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B&W Pantex Receives Veterans Award *Pantex honored by VFW for hiring vets*

B&W Pantex has been named the 2012 Employer of the Year by the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars for its exemplary efforts to hire and support veterans. Pantex representatives were presented the award Thursday at the VFW state convention in Addison.

“B&W Pantex is strongly committed to supporting the brave men and women who have fought to protect our freedom,” said B&W Pantex General Manager John Woolery. “Because of the work we do to help secure America, Pantexans have always felt a connection those who have served in our military.”

Marshall Green, a Texas Veterans Commission representative who nominated the company for the award in the large business category, said B&W Pantex not only hires large numbers of vets, but is actively involved in programs that help and honor those who have served. Programs include sponsorship of veteran job fairs, Armed Forces and Veterans Day celebrations and establishing internal programs that make it easier for those who have served to join the workforce at Pantex.

“Pantex has always been a big, big supporter of our efforts to help veterans find work, and we greatly appreciate it,” Green said. “Pantex is always willing to go above and beyond for veterans.”

Of the approximately 3,400 people who work at Pantex, nearly 900, or 26 percent, are veterans. That number shows that B&W Pantex not only supports veterans, but recognizes what veterans can do for a company, said John D. McKinny, Texas VFW state employment chairman.

“Hiring veterans is not just good for the country, it’s good for business,” McKinny said. “I think our veterans make very good employees, and it’s good to see companies like Pantex that recognize their worth.”

B&W Pantex manages and operates the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas, for the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration. B&W Pantex is also the proud recipient of the DOE’s Voluntary Protection Program STAR status for safety excellence. The company was also named one of America’s safest companies by Occupational Hazards magazine and has received numerous awards from the National Safety Council.