

To: All Active, Life & Professional Members
From: Frank V. Rotondo, GACP Executive Director
Re: Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom
Date: January 25, 2010

A GACP praiseworthy initiative, which started 5 years ago under the leadership of one of our past presidents, Louis M. Dekmar, and our Military Affairs Chairman, US Army Colonel Ronnie D. Alton (Ret), is to honor those brave men and women who serve two masters - our law enforcement community AND the US Armed Services. This successful GACP recognition program, "Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom," has been firmly embraced by all of our Presidents since its inception in the year 2004.

This recognition program was established by GACP to honor our returning veterans from operations overseas who returned as or became a police officer in the state of Georgia. If a returning military veteran served honorably in any of the turbulent operations overseas and then joined or rejoined a Georgia city police force, then he/she would be eligible for a Certificate of Recognition from GACP. He/she would also be presented with a lapel pin that could be worn on the police uniform to indicate dedicated service and bravery in these various overseas operations. These operations (**wars and conflicts**, as well) include, but are not limited to, Desert Storm/Desert Shield Gulf War, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and most currently, Operation Cobra's Anger (Afghanistan). Police Chiefs, after verifying honorable service, can request these certificates and pins from the GACP Executive Director for local presentation to the officers.

Appreciation to those who qualify comes in the form of a "Certificate of Gratitude," that is signed by the recipient's chief executive officer, along with the signature of the GACP Executive Director who serves as the representative of the GACP Executive Board. Each recipient also receives a specially designed "GACP/United States Armed Services" lapel pin to symbolize his/her service to our country and to show that he/she was deployed to a tumultuous region of the World. This award is available for all dual-serving law enforcement officers, police, sheriffs, corrections, et cetera, as well as any chief executive officer who meets our criteria.

Please contact our office via email at info@gachiefs.com, or telephone us at 770-495-9650, with your needs associated with this distinguished award. We encourage your participation in this no cost appreciation program.