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## The Distinguished Service Awards Names Intelligent Waves LLC Veteran Owned Business of the Year; Alan Salisbury, Major General (Ret) Lifetime Achievement Award

The Distinguished Service Awards honor service to veterans within the Greater Washington Business community

Tysons Corner, Virginia – The Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Northern Virginia Chamber) have named Aptive Resources the Veteran Owned Business of the Year, Maturing, and Intelligent Waves LLC, Veteran Owned Business of the Year, Established, during this morning's 2021 Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) held at the Army Navy Country Club.

Created to honor individuals, companies, and non-profit organizations for their service to veterans in the Greater Washington business community, the DSA are presented in recognition of community stewardship and business leadership in the following categories: **Veteran-Owned Business of the Year**, **Veteran Service Organization of the Year**, and **Veteran Employee of the Year**.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner and DSA Keynote Speaker was **Alan Salisbury**, **Major General (Ret)**, **Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Code of Support Foundation**, an organization dedicated to bridging the gap between civilian and military America and providing critical support to military service members, veterans and military families. He retired from the United States Army where, as a Major General, he commanded the Army's Information Systems Engineering Command, a world-wide organization of more than 4500 computer scientists, communications and systems engineers responsible for the development, acquisition, installation and support of state-of-the-art information systems.



"Our Northern Virginia veteran businesses continuously demonstrate their importance to our Greater Washington D.C. business community. It is an honor to recognize their achievements and contributions through the 2021 Distinguished Service Awards. Congratulations to this year's winners and finalists," said Julie Coons, Northern Virginia Chamber president and CEO.

## Winners of the 2021 DSA:

Veteran Owned Business of the Year, Maturing: Aptive Resources

Veteran Owned Business of the Year, Established: Intelligent Waves LLC

Veteran Employee of the Year:

- Tim Bayliss, Government Tactical Solutions
- Charles Miles, PenFed Credit Union

Veteran Service Organization of the Year: Our Military Kids

More information on the DSA can be found here.

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## **About the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce**

Originally founded in 1925 as a Fairfax county-focused business advocacy organization, the Northern Virginia Chamber has grown into the region's largest Chamber of Commerce, drawing members and impacting policy across the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan Region. Today, representing close to 500,000 employees, the diversity of our community is one of our greatest assets, offering opportunities to learn from one another and form personal connections that help guide lasting business growth.

The Chamber's goal is to be considered not only a business partner but also an agent of change for our members. We do this through our work in government advocacy, education through events and programs, networking, promotion of member businesses, and recognition through awards. We are proud to have worked together over these many years to build a meaningful association that enriches our community and look forward to continuing that good work.

For more information, visit <u>www.novachamber.org.</u>