

Guard, Reserve honor supportive Iowa employers

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Each year, the Iowa Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recognizes employers throughout the state that provide extraordinary support for military duty by their employees, above what the law requires.

Pella Corp. of Pella, and Musco Lighting of Oskaloosa, received the Pro Patria Award . It is given to the employers who have provided the most exceptional support of national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies that support their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

In addition, Waste Management of Iowa, Wells Fargo Financial, BTI Special Commodities Inc., GuideOne Insurance Group, Farm Bureau Financial, Vital Support Systems, Mercy North AS, and Quality Traffic Control Inc. were all recognized with the Above & Beyond Award, for their efforts supporting the National Guard and Reserve.

Also recognized were the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, Iowa Council for Society of Human Resource Management, Iowa Bankers Association, Department of Labor - VETS, and Iowa Workforce Development.

They received the Seven Seals Awards for promoting Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve goals and objectives.

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From left, Maj. Gen. Ron Dardis, adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard; Myron Linn and Karen Peterson of Pella Corp.; and Barry Spear, Iowa chairman of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.



Maj. Gen. Ron Dardis, left, and Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve chairman Barry Spear, right, present an award to Jim Gualtieri and Tom Shannon. Gualtieri and Shannon were the Musco Lighting pilots who operated a private plane that flew nine military members back from Pennsylvania to Minnesota and Iowa.