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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD GIVEN TO PALMYRA RESIDENT

Adams Honored for Contributions and Service on Behalf of U.S. Veterans

Atlantic City, N.J. – Palmyra resident and U.S. veteran Bryan Adams was honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) with the organization's "William H. Thomas 'Citizen of the Year' Award", the highest award for a regular citizen that the organization presents.

George P. Christie, president of PANJ, praised Adams for his contributions to humanitarian and charitable causes as well as his exemplary military service.

"Bryan knows better than anyone about keeping our community safe and secure. His contributions to the veteran and service member community demonstrate his commitment to bettering the situation of the men and women of the U.S. military," said Christie. "This award perfectly signifies the passion and sense of duty Bryan shows to supporting his fellow citizens"

A graduate of Palmyra High School, Bryan Adams joined the U.S. Army shortly after the events of September 11th. After receiving a Purple Heart during Operation Iraqi Freedom II and coming home to attend college, Adams founded Veterans for Education, a successful student veteran organization at Rutgers University. His organization helped to implement the Service Members Opportunity College at Rutgers, which awards former and active service members for their military training and experience. Veterans for Education also established the first and only military and veterans' scholarship at Rutgers University. Bryan is currently a nationally publicized advocate for the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, the country's largest non-profit for veterans of those wars.

This year's 69th annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute, "Net-Working: The New Frontier", deals with new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age. At the gathering, outstanding leaders among probation officers and court supervisors as well as Assemblyman Thomas Giblin received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders in addition to serving and leading their respective divisions.

With an estimated 139,000 adults and 20,000 juveniles under probation system, New Jersey is the nation's ninth largest adult probation system. There are approximately 2,800 probation officers and supervisors in New Jersey.