

Boston Military Group Honors American Airlines for Its Long-Standing Support of U.S. Armed Forces

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Award Recognizes Local AA Employees for Dedication to Active Military, Veterans

BOSTON, March 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (AHAC), the oldest chartered military organization in North America, will recognize American Airlines and its Boston-based employees for their service to U.S. armed forces.

American will receive a special award on Saturday, March 21, during AHAC's Ancients USO Night, its annual fund-raiser benefitting the USO New England. The charity gala will take place at the National Guard Armory in Lexington, Mass.

"We remain humbled and in awe of the sacrifices our veterans and active military make in service to our country," said Jim Moses, American's General Manager at Logan International Airport. "These men and women are true heroes, and all of our efforts to support the military and their families is our way of saying thank you for their courage and dedication."

American's 1,900 Boston-based employees, along with their colleagues across the airline's system, support members of the military, veterans and their families, in their communities and when they travel. Special travel benefits include waived baggage fees, discounts on leisure travel, early boarding, preferred seating upgrades when available, Admirals Clubs admission for qualifying active members of the military, and travel sponsorship for Medal of Honor Recipients to their annual awards program.

American and its regional affiliate, American Eagle, offer military members and veterans about 70 daily departures to 20 destinations (including seasonal service) throughout North America, the Caribbean and Europe.

At American's Logan Airport facilities, qualifying active members of the military receive access to the Admirals Club located in Terminal B, near Gate B-36. In the club, soldiers can enjoy amenities such as:

- PCs with high-speed Internet access;
- Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi access
- Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks, juices and light snacks, in addition to bar services and food for purchase

- Flat panel televisions, telephones, printer, copier and fee-based fax service;
- Assistance from Admirals Club representatives with ticketing, re-booking flights or upgrades

"It is a privilege and an honor for all of us here in Boston to serve our veterans and active service men and women," Moses said. "When they fly American Airlines, we want to do everything we can to recognize their bravery and service, which makes it possible for all of us to live in a free society."

In 2008, an American Boeing 757 and 737 were unveiled, with the tails of the two aircraft proudly sporting yellow-ribbon decals and the slogan, "In support of all who serve," on their fuselages. These two planes, along with a dedicated American Eagle ATR aircraft, are currently in service and are a daily reminder of American's commitment to all of the troops currently serving the United States, as well as the thousands of American Airlines and American Eagle employees who are veterans or active service members.

In addition, American Airlines supports veterans and members of the military through a variety of programs and events throughout the year, including American's Huey 091 Foundation, Sky Ball, Seats for Soldiers with the Dallas Mavericks, Snowball Express and others.

As the official airline of Snowball Express - a non-profit organization established to provide fun and memorable experiences for the children and spouses of fallen military heroes - American Airlines flew nearly 1,400 children and spouses from throughout the United States to Orange County, Calif., on Dec. 16, 2009, for the third annual event.