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ESGR Utah Presents Annual Awards

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 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites hotel, downtown Salt Lake City.

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
 - MonaVie, South Jordan
- Seven Seals
 - Jackie Sexton, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce

ESGR Utah Outstanding Volunteer Performance Award

- Kay Hargis, Ogden
- Elizabeth Atisme, West Point
- Kenneth Wade, Smithfield
- Mark Holland, Salt Lake City
- Jeff Tiede, Salt Lake City
- Scott Harrison, Sandy
- Al Yardley, Lehi
- James Slade, Lindon
- Earl Slack, Tropic
- Mark Huntsman, Fillmore

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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 Embassy Suites is located at 110 W. 600 S. in Salt Lake City. Please contact Mr. Kim Watts at (801) 432-4492 for more information.