



YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW--U. S. Army Major Dave Morland, left, commends MTA for supporting the extended call to duty of Metro Clean supervisor, Reservist Capt. Glenn Sanders. Pictured are, from left, Morland, Sanders, Metro Clean Manager Pete Serdienis, and Quality Assurance Superintendent Mike Stange. PHOTO BY BILL HEARD

U.S. Army Salutes MTA for Employer Support of Reservist Called to Duty

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(Dec. 26) When Army Reservist Captain Glenn Sanders, an equipment service supervisor for Metro Clean, was called to service last April in support of national defense, the MTA was asked to sacrifice the services of a good employee for an extended period of time.

But like a good soldier, the MTA did not hesitate to perform its patriotic duty, even though it cost the Metro Clean operation the loss of a supervisor for nearly five months.

The United States Army returned the salute on Dec. 20 by presenting a certificate of appreciation to MTA for employer support of the National Guard and Reserve.

For 139 days, Capt. Sanders held down the fort at the Army Reserve Center in Sherman Oaks helping with the massive logistics of the training and operations for three Kosovo missions, five annual trainings, and two missions supporting active duty forces in Washington.

Although a field artillery officer, Sanders filled in as the assistant operations and planning officer, a key position desperately needed at the short-staffed center to keep the Army Reserve battalion ready to support the nation's peace-keeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia as well as train for future operations.

In presenting the certificate on Dec. 20, U.S. Army Major Dave Moreland, commander of the 420th Movement Control Battalion, said the honors are given in appreciation of employers who allow reservists to contribute to national defense for an extended period of

time. Accepting for the MTA were Quality Assurance Superintendent Mike Stange and Stops & Zones Manager Pete Serdienis.

Back on the job, Sanders deploys up to 72 community service workers a day to clean bus stops, buses, terminals, and inactive rail right-of-ways throughout Los Angeles County.

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