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Ladies and Gentlemen of the California ESGR,

I am most pleased to officially announce that the Secretary of Defense 2010 Freedom Award winners have been named. Fifteen awards are given each year to recognize outstanding support for our Guard & Reserve. Over 2,500 organizations were nominated nationwide for 2010. California received 225 nominations that our committee reviewed. From these the committee had to pick three (one in each category) to prepare for review by the national blue ribbon committee. The national committee is specially formed by the Secretary of Defense and chaired by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Mr. Dennis McCarthy, Lt. Gen., USMCR (Ret.).

California has been honored with Three Freedom Awards, one in each category.

- In the Large Corporation category: Intuit of Mountain View, Ca.
- Small Business: Bill Bragg Plumbing, San Francisco, Ca.
- Public Sector: Irvine Police Department and the City of Irvine, Ca.

California has now won 15 Freedom Awards over the last 15 years. The nearest states are Texas and North Carolina each with 8.

This honor is most unusual and great credit must go to the recipients and our committee. I would especially like to recognize our committee chair Cheryl DeNoi and the rest of the committee, and the outstanding contributions of John Woolley, Kristine Miller and Dennis DeNoi.

This is a fine testament to the energy, vitality and vast support for our Guard and Reserve within our great state and our ESGR Committee. I congratulate you all.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew C. Wiktorowicz".

Andrew C. Wiktorowicz P.E.

Proud California Chairman Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

