

Harris Receives Patriot Award for Its Support of Employees Who Serve

On March 19, Harris was recognized with a Patriot Award by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense organization that recognizes companies that support employees serving in the nation's National Guard or Reserve components. The ESGR works to develop a dialogue among employers and local National Guard and Reserve units.

Aaron Hall – a Geospatial Analyst in GCSD's St. Louis office and a member of the famed "Green Berets" (Special Forces) of the Colorado National Guard – nominated Harris for the award, noting both the company's and his co-workers' support for his efforts to balance his GCSD work responsibilities with his National Guard training and deployments.

Aaron wrote in his nomination: "I feel that my coworkers and Harris Corporation as a whole are the most ideal supporters of the Guard and Reserve. They are proud to lend their hands in support of today's two theatre operational demands and this support is in fact a force multiplier."

The award was presented to Harris by Brandy Scheer of the Missouri Committee of the ESGR at a ceremony attended by Sheldon Fox, President of GCSD's National Programs Business Unit; Ed Zoiss, Vice President of Business Development for National; and Peter Rapp, Senior Executive Account Manager (SEAM) for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

"GCSD and our St. Louis office are proud to have an employee like Aaron, who excels in both his roles at work and with the National Guard. We are honored to be recognized with a Patriot Award," said Jeff Mayo, St. Louis Site Manager.

As part of the award, Jeff was also invited to participate in a "Bosslift," held on March 24-26 at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, an active duty U.S. Army post approximately 120 miles southwest of St. Louis. The Bosslift provided an opportunity for Jeff to get a firsthand look at what Guard members like Aaron experience during training.



Sheldon Fox, SSG Aaron Hall, and Ed Zoiss.



The GCSD St. Louis team "supporting" Aaron Hall. Front row, L to R: Vicki Gardiakos, Mandy Smith. Middle: Aaron Hall. Back row, L to R: Michael Eichenseer, Eric Rowley, Jeffrey Mayo, and John Ford.