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# California Water Service Group's Martin A. Kropelnicki Receives Naval Heritage Award

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 05/27/16 -- California Water Service Group's President and Chief Executive Officer Martin A. Kropelnicki received the Naval Heritage Award from the United States Navy Memorial Foundation at a dinner last night in Honolulu, Hawaii. California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT) is the parent company of Hawaii Water Service Company, which provides water and wastewater utility services on the islands of Maui and Hawaii.

"The U.S. Navy Memorial is honored to bestow our Naval Heritage Award on Marty Kropelnicki. Marty not only comes from a family that has served in the sea services, but he has tirelessly supported Navy, Marine, and other armed forces personnel in numerous ways, including Disabled Veterans Outreach, job training, and mentorship through California Water Service Group," said John Totushek, VADM USN (Ret), President and CEO of the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation.

The award reflects Kropelnicki's support and dedication for the Lone Sailor Memorial, to be erected at Pearl Harbor, in honor of the brave men and women who fought unselfishly on December 7, 1941.

Twenty-nine years ago, the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation established two awards to honor the men and women of the sea services. The Naval Heritage Award is given to distinguished Americans who have supported the sea services while displaying honor, courage, and commitment in their lives. The Lone Sailor Award recognizes men and women who have served in the sea services and gone on to make significant contributions to our country.

"I'm honored to receive this award on behalf of the hundreds of employees and retirees who faithfully and unselfishly served our country in the Navy and other armed forces," Kropelnicki said. "We have had a long and successful track record of employing veterans who have helped make our company what it is today," he said. "I know I speak for all of our employees when I say we greatly respect, admire, and appreciate the sacrifices made by all those who have served, and we are all proud contributors to the U.S. Navy Memorial fund and Lone Sailor Memorial for Pearl Harbor."

California Water Service Group is the parent company of California Water Service Company, Washington Water Service Company, New Mexico Water Service Company, Hawaii Water Service Company, Inc., CWS Utility Services, and HWS Utility Services, LLC. Together, these companies provide regulated and non-regulated water service to approximately 2 million people in more than 100 California, Washington, New Mexico, and Hawaii communities. Group's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CWT." Additional information is available online at [www.calwatergroup.com](http://www.calwatergroup.com).

