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Daniels, Flatt Awarded Patrick Henry Award

One of the most prestigious awards given to civilians by the National Guard Association of the United States was recently presented to Mr. Charlie Daniels and Mr. Clark Flatt.

The Patrick Henry Award is designed to provide recognition to local officials and civic leaders, who in a position of great responsibility distinguished themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or NGAUS. An individual must have distinguished him/herself over an extended period of time in their support of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or NGAUS.

Country Music legend Charlie Daniels has distinguished himself over numerous years by his untiring dedication to our nation's military. Traveling all over the world to entertain American troops has been a mainstay of Mr. Daniels touring schedule over the past several years. Charlie and the Charlie Daniels Band have performed in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Korea, Kosovo, and Germany, to name but a few. A true patriot and Tennessee Volunteer, Daniels recognizes the contribution of our military at the more than 150 concerts he performs each year.

Clark Flatt is the founder and President of The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI), an organization dedicated to the prevention of the "Silent Epidemic" of youth suicide through educational and awareness programs that equip young people, educators/youth workers and parents with the tools and resources to help identify and assist at-risk youth.

In 2011, JFI and the Tennessee National Guard partnered with E4 Health to initiate Guard Your Buddy, a program that gives the men, women, and families in the Tennessee National Guard constant access to critical life resources, on-demand counseling, and on-call suicide prevention. The Guard Your Buddy project is designed to enhance the excellent resources already in place for the Tennessee National Guard.

"Both Charlie and Clark's contributions to our Tennessee National Guard and our total armed forces are immeasurable," said Maj. Gen. Max Haston, Tennessee's Adjutant General. "Their tireless dedication, support and devotion to our Soldiers and Airmen can never be repaid. They both have saved and changed the lives of our Tennessee Soldiers and Airmen."

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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

1418A - Daniels: *Music legend Charlie Daniels is awarded the National Guard Association of the United States "Patrick Henry Award" by Maj. Gen. Max Haston, Tennessee's Adjutant General. The award is presented for outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or NGAUS.*

0889-Flatt: *Mr. Clark Flatt, President and CEO of the Jason Foundation is awarded the National Guard Association of the United States "Patrick Henry Award" by Maj. Gen. Steve Danner, Chairman of the Board of NGAUS. The award is presented for outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or NGAUS.*