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## CSI Aviation Takes Home Top Honor for New Mexico National Guard Employers

## Global aviation company recognized for its commitment to National Guard and Reserve employees

(Albuquerque, NM) CSI Aviation, a New Mexico-based, international air charter and aviation logistics company, announced today that it has received the Pro Patria Award for its exceptional support for employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. The Pro Patria Award is presented by the New Mexico Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the state committee charged with supporting America's part time citizen-soldiers in the workplace. The Pro Patria Award is the highest-level award that is bestowed by the New Mexico ESGR.

New Mexico ESGR's Pro Patria Award is presented annually to one small, one large, and one public sector employer in the state. Recipients demonstrate the greatest support to Guard and Reserve employees through their leadership and practices, including adopting personnel policies that make it easier for employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

CSI has a well-deserved reputation for supporting the military and a strong commitment to its active duty and veteran employees. In fact, CSI won its first Pro Patria Award in 2014 and is also a finalist for the 2017 Freedom Award, the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. Also in 2014, the company was recognized by the Military Times in its annual "Best for Vets: Employers" list along with 58 other companies across the country, including large corporations like Verizon and Capital One.

"Our employees that serve in the National Guard are incredibly valuable and important to the success of CSI. We're honored that their unique contributions to the company are recognized by the Pro Patria Award," said Allen Weh, CEO of CSI Aviation and one of the 18 vets on CSI's 50 member team. "It is also a huge honor to be able to support these employees and their families."

*More about ESGR*...ESGR, a Department of Defense office, was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. ESGR is supported by a network of more than 4,900 volunteers in 54 committees located across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam-CNMI, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information go to www.esgr.mil.

*More about CSI Aviation*...Established in 1979, CSI Aviation, Inc. (CSI) has grown into a global aviation company providing diverse and complex solutions to commercial, group and private individuals, and government customers. CSI fills a unique niche in the aviation industry – solving complex aviation requirements for air charter services, aviation logistics, and program management. CSI Aviation also holds FAR Part 135 Air Carrier operating authority and provides air charter, aircraft purchase, leasing and maintenance support. For more information go to <u>www.csiaviation.com</u>.

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