

### **Nominations open for Mark Sanders Award**

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Mark Sanders Award for Exceptional Service to Veterans, with special emphasis on Veterans with Significant Barriers to Employment.

The award will be presented during the Ninth Annual NASWA Veterans Conference. This year's conference will be held June 28-30, 2022, in Washington DC.

This award is named in honor of Mark Sanders who, during his distinguished career with the California Employment Development Department and in leadership positions with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, was untiring in his efforts to promote excellence in services to Disabled Veterans. It recognizes the efforts of an entire one-stop career center whose efforts to serve Veterans go above and beyond the scope of mandatory service provision. Last year's honoree was Local Area II West, Kansas.

Copies of the 2022 award criteria were sent to all NASWA member states, the District of Columbia, Guam, US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and the required submissions conference call will be Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 2 p.m. EDT. Invitations for the conference call will be sent to the states on Monday, March 28, 2022. Completed nomination packets must be emailed to Lori Adams, NASWA Veterans Policy Director, at [ladams@naswa.org](mailto:ladams@naswa.org), by 6 p.m. EDT Wednesday, May 18, 2022.