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Local Veteran Honored with Prestigious Association of the United States Army Award

Organizer for Folds of Honor of Northwest Indiana was recently presented with the Lieutenant General Timothy J. Maude Award on behalf of soldier welfare.

(Northwest Indiana...July 2019) Robert (Bob) Carnagey of Hobart, IN recently was honored with the Lieutenant General Timothy J. Maude Award, presented by the Indiana Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). AUSA is a nonprofit organization that supports the U.S. Army's active, guard and reserve, as well as army civilians, retirees and families.

The Lieutenant General Timothy J. Maude Award was conceived in 2003 in memory of Gen. Maude, who was the highest ranking officer killed in the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon. Gen. Maude was an Indianapolis native and a 3-star general who was known throughout his career for taking care of soldiers and army families. The award is presented annually for exceptional efforts on behalf soldier welfare.

"Bob Carnagey is an outstanding Soldier for Life who exemplifies service beyond the uniform. A Vietnam veteran, he continues to serve and to give back to his community, particularly to those who wear the uniform of our country and their families. He is a great addition to the long line of recipients of this prestigious award, which has been presented to generals and senators. The Indiana Chapter of the AUSA is proud to add Bob Carnagey's name to that list," says W. Douglas Gibbens, Command Sgt Major, U.S. Army (Ret) and region 2 president of the AUSA.

Carnagey's efforts to help those in need began in the Vietnam War. During his deployment in Saigon, where food and clothing were hard to come by—especially for children, Bob coordinated the efforts with the 9th Infantry Division for food and clothing drives for the children living in an orphanage near where the unit was stationed. For his work and achievements, Carnagey earned a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.

After the war, Carnagey folded up his uniform and set out on a 40-year business career focusing on high-tech sales and management for business systems as the vice president of a worldwide sales organization. He is the father of two sons and grandfather of two grand-daughters. Continuing his work with local youth, Bob was also a high school football referee for 44 years.

After the events of September 11 and the subsequent wars, Carnagey saw the many needs of the nation's soldiers which weren't being met. With the assistance of the Indiana National Guard and Family Express Corporation, he spearheaded the local chapter of Folds of Honor. Folds of Honor - Northwest Indiana raises

funds for the Folds of Honor Foundation which provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of America's fallen and wounded soldiers. He works to bring awareness to the cause and to raise funds for these life-changing scholarships through yearly car shows, golf outings and festivals. Under his leadership, the local chapter has raised more than \$160,000, providing 30+ years of academic scholarships.

As a member of the board of directors of the Northwest Indiana Society of Human Resource Management, Carnagey helps National Guardsmen with job assistance and retiring full-time service members and veterans in finding full-time employment.

"Bob is clearly one of the most caring, loyal and generous men (in addition to being a combat veteran), that I've ever met," says Lt. Col. John E. Pitt of the Indiana National Guard.

Every January, Carnagey organizes a reunion dinner for the Indiana National Guard's 713th Engineer Company (based out of Valparaiso, IN) to honor the Sapper Six—members of the unit who were killed in action during an arduous and emotional deployment in 2012. Also serving as the event coordinator for the annual Sapper Six Memorial Festival & Motorcycle Run in Valparaiso, Carnagey raises funds for the Sapper Six's Gold Star families and for the unit's morale, welfare and recreation.

"His generosity is only surpassed by his genuine care for those in uniform. Mr. Carnagey will move heaven and earth to help a soldier in distress, and does so without expecting anything in return." says CPT Shaun Barclay, deputy director of public works for the Indiana Army National Guard.

Carnagey has also served as the commander of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #17 in Hammond, IN and is currently the 1st junior vice commander of the State of Indiana's DAV board of directors, acting as their treasurer and director of the finance committee. For many years, Bob worked with the Veteran Treatment Court in Porter County as their lead mentor. He also works with Frank J. Mrvan, North Township Trustee, to help local veterans in need.

About Folds of Honor: One of the million-plus dependents adversely affected by deployments, nearly nine out of ten do not qualify for federal scholarship assistance. Since 2007, Folds of Honor has carried forth this singular, noble mission: to provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members. Our motto says it best: Honor Their Sacrifice. Educate Their Legacy. For more information, please visit fohnwi.com.