

Flags of Valor honored by U.S. Chamber of Commerce as 2019 Dream Big Awards Veteran-Owned Business Achievement Winner

*Finalists Recognized at CO—Washington, DC, a Summit for Small and Growing
Businesses*

Flags of Valor — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce awarded Flags of Valor from Ashburn, VIRGINIA with the 2019 Dream Big Awards Veteran-Owned Business Achievement during its annual Dream Big Awards Celebration, presented by MetLife. The annual awards ceremony celebrates the achievements of small businesses and honors their contributions to America's economic growth.

“We are incredibly proud of our entire team's commitment to our mission of remembering, employing, and empowering our heroes. This award is a humble reminder to us and all our combat veteran craftsmen of just how important their work is to our community, American manufacturing, and veteran causes.” - *Joe Shamess - Co-Founder & Owner*

The *2019 Dream Big Awards Veteran-Owned Business Achievement Award* recognizes a veteran-owned, small business that has attained outstanding business achievement and exemplifies contributions made by veteran-owned businesses in the country.

Award winners were selected by a panel of judges from nineteen finalists in consideration for each of the six *Business Achievement Awards* and the one *Dream Big Small Business of the Year Award*. All finalists were also eligible for the *Community Excellence Award*, which was decided through online public voting.

“The Dream Big Awards celebrate the very best in American small business – the innovators, risk takers, dreamers, and doers who contribute to our country's growth and prosperity,” said Tom Sullivan, U.S. Chamber vice president of small business policy. “The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is proud to honor small businesses across the country who embody the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. Thank you for all you do, and congratulations to Strata-G and all of our award finalists.”

Award winners were announced at the Dream Big Awards Celebration on Wednesday, October 16 in Washington, D.C. as part of the 2019 CO—Summit for Small and Growing Businesses, which took place at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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Since its start in 2015, Flags of Valor (FOV) grew from a two person garage operation to a nationally heralded veteran manufacturing company. Founded by two veteran special operations pilots, FOV specializes in hand built wooden products that showcase American values. At its

creation, they dedicated Flags of Valor to being American made, empowering veteran hands, and robustly giving back to charity.

In less than four years they've proven this commitment by creating more than 55 veteran jobs, raising \$1,030,000 for veteran and first responder charities, and delivering over 83,000 hours of American manufacturing labor.

The founders shared a fundamental belief that the nation's war veterans are one of its greatest resources. Each of them entered military service lacking the technical skills of their military specialty, however they learned quickly and adapted to diverse environments. They've witnessed these strengths transferred to industry. A strong empathy for the veteran journey led them to purposely pursue the most troubled veterans who are dealing with Post Traumatic Stress or physical disabilities from their military service. The environment at Flags Of Valor serves as a sanctuary for them...a place where they can convert raw materials into beautiful works of art. Flags of Valor built a culture where camaraderie, shared mission, and love of country resonates deeply with every teammate.