



## EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

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Robert Payette from University of New Mexico Cancer Center was presented with a Patriot Award by the New Mexico Committee for Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) on Oct 30th, 2017. This award was given to Robert for contributing to "National Security and Protecting Liberty and Freedom by Supporting Employee Participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Forces". His employee, SSG Albert Bales is a member of Delta Company 4<sup>th</sup>



Reconnaissance Battalion, United States Marine Core Reserve and he nominated Robert for the Patriot Award. "My employer hired me in August 2017, shortly after, I was told I was deploying in September. I have only been employed by the Cancer Center for a month. My employers went above and beyond to make sure I was taken care of prior to my early departure from the cancer center. I can't thank them enough for the support of my coworkers and supervisors during this stressful process. Their reassurance was welcoming and their support was greatly appreciated. I look forward to continuing my employment with them when I return in a year." – SSG Albert Bales.

Robert signed a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve pledging him and his staff will continue to support our military forces. This Statement of Support recognizes the values, leadership and unique skills Service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to employ our Guardsmen and Reservists. Supportive employers like University of New Mexico Cancer Center are vital to the success of our mission and the defense of this Nation. Our Guard and Reserve members could not perform their military duties without knowing their civilian employer supports them 100 percent.

"In the highest American tradition, the Patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They deserve the support of every segment of our Society".

**Thank you to you and your staff members for your continual support to our Troops.**

*ESGR is a Department of Defense program that seeks to foster a culture in which all employers support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. For more information about ESGR visit [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil)*