

Texas company honored for hiring, serving veterans

RENO, Nev. – Airbus Helicopters North America, a Grand Prairie, Texas-based company that makes it part of their business strategy to hire veterans, will receive the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Outstanding Midsize Employer of the Year award July 14 during the 97th DAV and Auxiliary National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

“We have over 700 employees and over 40 percent of those are veterans,” said Robert W. Boman, Airbus vice president, who leads human resources, environment, health and U.S. safety operations. “I talk to a lot of military members getting out who are looking for jobs and we try to hire all the folks we can, including disabled veterans. It’s been a pretty good success story for us.”

Airbus Helicopters North America regularly emails job openings to various veteran partnership organizations throughout the country, which enables them to directly interface with former service members seeking meaningful employment. This led to veterans consisting of 21 percent of their total new hires from January 2017 to present.

The company also honors its employees who served through its annual Veteran’s Day celebrations. Each year, employees at company sites in Columbus, Mississippi and Grand Prairie, Texas enjoy celebrations that honor all branches of service and consist of guest speakers and presentations to veteran attendees.

“Airbus Helicopter North America has made it part of their overall business plan to recruit and hire veterans because they recognize their unique talents,” said DAV National Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster. “I am grateful for their

efforts and proud of the positive impact the veteran community continues to have on the company.”

“This organization recognizes how veterans can positively impact any business venture,” said DAV National Employment Director Jeff Hall. “I am proud to recognize their efforts on behalf of fellow veterans and especially the disabled veteran community.”

Photos and media may be made available upon request.

About DAV:

DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America’s injured heroes on Capitol Hill; providing employment resources to veterans and their spouses; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a nonprofit organization with more than 1 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U. S. Congress in 1932.