



## **Jon Snyder Honored with ESGR Patriot Award** *City Receives Statement of Support and Submitted for Freedom Award*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-December 17, 2019**-In a surprise presentation this evening Public Works Director Jon Snyder was honored with the Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense program. In addition, several staff members were also recognized for their support during the ceremony.

“Our employees who actively serve in the national guard and reserve are a tremendous asset to not only the city but our nation,” said City Manager Gary Suiter. “We happily support their commitment and work to ensure a smooth transition between required duty and city responsibilities.”

The Patriot Award recognizes a supervisor for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America’s national guard and reserve force. The award was submitted by Airport Manager Stacie Fain, who currently serves as a Captain in the US Coast Guard Reserve and will be retiring after more than 27 years of service on July 1, 2020.



“Being gone for an extended period from your job can be stressful, but knowing I have the support of this team, especially Jon, allows me to focus fully to fulfilling my duty to the nation,” said Airport Manager and USCG Captain Stacie Fain. “This recognition is a heartfelt way to show my appreciation.”

In addition, this evening, the City of Steamboat Springs was also acknowledged with a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve for the second time. The city was also notified it had been submitted for the ESGR Freedom Award, which will be announced at the state level in February.

Each year, Guard and Reserve employees, in this case Captain Fain, can nominate their employer for the Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of employees serving in the Guard and Reserve.

The ESGR State Committee will review nominations and submit recommendations to advance to the next round in each of the three categories: small employer, large employer, and public sector. A national selection board comprised of senior Department of Defense officials, business leaders, and prior awardees select up to 15 employers to receive this prestigious award from the Secretary of Defense.

[ESGR](#) is a DoD program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for Service members in the Reserve Components through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. It also aids in resolving conflicts between Service members and their employers. Jim Stanko serves as the area chair for Steamboat Springs.

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