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Veterans Honor John Bristow as Lassen National Forest Firefighter of the Year

Susanville, Ca...The Lassen County Veterans awarded Lassen National Forest's John Bristow the Agency Firefighter of the Year award on November 19.

This past summer Bristow the Almanor Ranger District's Fire Management Officer (FMO) in Chester, CA. led the District through the most intense and active fire season in the history of the Lassen National Forest. June lightning storms ignited 26 fires on the Almanor Ranger District which eventually consumed over

50,000 acres. Bristow was the Incident Commander on several of these fires, while maintaining excellent communication and coordination with the various incident management teams that were working on the larger fires. "John maintained a calm demeanor during this period and helped employees and firefighters through this stressful period without any major accidents or incidents," commented Almanor District Ranger Al Vazquez.

Each year the William Davidson Post #2381 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Marine Corps League; and the Thomas Tucker Post #206 American Legion gives these awards to local agencies Law Enforcement and Firefighter personnel at their annual ceremony.



Lassen National Forest Fire Management Officer Lorene Guffey presents John Bristow with award.