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DESERT STORM SUPPORT

CHARLESTON, IL--Sergeant Dan Carpenter of the Army National Guard's 1544th Transportation Unit in Paris recently presented Eastern Illinois University with a Department of Defense certificate of appreciation for the University's support of the unit personnel during Operation Desert Storm.

Accepting the award were James Pacino, assistant vice president for human resources at Eastern, and Pat Hill, employment and benefits manager.

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An EIU physical plant employee, Carpenter spent five and one-half months in Saudia Arabia as part of "Operation Desert Storm." He recommended Eastern's Human Resources Department staff for the award based on their exemplary support of the National Guardsmen and Reservists at EIU who were called to duty in Saudia Arabia.

Carpenter said he and others from Eastern were kept well informed of how their employment would be affected during all phases of their deployment. While in Saudia Arabia, Carpenter and fellow guardsmen also received personal letters from many of the Human Resources staff.

The award was issued by the U.S. Department of Defense National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves.