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**Area's Finest Honored at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Beaufort Regional Chamber CIVITAS Awards**  
*Awards Dinner held April 17*

**Beaufort, S.C.** – The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce honored area leaders before a crowd of more than 200 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CIVITAS Award for Business Excellence at the Dataw Island Club April 17. The CIVITAS Awards recognize those in our community and region who exemplify the success of business and the spirit of the community.

An independent team of volunteer judges chose the winners in each of the CIVITAS categories.

The winners by category are:

**Lifetime of Leadership**

Malcolm Goodridge

**Community Stewardship**

Tanger Properties, LLC

**Entrepreneurial Spirit**

Plums, Inc.

**Outstanding Non-Profit**

The Little Red Dog Foundation

**Partner in Education**

Lt. Daniel Byrne, Beaufort Fire Department

**Regional Economic Impact**

CareCore National, LLC

**Outstanding Employee**

Anna Edwards, A.G. Edwards/Wachovia Securities

**Government Support for Business**

William Winn, Jr., Beaufort County Emergency Management



**Lowcountry Young Professional**

Kim Statler, Lowcountry Economic Network

**Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year**

Airman Aldrine M. Hidalgo, VFA-86, MCAS Beaufort

**Military Citizenship Award**

Staff Sergeant Nicholas Underwood, MCRD Parris Island

**Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year**

Sergeant Jason Harris, MCRD Parris Island

The major sponsors for the 2008 CIVITAS Awards were Hargray Communications and *The Beaufort Gazette*. Award Sponsors included: First Citizens Bank and Trust Co of SC; Robinson, Grant & Co., PA; Regions Bank; MCAS Beaufort Federal Credit Union; United Way of the Lowcountry; 303 Associates; Tri Command Communities/Actus Lend Lease; Parker Hannifin Racor Division; Harvey & Battey, PA, Lowcountry Young Professionals.

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CIVITAS Award recipients - from left: Kim Statler, Lowcountry Young Professional; Ann Guthrie, Outstanding Non-Profit; Lt. Daniel Byrne, Partner in Education, Mrs. Jason Harris, standing in for her husband, Sergeant Jason Harris, Non-commissioned Officer of the Year; Malcolm Goodridge, Lifetime of Leadership; Anna Edwards, Outstanding Employee; Staff Sergeant Nicholas Underwood, Military Citizenship Award; Don Ryan/CareCore National, Regional Economic Impact, Lantz Price, Plums, Inc., Entrepreneurial Spirit. Not pictured: Beth Hilton, Community Stewardship Award; William Winn, Jr., Government Support for Business; Airman Aldrine M. Hidalgo, VFA-86, Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year.

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*The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce has more than 900 business members. The chamber plays a leading role in representing businesses and providing a common voice to bring concerns and solutions to local, state and federal governing bodies. Educational opportunities provided by the chamber are designed to enhance and support the growth of small businesses. The Chamber is the designated marketing organization for tourism to the City of Beaufort, the Town of Port Royal and the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County. The Chamber partners with a wide variety of non-profit organizations and businesses to market the hospitality industry and to attract visitors.*