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*“Delivering on the Promise: Jobs for National Guard and Veterans”*

## **NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTED FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN NATIONAL GUARD, VETERANS EMPLOYMENT CAMPAIGN**

WASHINGTON, DC, October 23, 2014 – **American Jobs for America’s Heroes (AJAH)**, a non-profit military hiring campaign coordinated between the National Guard, private sector employers, trade associations, and the non-profit community, today presented the first annual **“Delivering on the Promise Honor Roll Award”** for outstanding commitment and leadership to 15 National Guard, employer, trade association and non-profit organizations that have made a substantial effort in helping National Guard members and veterans gain civilian employment (see more below).

The awards ceremony, held at the National Guard Association of the U.S. headquarters in Washington, DC, recognized “consistent dedication, specific achievement, and investment in the ongoing mission to encourage and empower employers and to link National Guard members and veterans with careers in the civilian sector” exemplified by the recipients, which included:

**Phillips 66**  
**North Carolina National Guard**  
**California National Guard**  
**Michigan National Guard**  
**Manpower to Horsepower**  
**Corporate America Supports You**  
**Society for Human Resource Management**  
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**National Tooling and Machining Association**  
**Precision Metalforming Association**  
**Baker & McKenzie**  
**Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered**

“The mission is critical – there are tens of thousands of highly trained and motivated National Guard members and veterans who will provide the integrity and adaptability needed in the American private sector,” said Steve Nowlan, Center for America president and CEO. “Our job is to provide the tools that employers need to best utilize this valuable resource – the men and women of the National Guard and veterans. Efforts like this are vital in order to fully support transitioning military in an environment of federal budget cuts. Today’s award recipients represent the best combined efforts of the National Guard, private sector employers, trade associations, and non-profits working together to achieve employment results.”

Presenters included:

**Major General Garry Dean**, Special Assistant to the Chief, National Guard Bureau  
**Brigadier General Ivan Denton**, Director of Manpower and Personnel (J1), National Guard Bureau  
**Major General (ret.) Gus Hargett**, President, National Guard Association of the U.S.

**Brigadier General (ret.) Marianne Watson**, formerly Director of Manpower and Personnel, NGB  
**Col. Rich Baldwin**, Director of Manpower and Personnel (G1) ARNG NGB

Stacy Bayton, COO for CASY, accepted the award on behalf of the organization. “We are honored to receive this award in recognition of our work,” said Bayton. “More importantly we are honored to know and be working with these outstanding organizations, companies, agencies, and state National Guard Commands who have also been recognized. The need for public private collaboration is great and these fine people are a perfect example of dedication and collaboration at its finest which allows us to focus on who truly matters in this equation – the men and women who serve, from all branches, and the families who support them. “

#### **How American Jobs for America’s Heroes Works**

Free job postings submitted by employers are provided directly to hundreds of military employment counselors in the National Guard Employment Network and other military branches who are actively working one-on-one with candidates and employers to match them to jobs. AJAH is an ongoing complement to traditional job boards and job fairs. [http://www.centerforamerica.org/pledge/ng/ajah\\_mm.html](http://www.centerforamerica.org/pledge/ng/ajah_mm.html).

There are no fees to participating companies or job candidates. Employers who want to post open positions can sign up through the Center for America website at: [www.centerforamerica.org/register.html](http://www.centerforamerica.org/register.html)

#### **About American Jobs for America’s Heroes Campaign**

The American Jobs for America’s Heroes (AJAH) campaign, comprising more than 160 trade and professional associations, non-profit organizations, and state Chambers of Commerce, is a non-profit coalition with the National Guard to help unemployed National Guard members, veterans and spouses find skilled jobs in the private sector. More than 1,300 employers are registered to post jobs through AJAH. Currently, tens of thousands of National Guard members are unemployed. See the AJAH short video on the campaign – <http://www.centerforamerica.org/video.html>

Phillips 66, an energy manufacturing and logistics company (NYSE:PSX), is the lead national sponsor for this campaign.

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