**JOHN E. JACOBS LEGION POST 68 LELAND**
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## LEGION POST 68 AND ESGR RECOGNIZE PATRIOTIC EMPLOYER

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of War organization established in 1972, promotes cooperation and understanding between service members and their civilian employers and helps resolve conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. To recognize employers who support their Guard and Reserve employees, ESGR presents a series of Department of War awards, including the Patriotic Employer Award. This award honors business owners who support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures, including flexible work schedules, time off before and after deployment, family support, and granting leaves of absence when needed.

During the North Brunswick Chamber of Commerce Power Connections meeting at Brunswick Beer and Cider in Leland on Wednesday, October 28, John Hacker, ESGR representative for the Cape Fear Region and 2nd Vice Commander of the John E. Jacobs American Legion Post 68 in Leland, recognized Patriot Roofing & Exteriors (PR&E) for supporting veterans in its workforce and for assisting veterans in need of roofing in the Greater Wilmington area. The Wilmington-based, female-owned general contractor serves coastal North Carolina communities and provides roofing replacements and repairs, gutters, siding, windows, and doors.



L-R Anna La Rue, Logan Phelps, Cassandra Barba, Bill Bolton, Stephanie Bolton, Josiah Light, and John Hacker

PR&E believes in hiring individuals, including veterans, to best use their aptitudes and skills for the benefit of both the company and the employee. In addition, reflecting its commitment to the veteran community, the company helps veterans in need of roofing and exterior assistance. In doing so, it typically partners with Habitat for Humanity to identify vetted needs and with Owens Corning, which provides roofing materials, including shingles.

The company's most recent "service-to-veterans" project included installing a new roof for USMC veteran Phillip Hickey in Maple Hill, NC. PR&E donated the installation labor, the Owens Corning Foundation donated roofing materials, and Purple Heart Homes helped select and approve Hickey for the replacement. The project shows how a local roofing team and national partners can give back to a veteran in need in their community.

On behalf of ESGR and in recognition of PR&E's commitment to veterans, Hacker presented the Patriotic Employer award certificate and lapel pin to Stephanie Bolton, Owner of PR&E, and Cassandra Barba, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Company personnel present to witness the presentation included Bill Bolton, Vice President of Operations; Anna La Rue, Project Manager and 4-year Air Force veteran; Josiah Light, Project Specialist and 4-year USMC veteran; and Logan Phelps. Post 68 Commander Tom Powers assisted in the presentation ceremony.

In addition, Hacker, the State of North Carolina Chair for the American Legion's Be The One (BTO) suicide awareness and prevention program, presented each PR&E individual with a BTO wristband and a challenge coin. He concluded by thanking the company for its commitment to veterans, as reflected in its hiring practices and service to them.

Visit https://patriotroofer.com/ to learn more about the PR&E team, services it provides, and community involvement. To learn about the roofing replacement program for veterans, visit https://www.owenscorning.com/en/corporate/community/housing/roof-deployment.

To learn more about ESGR, visit https://www.esgr.mil/.

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