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Loudoun County Chamber to Host 30th Annual Valor Awards at West Belmont Place
Local heroes to be honored for bravery and courage

LEESBURG, Va., April 2, 2015— The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce will host the 30th Annual Valor Awards at West Belmont Place (18980 Upper Belmont Pl., Leesburg, Va. 20176), an events center with the largest ballroom in Northern Virginia, on Friday, April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Chamber will honor 21 local heroes from public safety personnel to ordinary citizens for their courageous, often lifesaving actions in 2014. And, because this is the 30th anniversary, current and past honorees will be acknowledged.

“We are always humbled to be sponsors of this outstanding event,” explained Geoff Lawson, vice president and general manager of The National Conference Center and West Belmont Place. “As a company that’s heavily invested in our community, we are thrilled to be part of this worthwhile salute to so many extraordinary individuals.”

A record number of eight Meritorious Civilian Awards will be handed out this year. In addition, Leesburg Police Sergeant Mark Davis and Officer Alex Hamilton will receive this year’s highest honors, the Bronze Medal of Valor, for their heroic actions to disarm a gunman who was threatening himself and the officer’s safety. Other stories of those being honored this year include the lifesaving co-workers of a researcher who suffered cardiac arrest at Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The quick thinking co-workers saved the researcher’s life by performing first aid (CPR and the use of AED). The wife of a Loudoun County Fire Chief is being honored for saving her husband when he suffered a cardiac event. One of the most interesting honorees is an astute office manager for a financial advisory firm who provided invaluable help to police in assisting in locating an elderly client who had been kidnapped and was being extorted by her handyman.

Past award recipient’s stories are equally amazing and many of the past recipients will also be in attendance and will be recognized.

“It has been a privilege for the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce to honor our heroic first responders and citizens for their heroic actions and sacrifices to keep our community safe over the past 30 years,” stated Chamber President Tony Howard. “We are also grateful to our sponsor West Belmont Place for providing the perfect venue for bringing together the business community, local citizens and our heroic first responders.” The beautiful campus that West Belmont Place is situated on also provides the ideal location for attending first responders to park their vehicles including fire trucks and ambulances.

Cost to attend the event is \$75 in advance for members, \$110 in advance for non-members, \$65 for first responders. There’s an additional fee of \$10 at the door. For more information on tickets and sponsorships visit www.loudouchamber.org (click on “Events” and “Valor”).

More about West Belmont Place

Located in Northern Virginia 12 miles from Dulles International Airport and 35 miles from Washington, D.C., with a 16,500 square foot ballroom, West Belmont Place is the largest ballroom and events center in Northern Virginia. In 2013, West Belmont Place was named Best Venue by the International Special Events Society. With its adjacent sister property, the National Conference Center, the property provides the perfect venue for weddings, special events and trade shows as well as corporate meetings. The National is one of the largest and most comprehensive conference centers in the nation with 917 guest rooms and over 250,000 square feet of meeting and group function space. The National Conference Center and West Belmont Place are owned by NCC PS Enterprises LLC, a venture between PCCP, LLC and Stoneleigh Capital, LLC., which retained LaKota Hotels & Resorts to oversee all aspects of the day-to-day operations. For information call 800-640-2684 or visit www.conferencecenter.com.

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