

Hiawatha Veteran Honored

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Atchison Lodge #647, has awarded Lavern Dunavan the prestigious “Veteran Volunteer of the Year” award. This award may be presented to only one male and one female in the state of Kansas each year. It honors those who have dedicated themselves to “Serving Our Nation’s Veterans.”

Lavern is a Life Member of the American Legion Homer White Post #66, serving many years as post Adjutant. Lavern is one of the original members of the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard. Lavern himself is a veteran of the Korean War era. Lavern frequently visits local veteran hospitals, taking monetary and nonmonetary contributions to veterans and spends time participating in veteran activities at these local veteran hospitals. Lavern’s lifelong commitment to veterans demonstrate the highest traits and characteristics of what this prominent award represents.

This picture, taken in front of the 48 star flag framed that Lavern framed, at the Brown County Courthouse, with Lavern and Homer-White Post #66, Hiawatha American Legion Commander Steve Winter,

Dunavan, being congratulated by Homer-White Post #66 American Legion Commander Steve Winter, for Lavern’s being awarded this special honor. This picture is taken in front of the 48 star flag currently displayed in the lobby at the Brown County Courthouse. Lavern constructed the frame that contains this very important part of history. Pictured submitted by Legion Adjutant Sam Schuetz.

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