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LOCAL COMPANY WILL RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD FOR SUPPORTING ARMY RESERVE EMPLOYEE

Webfoot Painting Co to Receive Patriot Award from the Committee for Employer Support of the Guard

BEND, OR, Dec. 9th, 2010 – Retired Lt. Col. of the US Air Force, Nick Norton, will award the owners of Webfoot Painting Co., a local residential painting company, The Patriot Award for supporting their Army Reserve member employee.

Ben Shelton, of Sisters, Oregon and employee of Webfoot Painting, nominated owners Gavin Hepp and Travis Ulrich just before his most recent deployment to Iraq. He was among the F Company 3/116 out of Pendleton, OR. This will be his second tour in Iraq. In a kind gesture of gratitude he nominated Webfoot Painting for supporting him through the last couple years and for working with his Army Reserve schedule. In a letter to the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Shelton said, “Gavin and Travis have been a pleasure to work for and have supported me every step of the way in my military career and this upcoming deployment. I couldn’t ask for better employers and friends.”

More often these awards are granting to larger employers and few here in Central Oregon, remarks former ESGR Chair of the region, Nick Norton. Webfoot Painting owners, Hepp and Ulrich, said of receiving this award, “We’re honored that an employee of ours would take the time to nominate us for such an award. We wish him and the rest of his company a safe tour and look forward to getting them all home soon.” The date for presenting this award has not been set.

About Webfoot Painting Co.

Webfoot Painting is a full-service residential and commercial painting company serving all of Central Oregon. Specializing in lasting interior and exterior painting services and deck refinishing and maintenance. Their community involvement includes organizing and running two charity events annually (Carving for Kids, a benefit for MountainStar Family Relief Nursery and their \$5000 Painting Charity Giveaway, which awards a family or non-profit in need with \$5000 in painting services). Their motto, “Seriously Great Painters,” can be seen in every project they complete. Visit www.webfootpainting.com for more information.

