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Col. Andrew Bradbury: Supervising Physician of the Year

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Boise doctor and Army Colonel Andrew R. Bradbury accepted the Idaho Academy of Physician Assistants "Supervising Physician of the Year Award" at an awards presentation in Sun Valley, Idaho on Friday, April 17, 2015.

According to the academy's published criteria, a nominated medical doctor must be a member of the Idaho Medical Association in good standing and "this award recognizes a supervising physician who demonstrates great mentorship of his or her PAs and fosters the unique relationship of trust, collegiality and mutual respect that is essential for any great physician/PA team. The nominated physician displays evidence of collaboration that allows both the physician and the PA to provide greater medical service to their patients and their community than either one would be able to do alone."

Col. Bradbury is a traditional Idaho Army National Guard member who usually serves in the Guard one weekend per month and two weeks per year.



Col Andrew Bradbury looks out across a city in Iraq during one of several combat deployments to the Middle East. Photo courtesy Dr. Andrew Bradbury



Dr. Andrew Bradbury stands between two Afghanistan police officers during a deployment in 2011. Bradbury has made several deployments to the Middle East. Photo courtesy of Dr. Andrew Bradbury

In his military role, he supervises a staff of two fulltime physician assistants, 10 other midlevel providers and over 100 combat medics. Dr. (Col.) Bradbury has served in the Army for over 25 years as a Guardsman and has performed on active duty, with a specialty of flight surgeon, handling the medical needs of our Army aviators. He served in our 'state surgeon' role for nearly 10 years, which is more than three times the normal rotation. In this role, he increased the medical readiness of deploying soldiers as they prepared to serve on overseas combat rotations to Iraq and Afghanistan. He deployed overseas 4 times himself to combat zones. The physician assistant who nominated him, Lt. Col. Heidi Munro, said she met him on a deployment to Iraq in 2005. On that deployment, "he lifted our spirits with discussions of all the good things we

Soldiers, but for the Iraqi populations as well. He made the other PAs and medics feel as though our work had meaning. He is a true believer in a team approach to medicine."

In his civilian capacity as a BYU-Idaho family physician and medical director, he supervises three PAs, covers his own workload of patients and mentors a steady stream of PA students. He is a volunteer medical advisor for the Bingham County Search and Rescue organization and is highly involved with the Boy Scouts of America.

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