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## CCSO receives award for support of reservists

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office on Friday was recognized for its support of employees who also serve in the National Guard or military Reserve.

The South Carolina Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or ESGR, presented CCSO with its Seven Seals Award "for meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve America in the National Guard and Reserve." Sheriff Kristin Graziano and Lt. Jason Cain accepted the honor during a luncheon in North Charleston. Cain serves as a lieutenant colonel in the Army National Guard.

The ESGR is a Department of Defense program formed in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve members and their civilian employers. About half of the U.S. military force is made up of Reserve and Guard members, many of whom have civilian careers.

CCSO also is a finalist for the ESGR's 2022 Freedom Award, the highest national recognition given by the Defense Department to organizations for supporting employees who continue to serve. For that accolade, up to 15 awards are distributed annually in three categories: large business, small business and public sector. A national selection board of senior Defense officials and business leaders select the recipients.

Sheriff Graziano said CCSO is honored to be a finalist for the Freedom Award.

"We are a proud employer of over a dozen Guardsmen and Reservists who serve our community with a mission of 'Service Beyond the Call,'" she said. "We believe that our agency itself fulfills this mission of service by supporting our Guardsmen and Reservists, and their families, when they are called to serve and protect our nation. CCSO hopes that this inspires other businesses and agencies to uphold the same values and strengthen their commitment to those who sacrifice so much for us all."

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