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North Shore Railroad Honored with Veterans Engagement Award

WASHINGTON – May 1, 2026 – Each year, the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRRA) highlights efforts to support veterans in the workplace and community and attract veterans through hiring practices. This year’s winner, North Shore Railroad, demonstrates noteworthy accomplishments in each of these categories, pairing highly visible community engagement with an equally strong commitment to the veterans within its own workforce. The company received the award at the ASLRRRA Annual Conference & Exhibition in Minneapolis, MN on April 13, 2026.

“The broader freight rail industry, including short lines, has long been a strong and reliable employer of veterans, offering a workplace where their skills and experience are truly valued,” said Chuck Baker, President of ASLRRRA. “Veterans bring an unwavering commitment to safety and mission execution, the resilience to take on demanding roles, and a depth of leadership and technical expertise that strengthens our industry. Through visible community engagement and a workplace culture that values veterans as leaders and teammates, North Shore Railroad shows a sustained dedication to servicemember employees that embodies the spirit of ASLRRRA’s Veterans Engagement Award.”

In 2024, North Shore Railroad unveiled two locomotives honoring military service and sacrifice: the Veterans Unit, LVRR 9052, painted camouflage tan with the phrase “ALL GAVE SOME,” and the Memorial Unit, LVRR 9050, painted battleship gray with “SOME GAVE ALL.” Beyond symbolism, the railroad has used these units to support veterans through fundraising excursions, raising \$32,000 for organizations such as Wreaths Across America, Heroes & Horses, Expedition Orange, and Lycoming County Hometown

Heroes. These efforts continue to expand through an application program that allows additional veterans groups to partner in fundraising events, while the locomotives themselves remain active in freight service, serving as daily reminders of the value of military service.

This commitment is reflected internally as well, with veterans making up 15% of the workforce and benefiting from strong retention and advancement opportunities, including long tenures and frequent promotions. North Shore Railroad also prioritizes recognition, dedicating the Veterans Unit locomotive to employee veterans, presenting them with commemorative items, and honoring them annually with gestures such as a Veterans Day moment of silence and company-wide tribute. Together, these efforts demonstrate a sustained, company-wide dedication to supporting and recognizing those who have served.

For more on ASLRRRA's Veteran's Engagement Award, and North Shore Railroad's efforts, click [here](#).

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