

Dinner in Appreciation and Support of our Military

The Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Military Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Lebanon VA Medical Center's Patriot Café located at 1700 S. Lincoln Ave., Lebanon. The dinner will feature keynote speaker Brigadier General Jerry G. Beck, Jr. (Ret.) providing an update on the "Status of the Pennsylvania State Veterans Affairs." General Beck is the former Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and is currently serving as the Deputy Adjutant General - Veterans Affairs.

Other highlights of the evening include the presentation of the Chamber's 2014 General Frank Smoker Beyond the Call Award to SkyLimit Marketing and an exclusive tour of the VA Medical Center.

The General Frank Smoker Beyond the Call Award is given annually to a Chamber Member for their exceptional support of members of the armed services and their families. SkyLimit Marketing has donated marketing services, and for the past seven years the company's president, Jack Cantwell, has contributed countless personal hours to the Central Pennsylvania Sup-



Jack Cantwell, recipient of the General Frank Smoker Beyond the Call Award.

ports the Troops organization. Central Pennsylvania Supports the Troops sends packages to any member of the military based in Iraq or Afghanistan. Jack shared "My marketing and PR work for Central Pennsylvania Supports the Troops has been a 7 year labor of love. I served my country in Korea (Army ASA) and experienced first-hand the morale uplift you get when a package from home arrives. This charity gives me an opportunity

to "give back". SkyLimit Marketing, serving as their marketing and publicity company, was instrumental in helping the organization raise money to cover the costs of mailing thousands of goodwill and morale boosting packages to the deployed troops.

Known as the event where the Lebanon Valley business community says thank you to our veterans, active military members, and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the evening will commence with registration and a VA tour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m., and the program at 6:45 p.m. The evening will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations are required and there is a cost of \$20 for active military and veterans, \$22 for Chamber members, and \$27 for non-members. Reservations can be made online at www.lvchamber.org, or by contacting the Chamber at (717) 273-3727.

The Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce has been actively serving and representing their member businesses and their community for over 95 years.