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Windstream named gold-level Military Friendly employer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 09, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions, has received a [Gold-Level Military Friendly](#)® Employer award from Victory Media, originator of the family of Military Friendly® Employer and Military Friendly® Schools resources for veterans and their families.

The award provides a competitive view of how well employers and other organizations support the military community within their respective organization compared to their peers, according to Victory Media.

"Windstream is proud to receive this Military Friendly Gold award because we are committed to helping veterans transition to the civilian workforce," said John Fletcher, chief human resource officer, executive vice president and general counsel of Windstream.

"We share similar values with veterans - like accountability, collaboration, agility and respect," Fletcher said. "Veterans bring a unique mindset and skillset to what we do at Windstream. They have the leadership, commitment to task, and technical skills that we need."

Windstream stepped up its military hiring program in 2015, hiring Angel Ramos, a retired command sergeant major, to lead the effort.

"Making the transition from the structure and familiarity of the military lifestyle is one of the biggest obstacles veterans face," Ramos said. "At Windstream, veterans are welcomed into a culture that emphasizes the teamwork and family-oriented environment they are looking for."

The 2017 Gold-Level Military Friendly® Employer designation reflects Victory Media's assessment of Windstream's ability to meet thresholds in six areas: military employment application, hiring, turnover, promotion and advancement rates, and National Guard and Reserve policies.

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, businesses, enterprise organizations and wholesale customers across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. The company also provides data, cloud solutions, unified communications and managed services to business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 129,000 miles. Additional information is available at windstream.com. Please visit our newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream).

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