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## **Top Donors to ARM Vets Charity Receive Honors in DC** *Inaugural Awards Ceremony Held to Recognize the Most Generous*

**Collingswood, NJ:** As [CNN has previously reported](#) , it's no secret that suicides among veterans have been estimated to number at least 22 per day, or that financial pressures associated with returning to civilian life are undoubtedly a partial driver of these sobering statistics.

To recognize those companies working to reverse this trend, last Wednesday evening ARming Heroes ([www.armingheroes.org](http://www.armingheroes.org)), the collection industry's charity for military veterans, held its first-ever awards ceremony in Washington, DC, to honor ARM industry firms for their commitment to helping veterans struggling with financial difficulties.

The purpose of the event was to raise awareness of the needs of military veterans facing collection problems [like these past grant recipients](#). Last year, the ARming Heroes [charities raised more than \\$50,000](#) during its fourth annual No Debts for Vets Charity Fundraising Drive, and as a result, close to 30 grants were awarded to struggling military vets.

TECH LOCK was given an award to mark its [2014 Force Multiplier designation in the Data Security & Compliance category](#), a designation that can be given to only one company per category in any given year. Also, *2014 Appreciation Awards* were given to National Credit Services and Pioneer Credit Recovery to honor their efforts to raise money for military veterans facing financial difficulties.

The highest honor awarded on this night was a [2014 Corey Davis Award given to Coast Professional](#) for going above and beyond the call of duty to raise money for military veterans. As previously announced, the company raised more than \$10,000 for veterans last year in a very short period of time. This award is named in honor of Stephen "Corey" Davis, who sacrifices for our country and past difficulties are described on the ARming Heroes [website](#).

"We are so honored to be able to work with ARming Heroes," said Everett Stagg, President of Coast Professional. "The work that they are doing on behalf of the men and women who have given so much to this country cannot be overstated. Our veterans have put everything on the line – their families, their jobs, their lives – to be able to protect the ideals that make America great. As a veteran myself, it is very important to me to find ways to give back to our troops in any way we can," Mr. Stagg concluded.



“I couldn’t be more proud of our employees,” added Brian Davis, CEO of Coast. “This particular cause hits very close to home for many of our staff,” continued Mr. Davis, “as they have family members who have served in the Armed Forces – or are veterans themselves. While philanthropy has always been a core value to the Coast family, it was amazing to witness our teams in action as they rallied to support ARMinG Heroes. We are deeply honored to accept this award, as it belongs to each and every employee at Coast.”

Photos taken at the event are available on the ARMinG Heroes website [here](#).

Although the charity’s flagship **No Debts for Vets Charity Fundraising Drive** runs from September 11<sup>th</sup> through Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> every year, tax-deductible donations are accepted at any time online at [www.armingheroes.org](http://www.armingheroes.org) and via mail to PO Box 353, Collingswood, NJ 08108, payable to ARMinG Heroes. Pledges may be made to [info@armingheroes.org](mailto:info@armingheroes.org). Any amounts pledged or donated will be applied to the 2014 drive.

#### **About Coast Professional**

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#### **About ARMinG Heroes**

ARMinG Heroes was founded and began operating in March, 2009. The organization’s mission is to serve the needs of U.S. military veterans, including their spouse and children. ARMinG Heroes fills a charitable niche by linking people identified with employment, credit, and financial counseling needs with the accounts receivable management industry, an industry uniquely poised to help in these areas. Persons interested in volunteering their time and others interested in applying for benefits or pledging other forms of support are encouraged to contact the organization at [www.armingheroes.org](http://www.armingheroes.org).

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