

## **Kristin Balazs honored with Employer Patriot Award**

Congratulations to Kristin Balazs, a proficient Team Lead for Valuation Partners, who has been with the company for 4 ½ years.

Kristin was recognized by the U.S. Office of The Secretary of Defense with the award known as the Patriotic Employer Award, part of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program (ESGR). Kristin was nominated by Senior Airman Adam Pawlicki of the 180th Fighter Wing. Adam was employed with Valuation Partners for a short time before being deployed to service. *Please read below Airman Pawlicki's comments in nominating Kristin for this award.*

The Patriot Award is the first in ESGR's series of awards which reflects the efforts made by individual supervisors to support Citizen Warriors through a wide-range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families and granting leaves of absence if needed.

Thanks to Kristin, Valuation Partners is also recognized with other employers who support our country's Service members.

### **Airman Pawlicki's Comments:**

"Kristin is simply amazing. I have been employed with Valuation Partners for over 5 months. After the first month past, I was notified I was getting deployed. So just after 30 days of employment, she was a little taken back by the suddenness of it all, but she has been understanding and accepting of the situation. Even though she knows I am leaving, she continues to push me and help me become a better employee for the Company, instead of letting me "ride off into the sunset." Even if she is not approved for higher recognition, I hope she is at least strongly considered."