

Copart Honored as Stevie® Awards Winner in 2016 American Business Awards Competition

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DALLAS ([PRWEB](#)) July 05, 2016 -- Copart, Inc., a global online [vehicle auction](#) company, was named the winner of a Bronze Stevie® Award in the Veteran-Owned Business of the Year category in the 14th Annual American Business Awards.

Copart founder and Chairman of the Board, Willis Johnson, was drafted by the United States Army in 1966 to serve in Vietnam. At the end of his tour, he received a Purple Heart and a Medal of Merit for Heroism. Copart believes the sacrifice and selfless service of those who have served is not something that should go unnoticed.

“Many of the Copart leadership practices in place today were passed down from early leadership examples Willis used to tell me about 25 years ago,” said Jay Adair, CEO of Copart. “He has taught me many valuable lessons; always remember to set an example, follow a chain of command and be aware of your behavior.”

The award nomination concentrated on Copart’s charitable donations to veterans and their focus on recruiting and retaining veterans within the Copart Family.

“In war, if you made a mistake, people died, and in business if you don’t take care of your company, people lose their livelihoods,” said Willis Johnson. “The military instilled responsibility in me, and the war taught me how to make the best decisions for the people around me, not just for myself.”

The Stevie Awards receive more than 10,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 60 nations. This year’s awards were judged by more than 250 of the world’s most respected executives, entrepreneurs, innovators and business educators.

“We are honored to receive one of the world’s most coveted business awards. Our team strives to show appreciation and support those who protect our freedom,” said Adair. “On behalf of Copart, its employees and myself, I would like to congratulate all of the other companies on their nominations for their hard work and dedication to support military veterans.”

The nomination also mentioned Copart’s ongoing catastrophe relief efforts, the launch of the Copart CAT Team Mobile Command Center that aids in the recovery following natural disasters and the Internal Leadership Development Program that molds college graduates into future leaders at Copart.

“Very inspirational entry; great work giving back to the community,” said the judges in their comments.

Copart continues to support active duty soldiers and veterans through multiple events throughout the year, such as the Des Moines Ruck, Dream Rebuild, and [Veterans Day](#) videos that highlight veteran employees.

“The judges were extremely impressed with the quality of entries we received this year. The competition was intense and every organization that has won should be proud,” said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of



the Stevie Awards.

To learn more about Copart in the community, please visit <https://copartcommunity.com>.

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About the Stevie Awards:

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ABOUT COPART

Copart, founded in 1982, provides vehicle sellers with a full range of remarketing services to process and sell salvage and clean title vehicles to dealers, dismantlers, rebuilders, exporters and, in some states, to end users. Copart remarkets the vehicles through Internet sales using its VB3 technology. Copart sells vehicles on behalf of insurance companies, banks, finance companies, fleet operators, dealers, car dealerships and others as well as vehicles sourced from the general public. The company currently operates in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Germany, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and the Sultanate of Oman, Spain, the Republic of Ireland, and India. Copart links sellers to more than 750,000 Members in more than 150 countries worldwide through its multi-channel platform. In 2015, Copart was ranked at the top of Deloitte's "Exceptional 100" list of companies, which reviewed U.S. publicly traded companies based upon a multidimensional approach to measuring financial performance. For more information, or to become a Member, visit www.copart.com.

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