

## SOUTH WASHINGTON COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RECEIVES REGIONAL EMMY AWARD

**COTTAGE GROVE, Minn. (December 22, 2020)** – South Washington County Telecommunication Commission (SWCTC) received its first regional Emmy® award from the Upper Midwest Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences during a special online awards gala held on November 14. SWCTC Executive Director Mark Martinez remarked, “Receiving this award is a landmark achievement in our organization’s 35 year history. We are honored and truly thankful to those who helped make this a reality. It’s been our goal to produce the highest quality content, and we are fortunate to have support and a staff dedicated to our community mission and professional craft.” This was the third year in a row that SWCTC was nominated for its local programs.



Above: Executive Director Mark Martinez and Lead Government Producer Bob McSherry. Below Left: Bob McSherry with award.

Lead Government Producer Bob McSherry received the Emmy award in the “Military - Single Story/Series” category for his production of local hero “Dan Drevnick - Woodbury’s Son.” McSherry produced the segment with the generous help from the Drevnick family who lost their son in 2009. McSherry said, “I would like to thank Julie and Ken Drevnick for trusting SWCTC to tell Dan’s story and for welcoming our crew into their home. It has been an honor for us to share Dan’s story with the community and beyond. I also want to thank fellow producers Justin Atkinson, Alaina Myers and Brian Schmidt for providing valuable contributions to the production.”



SWCTC Operation Manager and Producer Ann Schweisguth also received an Emmy nomination at this year’s gala for her production “June Fremont - WWII Marine.”

### About SWCTC

SWCTC is an award-winning, cable franchise supported, community media agency dedicated to sharing local stories of the region with the world. The Commission is a joint powers authority including the cities of Cottage Grove, Grey Cloud Island Township, Newport, St. Paul Park, and Woodbury. For more information, visit [www.swctc.org](http://www.swctc.org) or call 1-651-458-9241.