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## **Delmarva Veteran Builders receives Department of Defense Pro Patria Award for exceptional support**



**DATELINE:** ANNAPOLIS, Md

**LEAD:** Maryland Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DoD) office, announced today Delmarva Veteran Builders was honored with a Pro Patria Award in recognition of extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

ESGR's Pro Patria Award is presented annually by each ESGR State Committee to one small, one large and one public sector employer in their state or territory. Recipients have demonstrated the greatest support to Guard and Reserve employees through their leadership and practices, including adopting personnel policies that make it easier for employees to participate

in the National Guard and Reserve. This is the highest level award that may be bestowed by a state ESGR committee.

Delmarva Veteran Builders has been selected as a finalist for the 2016 Secretary of Defense Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.

“Delmarva Veteran Builders hires National Guard and Reserve members because they are trained to win, operate as a team, and will not fail,” Delmarva Veteran Builders President Chris Eccleston said. “They are the best trained workforce in America thanks to the United States military.”

ESGR, a DoD office, seeks to foster a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives, recognizing outstanding employer support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and policies, resolving potential conflicts between employers and their service members, and acting as the employers’ principal advocate within DoD. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

For more information about ESGR outreach programs or volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-336-4590 or visit [www.ESGR.mil](http://www.ESGR.mil).

*Photo caption: Left to right: SSG Lee Beauchamp, Delmarva Veteran Builders; Jean Hulet, Maryland ESGR State Chair; Chris Eccleston, Delmarva Veteran Builders President; TSgt Daniel Mills, Delmarva Veteran Builders; and Sam Peebles, Maryland ESGR Vice Chair.*