Chamber Honors Service Members at Military Appreciation Banquet

Tampa, FL. – The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce honored our community’s military personnel at the 2015 Military Appreciation Banquet on Wednesday, February 25 presented by Bright House Networks. A sold-out crowd of more than 500 attendees, including leadership from all five service branches, was in attendance.

Governor Rick Scott gave a keynote address and Mayor Bob Buckhorn and Chamber leaders recognized the contributions of our local service members. This event represented the 17th year the Chamber has recognized our local military personnel for outstanding contributions to the greater good of the Tampa Bay community.

The 2015 winners included:

Bob Cutler Volunteer Award: Debbie Miller, Celestar Corporation
Business Partner of the Year: AC4S
University of South Florida ROTC Cadet of the Year: Cadet First Class Aryk Bingham-Hill
University of Tampa ROTC Cadet of the Year: Cadet Corin Chick
Department of Defense Civilian Employee of The Year: Virginia A. Carter
Army Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Sergeant Erin J. Berry
Marine Corps Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Staff Sergeant Beau Blouin
Navy Non-Commissioned Officer of The Year: Petty Officer First Class Amy Lockhart
Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Technical Sergeant Nancy Hepner
Reservist of the Year: Staff Sergeant Victoria M. Stern
Coast Guard Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year: Chief Petty Officer John A. Hamilton
Army Officer of the Year: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Brooks
Marine Corps Officer of the Year: Major Ernest Govea
Navy Officer of the Year: Commander Robert H. Hyde
Air Force Officer of the Year: Second Lieutenant Juan Gonzalez
Coast Guard Officer of the Year: Lieutenant Megan J. Dillon

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