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Veterans Employment Specialists Honored By Legion

PHOENIX (Aug. 27, 2008) - They pave the way to job opportunities and job training for the men and women who sacrifice for freedom. During a general session of its 90th National Convention here, the 2.7 million-member American Legion salutes three 2007 superstars of the veterans-employment service.

The nation's largest veterans organization today honored Gerald Donnelly of Patchogue, New York, as Outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representative of the Year; Don Collins of Lubbock, Texas, as Outstanding Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist of the Year; and the WorkSource Career Center of Lubbock, Texas, as Outstanding Employment Service Office of the Year.

"The recipients of these awards deserve to be honored," American Legion National Commander Marty Conatser said. "They provide a valuable public service. They give a helping hand to veterans readjusting to civilian life. For most veterans, the key to that transition is finding suitable employment and job training or re-training."

The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans organization. To ensure veterans receive employment preference and other benefits to which they are entitled, the organization fights for adequate funding for the Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service under which veterans employment specialists work.

With a membership of 2.7-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and patriotic youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

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