

MOSS & BARNETT IS PROUD TO SUPPORT EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR)



From left to right: ESGR Minnesota State Chair Paul Monteen; Minnesota ESGR State Chair Cmdr. Robert Jaskowiak, USNR; Moss & Barnett Billing Supervisor Linda Jensen; Moss & Barnett President and CEO Tom Shroyer; and ESGR National Chair James Rebholz



From left to right: ESGR Minnesota State Chair Paul Monteen; Moss & Barnett Attorney Mathew Meyer; Minnesota Adjutant General, Major General Richard Nash; and ESGR National Chair James Rebholz

We are pleased to announce that the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) National Chairman James Rebholz recognized **Moss & Barnett**, along with 26 other outstanding employers of Minnesota National Guard and Reserve members, at the ESGR Annual Employer Support Awards Banquet held on May 21, 2012. Over 350 military, government, and business people attended the annual event that recognizes Minnesota employers who have provided exceptional support for the men and women who serve in the Guard and Reserves. The award winners were chosen from a pool of over 400 nominations submitted by military members who felt that their employers had gone “above and beyond” their obligations in supporting them and their families.

Moss & Barnett was nominated for the ESGR *Above and Beyond* Award by Petty Officer First Class **Nicholas Tautges** of the Navy Reserve, who also is an employee in Moss & Barnett’s accounting department. Chairman Rebholz and ESGR Minnesota State Chair Paul Monteen presented the award to Moss & Barnett President and CEO, **Tom Shroyer**, and Billing Supervisor, **Linda Jensen**. Linda organized and coordinated the monthly care packages Moss & Barnett sent to Nick and his fellow service members while on active duty in Bahrain with the Navy Reserve’s Operational Support Office.

The *Above and Beyond* Award is given in limited numbers by state and territory ESGR committees. It recognizes employers at the state and local level who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees.

We are pleased to announce that **Mathew Meyer**, a member of our litigation practice area, also received an award from ESGR. Mathew was awarded the *Minnesota Volunteer Ombudsman of the Year* for 2011 for his work with ESGR. In addition to receiving the 2011 *Minnesota Volunteer Ombudsman of the Year* award, the Department of Defense awarded Mathew with the *Minnesota Volunteer of the Year* and national *Presidential Service* awards in 2010.

Mathew joined the Marines after high school, serving for six years and reaching the rank of sergeant. Before earning his J.D. from Cornell University, he trained in Japan, the Philippines, and Korea, followed by embassy guard duty in Sudan and Switzerland, with one last stop in Honduras before discharge. Mathew first got involved in ESGR in 2007. He uses his legal background to work with employers and service members to prevent, reduce, or resolve misunderstandings regarding employment rights and responsibilities.

ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives, increasing awareness of applicable laws and policies, recognizing outstanding employer support, and resolving potential conflicts between employers and their service members. To learn more about ESGR, visit www.esgr.mil.