

## U.S. Forest Service Patrol Captain Accepts National Award

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North Zone Region 2 Patrol Captain, Nancy Martinz was recently awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award “in recognition and sincere appreciation of her dedication and selfless service to the U.S. Forest Service.”



“This is a well-deserved honor for Nancy,” Black Hills National Forest Supervisor Craig Bobzien said. “She represents the U.S. Forest Service and serves the public with care and respect. She is a role model in the community and beyond.”

With 25 years of Land Management Law Enforcement experience working for the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and United States Marshals Service, Martinz has dedicated her career to serving her community. She is deputized in several counties within the Black Hills, holds State Peace Officer authority, and volunteers as a Nationally Registered EMT. For 15 years, Martinz also worked within local schools as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer.

“During Nancy Martinz’ outstanding career, she has maintained a record of highly professional and exemplary service to the community and the nation. Her extraordinary commitment clearly illustrates the proud core values and traditions of the law enforcement profession, further highlighted by the degree of admiration and respect of both her peers and the local public she serves.” – VFW



“Patrol Captain Nancy Martinz is truly an exceptional example of all who wear the badge and this honor reflects the proud ideals and high standards of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.” – VFW

Martinz is currently the Patrol Captain for the Northern Zone of Region 2 with her supervisory duties encompassing four National Forests and Grasslands, in three states, including the [Black Hills National Forest](#). She supervises nine law enforcement officers and one administrative assistant.

Above: Nancy Martinz, North Zone Region 2 Patrol Captain  
 Nancy Martinz is presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award  
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 Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron-Comanche NGs | Rio Grande NF | San Juan NF  
 White River NF | Nebraska: Nebraska & Samuel R. McKelvie NFs | South Dakota: Black Hills NF  
 Wyoming: Bighorn NF | Medicine Bow-Routt NFs & Thunder Basin NG | Shoshone NF

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