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## **Briess recognized for a third time as a 'patriotic employer'**

CHILTON, WISCONSIN—For the third time this year, Briess Malt & Ingredients Co. has been recognized by the Department of Defense for offering exceptional support and services to military employees. The prestigious "Pro Patria Award" was presented to Briess recently by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a DOD agency.

The award was the result of a nomination submitted to the ESGR by Leona Propson, Briess quality control specialist and retired Army Reservist formerly assigned to the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion of Green Bay.

Propson initially nominated Briess for a "Patriotic Employer" award earlier this year. This award is presented to companies that exceed federal requirements for offering support and services to military employees. In nominating Briess for the award, Propson noted that management and co-workers alike offered personal support to her and her family when she was deployed twice between 2000-2010, first to Kosovo and more recently to Iraq.

"The Army has several values," Propson explained about the decision to nominate Briess for the award, "loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. I see those same values with owner Monica (Briess), through management to the employees who work for Briess Malt & Ingredients Co."

Receipt of the "Patriotic Employer" award put Briess in the running for the "Above and Beyond Award". Briess became one of nine Wisconsin companies to receive that award, which made Briess a candidate for the "Pro Patria" award. Only three employers in the State of Wisconsin received the "Pro Patria" award. Nationwide, 133 employers received Pro Patria awards from an initial pool of 3,236 nominees.

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