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### **JOHN HOXIE RECEIVES EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD**

ALBANY, N.Y. – John Hoxie, a certified nursing assistant at NYS Veterans’ Home at Oxford has received the 2022 Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year Award from the New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA | NYSCAL). The award was presented on May 18th at the 2022 NYSHFA | NYSCAL Awards Banquet during the Association’s annual conference in Verona, NY.

John Hoxie has worked at the NYS Veterans’ Home since 2001. He is a mentor, friend, and confidant to new and seasoned employees alike. He models teamwork and compassion as he skillfully cares for the residents. Because he is a veteran himself, he has a warm and jovial rapport with their resident veterans. During an outbreak of Covid last year, he offered to work on the Covid positive unit exclusively to allow other more susceptible staff to avoid the additional risk. John was chosen to be the union steward in the past two elections, as he is a strong advocate for staff and residents alike.

“John has proven himself to be one of the most dedicated, respectful and kind workers,” said Kurt Apthorpe, administrator of NYS Veterans’ Home at Oxford. “We are proud that he has been honored with this prestigious award from NYSHFA | NYSCAL.”

The Employee Recognition Awards honor individuals for their outstanding contributions to skilled nursing facilities. They are awarded in the categories of Registered Nurse of the Year, Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year, Certified Nursing Assistant of the Year; Manager of the Year and Heart and Hands Award. Winners receive an engraved trophy and were invited to attend the NYSHFA | NYSCAL annual conference.

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