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FINANCIAL PARTNERS CREDIT UNION SUPERVISOR RECEIVES PATRIOT AWARD

May 16, 2019 - Downey, CA - Gerald Daniels, Director of the Member Contact Center at Financial Partners Credit Union, received the Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR), a Department of Defense program. Daniels was nominated for this award by his employee, Sergeant Mayra Ortega, who wanted her supervisor to be recognized for his continued support of her service in the Army.

“I have had a few different jobs since I joined the Army as a Reservist 11 years ago, and before Financial Partners Credit Union, most of my supervisors were unsupportive of my obligations and requests for time off as a service member. One employer even told me I was an inconvenience,” Ortega said during the presentation ceremony. “Gerald not only has been completely supportive of my commitment but also kept in contact with me during my 12-month deployment overseas.”

Captain Bell, representing the ESGR, presented Daniels with the Patriot Award certificate and lapel pin from the department of defense.

In addition to the Patriot Award, Scott Collins, district representative to State Senator Bob Archuleta, presented Daniels with a Certificate of Recognition. City of Downey Councilmember Alex Saab presented both Daniels and Ortega certificates on behalf of the City of Downey, where Financial Partners Credit Union is headquartered. Former Downey Mayor, FPCU Board Member, and Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Army Mark Esper, Mario Guerra presented both Daniels and Ortega with certificates from the Secretary of the Army and a special collector coin in recognition for their support and service.

“We are so proud Gerald was recognized for his strong commitment to our employees,” said Nader Moghaddam, President and CEO of Financial Partners Credit Union. “This is a wonderful representation of our core values and gives life to our philosophy of “people helping people” and is even more meaningful given we were supporting an employee who is literally putting her life on the line for all of us and our way of life.”

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