



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **City of Whitewater Honored by Department of Defense for Extraordinary Support of Employees Who Serve in the National Guard and Reserve**

**Whitewater, WI** – Fred McCormick, Chair Emeritus, of the Wisconsin Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee (ESGR), has announced that **Chris Munz-Pritchard**, Neighborhood Services, Director/Planner, **was** presented with a Patriot Award by ESGR representative in recognition of extraordinary support of one of their employees, PFC Molly E. Brown, serving in the **Wisconsin Army National Guard**.

The presentation **took** place at City of Whitewater offices, 312 Whitewater Street, Whitewater, on Monday, July 3, 2017.

According to McCormick, “**Chris Munz-Pritchard** was nominated for this prestigious national award by their employee, **Private First Class Molly E. Brown**, who is a member of the Wisconsin National Guard and assigned to the 32<sup>nd</sup> MP Company, Milwaukee, WI. The Patriot Award is only presented to employers who not only hire Guard and Reserve members, but demonstrate superior support to the military employee and his/her family. The National Guard and Reserve Forces are the cornerstone of our national defense. **Munz-Pritchard** has provided outstanding support and cooperation and has exhibited a patriotic spirit which is reflected in the significance of being a recipient of the Patriot Award.”

In her nomination of Ms. Munz-Pritchard, PFC Brown said, “While I have only been there a short time, she has been supportive of Army duties and was most understanding of scheduling conflicts as I was finishing up my deployment. I would like to recognize her for being a great employer and the continuing support I know she will provide.

ESGR, a Department of Defense program, seeks to foster a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives, recognizing outstanding employer support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and policies, resolving potential conflicts between employers and their service members, and acting as the employers’ principal advocate within the Department of Defense..

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