dr. Rebecca Metzinger, named by New Orleans CityBusiness as one of the region's 2017 Health Care Heroes.

In addition to leading SLVHCS' eye care services as the Ophthalmology chief since 2008, Metzinger has been an active volunteer in the community using her expertise to help others less fortunate receive needed eye care in the community.

In addition to actively participating in the health care system's annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans and getting donated reading glasses for homeless, last year Metzinger also participated in a health care mission to Grenada. As a cornea specialist, she was able to introduce corneal transplants to the West Indian island, where it had never taken place before.

More than simply putting her skills and education to work for Veterans, her passion is rooted in her experience with her Veteran grandfather.

"My grandfather was a World War II Veteran who lived through the invasion on D Day. He got all of his care from the VA," she said.

Her passion to provide what technology and techniques at the time couldn't for her grandfather drives her today.

New Orleans CityBusiness' Health Care Heroes recognizes health care professionals in the New Orleans area based on industry achievement and community involvement. Metzinger was selected as one of New Orleans CityBusiness' Women of the Year in 2015.

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Dr. Rebecca Metzinger
2017 New Orleans CityBusiness Health Care Hero