



NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

1600 K Street, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20006

TEL: (202) 347-3190 FAX: (202) 223-0823
INTERNET: www.napawash.org

For Immediate Release

June 14, 2016

Contact: Harrison Redoglia HRedoglia@napawash.org

National Academy of Public Administration's Dan Blair and Linda Springer Honored by Blinded American Veterans Foundation

Blair and Springer Receive George W. Alexander Memorial Volunteer Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration (the Academy) announced that Academy President and CEO Dan G. Blair and Academy Fellow and former Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Linda Springer will be honored for their contributions to the Blinded American Veterans Foundation. Blair and Springer will receive the Foundation's George W. Alexander Memorial Volunteer Award at BAVF's annual Congressional Awards ceremony, held today on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

"I am extremely honored to be recognized with this award from the Blinded Americans Veterans Foundation," said Dan G. Blair, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration. "The Foundation does an incredible job of tirelessly advocating on behalf of all veterans, particularly those veterans who lost their sight stemming from their service to our nation. It has been a true pleasure to work with the Foundation and BAVF President John Fales over the years."

"It is a great honor to receive the Blinded American Veterans Foundation volunteer award," said Linda Springer, an Academy Fellow and the former Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. "For decades, President John Fales and the Foundation have helped government leaders understand their constituents' issues, ranging from emerging research to employment opportunities. The dedication and effectiveness of the BAVF has improved the lives of countless men and women who served our country."

The Blinded American Veterans Foundation assists blinded and sensory-disabled veterans in attaining their full potential through research, rehabilitation, and re-employment. It offers employment networking and rehabilitation and resource counseling, and provides funding for rehabilitation centers. Other programs include a speaker's bureau, placement services, and a compilation of related statistics. It also conducts research, educational, and charitable programs. This valuable service is performed strictly with volunteers and without a paid staff.

The George W. Alexander award was created by BAVF in memorial to honor the life and volunteer service of George Alexander, a dedicated friend and long-time supporter of American veterans and BAVF.

About the National Academy of Public Administration:

Chartered by Congress to provide non-partisan expert advice, the Academy is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization established in 1967 to assist government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable, and transparent organizations. Learn more at www.napawash.org.

###