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★ 99 Pennsylvania Employers Nominated for 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ★

Employers across the Nation Nominated for Superior Support to National Guard and Reserve Employees

ARLINGTON, VA—

101 Pennsylvania Guard and Reserve service members nominated their employers for the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve. The Freedom Award is particularly significant because only members of the Guard and Reserve or their family members are eligible to nominate their employers for the award.

See below for a list of Pennsylvania employers nominated for the Freedom Award, or visit www.FreedomAward.mil.

Nearly 2,500 Guard and Reserve service members, or their families, from across the country nominated their employers for outstanding support. Nominated employers, ranging from small to large businesses and public sector employers, demonstrated support by providing continued benefits, differential pay, and family assistance. A national selection board comprised of senior defense officials and business leaders will select up to 15 recipients for the 2010 award. The Department of Defense will announce the 2010 Freedom Award recipients this summer. Recipients will be presented the Freedom Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on September 23, 2010.

About ESGR & the Freedom Award

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). ESGR is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972 whose mission is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve Service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law and resolving conflict through mediation. Since 1996, only 130 companies have been presented with the prestigious Freedom Award. Previous honorees include Microsoft, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Sears, Home Depot, the State of Delaware, the Santa Ana, California Police Department and the family owned farm Augustine & Sons in Rose Hill, Iowa. For more information, please visit www.FreedomAward.mil

The following employers were nominated for the Freedom Award:

BSEG LLC	Allentown
Trans Edge Truck Centers	Allentown
Cetronia Ambulance Corps Inc.	Allentown
William Allen High School	Allentown
Lockheed Martin	Archbald
Blackhawk High School	Beaver Falls

Honeywell Corp.	Bensalem
Saber Source Group	Blue Bell
EXEL	Breinigsville
PA Department of Corrections	Camp Hill
Cumberland Goodwill Fire Rescue EMS	Carlisle
Letterkenny Army Depot	Chambersburg
Accelerated learning Academy ResulTech	Chester
Columbia Borough Jr/Sr High School	Columbia
Hyatt's Appliance Repair	Connellsville
Lutron Electronics Co. Inc.	Coppersburg
LSI	Coraopolis
Geisinger Health System	Danville
Exelon Corp.	Delta
NTM Engineering	Dillsburg
Knoll Inc.	East Greenville
Pocono Medical Center	East Stroudsburg
Nalco Chemical	Ellwood City
Lake Erie College of Osteo Medicine	Erie
Triple Nickel Inc.	Erie
GE Transportation	Erie
Erie VA Medical Center	Erie
Duferco Farrell Corp.	Farrell
Hepler Transport Inc.	Franklin
TIER Holdings LLC	Gap
Malin Bergquist and Company LLP	Greensburg
Allegheny Energy	Greensburg
Anastacias Inc.	Harrisburg
PA Emergency Management Agency	Harrisburg
Office of Attorney General	Harrisburg
Office of Developmental Programs	Harrisburg
OfficeMax	Hazleton
Hazleton City Police Department	Hazleton
Township of Derry	Hershey
Highspire Borough Police Department	Highspire
AmeriServ Financial Corporation	Johnstown
PPC Lubricants	Jonestown
Wyoming Valley West School District	Kingston
Ronco Machine and Rigging	Lake Winola
Fulton Financial Corporation	Lancaster
Department of Veterans Affairs	Lebanon
South Allegheny School District	Liberty Boro
SCI Forest	Marienville
Document Automation and Production Service	Mechanicsburg
Philips Respironics	Murrysville
Nanticoke Fire Dept Community Ambulance	Nanticoke
Yerecic Label Co.	New Kensington
Fornance Physician Services	Norristown
Thermo Twin Windows	Oakmont
Schaeffer's Harley Davidson	Orwigsburg
Synthes (USA)	Paoli
US Customs and Border Protection	Philadelphia
VA Medical Center	Philadelphia



Pennsylvania Hospital	Philadelphia
Comcast	Philadelphia
Aria Health	Philadelphia
The Boeing Company	Philadelphia
Comcast	Philadelphia
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Modern Medical System	Philadelphia
Lockheed Martin	Philadelphia
Defense Logistics Agency	Philadelphia
Office of the Sheriff	Philadelphia
Social Security Administration	Philadelphia
Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Education Management Corporation	Pittsburgh
Hunter Leasing Inc.	Pittsburgh
Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney PC	Pittsburgh
Eyétique Corp.	Pittsburgh
US Marshals Service	Pittsburgh
UPMC Mercy South Side	Pittsburgh
Thermo Fisher Scientific	Pittsburgh
St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin School	Pittsburgh
Allegheny County Airport Authority	Pittsburgh
Danella Line Services Inc.	Plymouth Meeting
Ceridian Corp	Plymouth Meeting
Liberty Mutual Surety	Plymouth Meeting
AMEC Earth and Environmental	Plymouth Meeting
Smith Transport	Roaring Spring
US Federal Probation	Scranton
General Dynamics OTS	Scranton
City Of Sharon Police Department	Sharon
C & C Lawn Care	Sharpsville
Penn. State Applied Research Lab	State College
Global Tungsten and Powders Corp.	Towanda
General Electric Power and Water	Trevoise
ATI Allegheny Ludlum	Vandergrift
United States Liability Insurance Group	Wayne
The Chester County Hospital	West Chester
Stat Medevac	West Mifflin
Taylor Air Center (IDG)	Whitehall
Dominion Peoples Natural Gas	Wilkinsburg
ChiliTech Internet Solutions	Williamsport
Manor Care Kingston Court	York

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