

Chamber salutes leadership

VALPARAISO | The Greater Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual "A Salute to Leadership" dinner on Jan. 12. More than 275 key business professionals attended the black-tie optional evening which was held at Strongbow Inn.

The Board of Directors of the Valpo Chamber honored Stewart McMillan, president of Task Force Tips, with the 2007 Distinguished Community Leader Award.

"This award is given to an individual who demonstrates a leadership role, is successful in promoting and developing business and industry, is involved and contributes to the community, has a general reputation among the community business leaders and enhances the quality of life in our community on a sustained basis," stated Rex Richards, Chamber President.

Chuck Worden, community relations officer and Pines Village branch manager of Centier Bank, was awarded the 2007 Legacy of Service Award. The Valpo Chamber Board of Directors created the Legacy of Service Award in 2004 to give recognition to individuals in the community who have, over the course of time or in an extraordinary circumstance, given service to the community beyond what is expected in their profes-



The 2007 Chairman of the Board Dave Rose, left, congratulates Laurie Mullet, chief executive officer of Pines Village Retirement Communities for her dedication to America's heroes through Pines Village Tour of Duty project.

added Richards.

A special Chairman's Award was presented to Laurie Mullet, and Pines Village Retirement Communities in recognition of their "Tour of Duty" project.

The award was presented for the Pines dedication and

ute to fallen comrades.

Three Valpo Chamber member businesses which were recently honored by Governor Mitch Daniels with Indiana's Century and Half Century Business Awards will also be recognized. They are: Home

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