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NCPC Honored for its Support of the National Guard and Reserve

Washington, DC – The Department of Defense has honored the National Capital Planning Commission’s top two executive officers with its Patriotic Employer award for their role as supportive employers of National Guard and Reserve troops.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency of the Department of Defense, joined with NCPC Chairman John V. Cogbill, III in presenting the awards to Executive Director Patricia Gallagher and Deputy Executive Director Marcel Acosta during the Commission’s monthly public meeting today.

ESGR honored Ms. Gallagher and Mr. Acosta for their support of Michael Sherman, Director of NCPC’s Technology Development and Applications Division. Mr. Sherman, who has more than 12 years of federal service, eight of them working at NCPC, serves as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves. He has served numerous missions while at NCPC with recent deployments to Japan, Missouri, and Thailand. Mr. Sherman served four years in active duty with the United States Army and is currently in his sixth year with the Reserves.

Also honored were six of Mr. Sherman’s technology employees for their efforts to support the ongoing mission of the division during Mr. Sherman’s absence. The employees included Tony Champ, Shane Dettman, Nicole Green-Catten, Jody Rieder, Ken Walton, and administrative assistant Roszonna Whitsett.

“NCPC is proud to support our military men and women as they work to defend and protect our country,” said NCPC Chairman Cogbill. “These honorable individuals help our communities and our nation in times of need, and in turn, they deserve our support and cooperation. NCPC is proud of the work Mr. Sherman is performing in the Reserves and I also am very proud that my staff recognizes and supports his vital contributions to this agency and our nation.”

Chairman Cogbill, who is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, served in the Armed Forces in the 1970’s. He has two sons, John and Jamie Cogbill, who are both currently serving on active duty in the Army. His son Jamie is now deployed in Iraq.

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In addition to the presentation of the Patriotic Employer awards, Chairman Cogbill also announced that the National Capital Planning Commission will sign a pledge of support for the National Guard and Reserve.

A representative of DoD's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve was on hand to also present a plaque to Chairman Cogbill for his agency's statement of support. ESGR was established in 1972 to gain and maintain active support from all public and private employers for the 1.2 million members of the National Guard and Reserve. ESGR volunteers provide free education and consultation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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