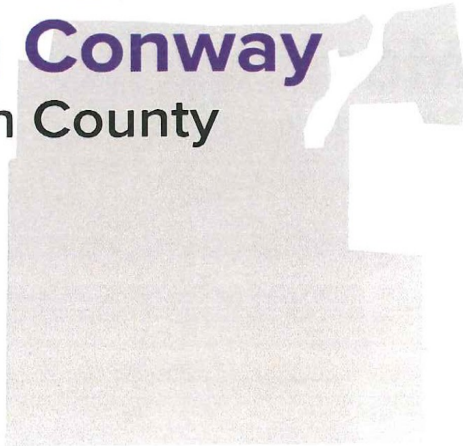


AWARDEE:

Linda Conway
Steuben County



Linda Conway has a passion for serving our country's military, veterans, and their family members. A retired emergency services director for the American Red Cross Greater Steuben Chapter, Linda comes from a military family. Her father was in WWII, her grandfather in WWI, and her great-great uncle in the Civil War. Her ancestor Elihu Murray fought in the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. After retiring from the American Red Cross, Linda chose to stay on volunteering for the Services to the Armed Forces program. She rebuilt the relationship with the Bath VA Medical Center and they've raised the profile of the program and its core mission to support US active military, veterans, and family members.

Linda Conway was born in Olean, New York in 1949, and raised in Allegany, New York. She graduated high school in 1967 and attended Alfred State College. After college, she began working at BOCES Special Education School in Olean as secretary to the school director, and secretary to the communications director for BOCES. She then went to work at Dresser-Clark in Olean, where she met her first husband. They married in 1977 and moved to Texas. Linda worked at Meyer Elementary as school secretary for 20 years. Her first husband passed away in 1991 and she decided to move back to Allegany in 1995. She married her second husband, Dale, in December 1995 and moved to Painted Post, where they currently reside with their two dogs and two kittens.

When asked about her advice for others, Linda says "Find your passion. The rewards are beyond anything you have ever experienced. Volunteers are important to organizations to continue the good work they do in our communities. You will feel good about giving of yourself."