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## Arapahoe County Commissioner recognized for serving veterans

Commissioner Bill Holen honored by national organization for his work to help veterans and military men and women serving our country

**LITTLETON, CO** --- Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen recently was honored by the Colorado Chapter of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for his commitment to support the men and women who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

ESGR, an office within the Department of Defense, promotes cooperation and understanding between reserve service members and employers by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 and providing assistance in resolving conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. ESGR is supported by a network of nearly 5,000 volunteers in all 50 states, including Colorado.

Holen received the organization's Seven Seals Award for his meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve America in the National Guard and Reserve. The award is presented to individuals or organizations for their achievement, initiative or support of ESGR's mission.

In addition, Holen received the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award by the Corporation for National and Community Service in recognition and appreciation for his volunteer service to veterans and military families.

Holen, who is a Vietnam Army Veteran and former member of the Colorado Air National Guard, was recognized for his work on the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Veterans Employment Taskforce and for his support of the Military Veteran Expo – a three-day conference that coaches veterans on resume and interview skills, and helps veterans translate their military service into marketable skills that transfer to the workforce.

"I'm honored to receive these two awards," said Commissioner Bill Holen, who represents District 5, which includes the City of Glendale and portions of the City of Aurora. "Helping our military veterans and families transition from military service to the job market where they can find sustainable and livable-wage jobs is the best way to honor these service men and women for their courage and dedication to our country."

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