



American Legion names New York Shipping Association Employer of the Year

EDISON, NEW JERSEY (AUGUST 31, 2016) - The New York Shipping Association (NYSA) is proud to announce the organization has been named this year's recipient of the American Legion's prestigious Employer of the Year award – large employer category - recognizing the association's longstanding commitment to hiring military veterans.

The award is presented annually to private businesses that have established outstanding records in employing and retaining veterans, workers with disabilities and older members of the work force. To be eligible for an Employer of the Year award, nominees must be a private-sector business operating for at least five years, cannot restrict its employment to veterans-only, and must have at least 10 percent of its work force made up of veterans.

Accepting the award on behalf of the NYSA was Beverly Fedorko, Director External Affairs.

"The hiring of veterans is a true win-win for the port industry and veterans alike. It gives our industry the ability to give back to those who have served our country, and our industry benefits from the experience gained by veterans working in difficult conditions in a highly structured environment," Fedorko said. "We thank the American Legion for their support and for recognizing our commitment to America's veterans."

In 2013, the NYSA and its partners at the International Longshoreman's Association pledged that 51 percent of all new hires would come from the ranks of military veterans. Since that time, the NYSA has more than made good on that commitment. Since 2014, the NYSA has hired 400 veterans, accounting for more than 11 percent of the association's overall workforce and 62 percent of all new hires during that period. That hiring push brought the number of veterans holding port jobs with NYSA to nearly 1,000.

As part of that effort, NYSA in conjunction with the International Longshoreman's Association and the American Legion, Department of New Jersey, Economics and Employment Committee held the first ever dedicated veterans' jobs fair for port jobs. In addition, the NYSA sponsored information sessions with Newark veterans and participated in jobs fairs sponsored by the GI Go Fund and Be a Hero Hire a Hero. The result is an unprecedented commitment to hiring men and women in the U.S. military who have served our country.

The award will be presented on Wednesday, August 31 during the American Legion's 98th Annual Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

About the New York Shipping Association

New York Shipping Association (NYSA) is a membership organization comprised of the ocean cargo carriers, terminal operators, stevedores, and marine-related businesses that operate the ships, move the cargo, train and employ the laborers, provide and maintain the equipment, that moves more than \$200 Billion in products to and from the largest and richest consumer market in the world. NYSA negotiates the collective bargaining agreement with the International Longshoremen's Association and the Port Police and Guards Union. For more information, please visit www.nysanet.org and follow us on Twitter @NYSANEWS.