

Securitas USA Saluted as a Highly Supportive Employer of National Guardsmen



ESGR representative Gerry Felt (left) was pleased to support National Guardsman and Securitas employee Jaime Rivera (right) in recognizing his manager, Michael Uffer (center) with a Patriot Award.

Securitas USA and one of its managers were recognized for fostering a culture that supports Guardsmen in fulfilling their obligations.

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense program that was created to promote supportive work environments for service members in the Reserve components through outreach, recognition and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. Employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve can nominate their civilian managers for a Patriot Award to show their appreciation of the cooperation they receive in fulfilling their ongoing commitment to military service.

Michael Uffer, a manager at the Securitas Eastern Operations Center in Parsippany, NJ, was nominated for that special recognition by employee Jaime Rivera. ESGR representative Gerry Felt attended as Rivera presented Uffer with a certificate to commemorate his receipt of the award.

Uffer has always held military service personnel in the highest regard. When he offered Rivera the position in September 2015, Uffer admits that knowing Rivera was a

member of the National Guard influenced his decision. Uffer's father is a Vietnam veteran who gave him an appreciation for the values and work ethic instilled by military service. Rivera has been true to that image.

"Jaime has proven to be an integral part of our department. In addition to being hard working and a fast learner, he brings a resourceful, disciplined quality to his work every day," says Uffer in describing Rivera.

During the award presentation, Felt explained the need for employers like Securitas USA and managers like Uffer who accommodate of the needs of employees who are still active in their military service. He added that although the award was being presented to Uffer, it was also recognizing Securitas for fostering a culture that supports Guardsmen in fulfilling their obligations.