



Grundy County Receives Patriot Award from Department of Defense

(L-R), Harlyn Riekema, Chairman of Grundy County Board of Supervisors along with Shawn Weber, Grundy County Engineering Technician receives the distinguished Patriotic Employer award from Dr, Susan Dawson, Representative of ESGR.

The Iowa Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency of the Department of Defense, announced Monday, February 2, 2009 at the Grundy County Board of Supervisors Meeting that Grundy County was honored with a Patriotic Employer Award in recognition of extraordinary support of its employee who serve in the Iowa National Guard and Reserve.

According to Barry Spear, Iowa ESGR State Chair, “The Patriotic Employer Award was created by ESGR to recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who have answered their nation’s call to serve. Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation’s National Guard and Reserve units.”

Shawn Weber, Grundy County Engineering Technician, served active duty in Kosovo with A Company of the 1-133rd Forward from July 2007 to July 2008. Shawn’s unit was responsible for security detail in Kosovo.