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The company and two of its employees were awarded the Patriot Award by the State of Michigan for Â“exemplary consideration and treatmentÂ” of its military reserve personnel. The award was presented by Brigadier General Thomas G. Cutler, 127th Wing Commander of the Michigan Air National Guard, in a recent ceremony at the companyÂ’s Warren headquarters.

David J. Spehar, program manager at TI AutomotiveÂ’s Chesterfield, Mich. facility, received the 2002 George W. Bush Award for outstanding achievement at a ceremony during the National Guard Association of the United StatesÂ’ annual conference in Long Beach, California. Spehar, who is a major in the Michigan Air National Guard, recently has been activated for duty.

In addition, TI Automotive was awarded the Â“State ChairmanÂ’s AwardÂ” from the Michigan Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, for which it was nominated by Major Spehar.

Â“TI Automotive is honored to receive these important awards,Â” said Rich Kolpasky, president, TI Automotive North America. Â“Our company has a long-standing tradition of supporting our country and our military in many ways.Â”

Kolpasky, who himself is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, added that Â“TI Automotive is extremely proud of employees who serve their country in such an important way, especially in these uncertain times. These awards are indicative of the caliber of the individuals who work for TI Automotive, their patriotism and their high level of commitment.Â”

TI Automotive is the worldÂ’s leading supplier of fluid storage, transfer and delivery systems including brake, fuel and air conditioning applications. Based in Warren, MI, the company employs over 21,000 people at more than 130 facilities in 29 countries on six continents. Further information about TI Automotive is available on the companyÂ’s website at www.tiautomotive.com.

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