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ESGR Utah Presents Annual Awards March 25

DRAPER, Utah – To honor supportive civilian employers of Utah's Guard and Reserve, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Utah will host its annual awards ceremony Friday, March 25, at 8 p.m. at the Salt Lake Sheraton.

At the ceremony, ESGR Utah State Chairman Bart Davis will present Pro Patria, Above and Beyond, Seven Seals, and Outstanding Volunteer Performance awards as follows:

- Pro Patria
 - L-3 Communications, Communications Systems West, Salt Lake City
 - Nucor Building Systems, Brigham City
 - City of Draper, Utah
- Above and Beyond
 - L-3 Communications, Communications Systems West, Salt Lake City
 - Nucor Building Systems, Brigham City
- Seven Seals
 - Brigadier Gen. Jefferson Burton, Utah Army National Guard
 - Headquarters, Navy Operations Center, Fort Douglas, Utah
 - Frank Maughan, ESGR Utah volunteer and Veterans advocate
 - Connie Vigil, VA Medical Center, Salt Lake City
 - Maria Fruin, VA Medical Center, Salt Lake City
 - Dr. Steven Allen, VA Medical Center, Salt Lake City
 - Janalee Green, Veterans Administration, Salt Lake City
- ESGR Utah Outstanding Volunteer Performance Award
 - Kay Hargis, Ogden
 - Richard DeWolf, West Jordan
 - John-Michael Zimmerle, Spanish Fork
 - Mel Osborn, St. George

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The Pro Patria award is presented annually by ESGR committees to employers in their state or territory who have provided the most exceptional support of our national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies that support their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The Above and Beyond award is given in limited numbers by state and territory ESGR committees. It recognizes employers at the state and local level who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees.

The Seven Seals award, depicting the heraldry seals of the seven military Services, is given at the discretion of the ESGR committee chairman to recognize the efforts by a citizen, business, or organization, whose supportive actions have benefited all of the Reserve Components in a significant manner. Recipients of this award do not necessarily employ Reservists, but have demonstrated outstanding support, commitment, and extreme patriotism to the United States military.

The Outstanding Volunteer Performance award is presented to ESGR committee volunteers who have rendered significant service in support of the mission of ESGR, which is to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.

Media Notes: The Salt Lake Sheraton is located at 150 W. 500 S. in Salt Lake City. Please contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778 for more information.