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Ivan Bolden Receives Association of Defense Communities Award for Military Leadership

June 10, 2019, Washington, D.C. —Ivan Bolden, Chief of Army Partnerships for the United States Army, has been honored with the Military Leadership Award from the Association of Defense Communities (ADC). Mike Reese, chairman of Fort Polk Progress, La., presented the award to Bolden in a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., at the 2019 Defense Communities National Summit.

With an active-duty and civilian Army career spanning 45 years, Bolden has demonstrated exemplary leadership through his work of supporting more than 25 army installations and their communities.

Bolden spearheaded the Army's Community Partnership and Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) Programs, which have developed partnerships between active Army, National Guard, installations, and defense communities. These partnerships have reaped benefits for both the Army and defense communities, including enhanced readiness, cost savings, and increased access to land assets to meet civilian community goals.

"Bolden has made a true difference as a champion of Army community partnership," said ADC President Bill Parry. "Many of our defense communities have benefitted from his expertise and vision."

Bolden has promoted successful partnerships across both the DOD enterprise and defense communities nationwide. He founded the Joint Services Partnership Committee to increase collaboration between the services. He also was instrumental in working with Congress to amend 10 USC 2670, extending IGSA term limits from 5 to 10 years and creating incentives toward defense community partnerships.

"The successes we have achieved in the Fort Polk region with IGSA's are a direct result of the personal attention and confidence that [Bolden] placed in our community partners," said Mike Reese, chairman of Fort Polk Progress. "His actions and selfless desire to promote partnerships will have a permanent and lasting effect on building and sustaining our defense communities across the nation."

ADC (defensecommunities.org) builds resilient communities that support America's military. It is the nation's leading association representing communities and states with a significant military presence and their partner organizations. It unites the diverse interests of communities, states, the private sector and the military on issues such as protecting defense infrastructure, community-military partnerships, defense real estate, mission growth, base redevelopment, and support for military families and veterans.

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