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**National Guard Association of the United States Names
Perry Di Loreto Recipient of Patrick Henry Award**

Perry Di Loreto, a long-time northern Nevada community leader and chairman of the Nevada Military Support Alliance (NMSA), was honored by the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and presented with the **Patrick Henry Award** for his continuous commitment to and support of military servicemen and their families. The award ceremony was a part of the 133rd NGAUS General Conference and Exhibition in Milwaukee on August 27.

Mr. Di Loreto, a longtime community leader in northern Nevada has participated in the establishment and funding of multiple charitable and community-based organizations supporting child care, education, law enforcement, and indigent care. Mr. Di Loreto has been tirelessly serving and supporting members of the Nevada military and their families for more than 10 years. As founder of the Nevada Military Support Alliance (NMSA) and co-founder of the Patriot Fund, Mr. Di Loreto's efforts have generated over \$1.5 million in private donations to aid families of fallen warriors and deployed servicemen. With the support of the Governor of Nevada and state military agencies, Mr. Di Loreto and the Nevada Military Support Alliance have inspired broad community support in recognizing the sacrifices and needs of Nevada service members, veterans and families.

"Mr. Perry Di Loreto has been a driving force in the support of and to the benefit of Nevada military service members and their families," said Nevada Adjutant General, Brigadier General William R. Burks. "His commitment and the leadership he has provided the NMSA and the Nevada Patriot Fund clearly demonstrate his passion and support for the servicemen and women of our great state."

The **Patrick Henry Award**, the civilian counterpart to the NGAUS Distinguished Service Medal, was created in 1989 and is awarded to distinguished local officials and civic leaders who demonstrate outstanding and exceptional service to the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or NGAUS. Recipients hold positions of great responsibility, and must convey a long-term and lasting commitment to one or more of these organizations. For more information about the Nation Guard Association of the United States please visit www.ngaus.org. For more information about the Nevada Military Support Alliance please visit www.nvmilitarysupport.org.

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