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ESGR Selects Boise Employer Charles Crafts, as 2014 Finalist- 30 Employers Recognized for Exemplary National Guard and Reserve Support

WASHINGTON – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, announced Charles Crafts, Attorney at Law of Boise, Idaho as a finalist for the 2014 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The award is the DoD’s highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of National Guard and Reserve employees. The top 30 employers were selected from a pool of 2,864 nominations submitted earlier this year by National Guard and Reserve service members.

The employers selected as Freedom Award finalists distinguish themselves by supporting their National Guard and Reserve employees through policies and initiatives that go above and beyond in assisting and

encouraging their military service. Charles Crafts’ nominator, a Navy Reservist, highlighted her employer’s commitment to military service by affording her the opportunity and flexibility to attend to Navy business during working hours. The nominator says she was hired because Crafts recognized the skills and qualifications National Guard and Reserve members bring to civilian employment.

“These 30 employers have gone above and beyond to provide our military men and women as well as their families the absolute best support possible,” said ESGR Executive Director Ronald G. Young. “An employer’s support is just as critical as a

military member’s family support and we are proud to have a way to recognize these outstanding employers through this program.”

Senior DoD officials, business leaders and prior awardees will now select up to 15 Freedom Award recipients to be honored at the 19th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony at the Pentagon in September.

A complete list of 2014 Freedom Award finalists is available at www.FreedomAward.mil under the Media Tab in the Press Releases section.



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