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Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Honors Staab Funeral Home

(Springfield, IL)... The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) named Staab Funeral Home as recipient of the Illinois Veterans' Business and Appreciation Award for the Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2017. The Award was presented today at the Staab Funeral Home location in Springfield, Illinois. The Illinois Veterans' Business Appreciation Award highlights and honors the work of any business or organization in Illinois that has significantly helped veterans, and whose contributions to those who have served our country, are documented and deserve to be recognized. This award is designed to highlight and honor those businesses or organizations that go above and beyond the regular call of service to support veterans. Nominees are evaluated on the basis of their leadership, dedication, innovation, and impact in serving these heroes.

For more than 80 years, the Staab Family has proudly served the greater Springfield Illinois communities, including the brave men and women who have served and sacrificed to maintain our freedom. The Staab Family have worked with veterans in fundraising, design of various Memorials and veterans parks, including the Purple Heart Memorial at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, IL. The family financially supports the Honor Flight Program and hosts the annual "Ride in Honor" motorcycle ride with funds raised to support various local Veterans memorials.

"The Staab Family have not forgotten the veteran or active duty service member. And they are reminding our youth of our military's sacrifice and keeping our nation's history alive by supporting the Illinois World War II Classroom Project. This is a well-deserved award for a family who works to honor all veterans every day of the year," said **Director Erica Jeffries**, Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The Illinois Veterans' Patriotic Business and Appreciation Award will be awarded quarterly from the nominations received. The business of the year will be selected from the four businesses awarded the Illinois Patriotic Business and Appreciation Award. The Business selected will be honored at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Illinois on August 13, 2017.

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The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, a state agency is dedicated to empowering veterans, as well as their dependents and survivors, to thrive. We do this by helping veterans navigate the complex veteran support system and assisting them in obtaining benefits; by providing long term health care for eligible veterans at our four Veterans' Homes; and by working with other government agencies and non-profits to help veterans address education, mental health, housing, employment, and other challenges.