

## Ascension Receives DOD Patriot Award



Ascension president, Ernie Blood, left, receives the Department of Defense's Patriot Award, from David Wheel of the DOD's Reserve and Guard Support Agency. Ascension was nominated for support given to one of its employees, Shauna Hauser, an Army reservist currently serving her second tour in Iraq.

**BURLINGTON, VERMONT; April 30, 2009:** Ascension Technology Corporation (Milton, VT) has received the Department of Defense's Patriot Award in recognition of its support for a deployed employee, Shauna Hauser. In a recent ceremony at its Catamount Industrial Park facility, President Ernie Blood accepted the award from David Wheel, executive director of the Vermont office of DOD's Reserve and Guard Support Agency.

Ms. Hauser is a project manager at Ascension and a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, who began her second deployment to Iraq in the fall of 2008. She is scheduled to return to Vermont late this year. A graduate of West Point, Ms. Hauser has been employed at Ascension since 2007.

DOD's Reserve and Guard Agency provides liaison and support between civilian employers and their employees, who might be called to active duty due to Reserve or National Guard commitments. In cases in which there is conflict between employer and employee needs, the Agency provide information, consultation and mediation services.

In the award's citation, Ascension was singled out for "recognizing and supporting our country's service members and their families" in time of war as well as peace.

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