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VA Hospital announces July Patriot of the Month

NEW ORLEANS – Police Service Administrative Assistant Douglas Clark is Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System’s (SLVHCS) July Patriot of the Month.

Clark, who’s specialty is electronic communications, has been working on recovery of video evidence for Police Service. Additionally, he completed the Law Enforcement Training Center’s (LETC) course on administration of large scale organizational and administrative impacts to operations.

“I like helping other Veterans whenever possible and talking to old paratroopers,” said Clark. “They may not be able to jump anymore but as soon as I mention it you can see the spark in their eyes. They will always remember being young and having their knees in the breeze,” he added.

Clark is also one of a handful of SLVHCS employees who’s completed both green and yellow belt process improvement training.

“Doug has always displayed an unwavering devotion to duty when it comes to Police Service,” said SLVHCS Police Service Lt. Paul Thibodeaux.

“Doug frequently goes out of his way to provide necessary assistance to his colleagues,” said SLVHCS Police Service Major Rodney Robvais.

“He displays integrity in all dealings with staff and Veterans and responds appropriately to new or changing situations,” said Police Service Chief Robert Kenyon, in his nomination.

Clark served in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm from 1990 to 1991 and Operation Iraqi Freedom 2005-2006 and 2007-2008 as a U.S. Army paratrooper in 1st Battalion 504 Paratrooper Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, earning two Bronze Stars, Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge before retiring in 2010.

In his free time, Clark enjoys riding his motorcycle, most outdoor activities, including parachuting, and spending time with his wife and three children.

He has been working at SLVHCS for four years.

For more information about the new Veterans medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website www.neworleans.va.gov, Facebook at www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans or Twitter at www.twitter.com/vaneworleans.

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