

John P. Molière honors (*a select list**)

- A panel of senior federal and commercial executives chose John P. Molière for a **FED100 Award** sponsored by the FCW Media Group. Molière was chosen as one of the top executives from government, industry and academia who had the greatest impact on the government information systems community. His work was done on and behalf of the Veteran Business community, especially for initiating the Veterans Technology Services (VETS) GWAC (Veterans Governmentwide Acquisition Contract) by working with the VA, GSA, OFPP and OMB to secure the Executive Order (E.O.) 13360 to provide and strengthen prime and subcontracting opportunities in federal contracting for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB).
- With the approval of President George W. Bush, the Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration, Lurita Doan, named John P. Molière to serve as the **GSA Small Business Advisory Committee, and as the Veterans Subcommittee Chairman.**
- During the Department of Veteran Affairs National Veterans Small Business Engagement in Minneapolis Minnesota, November 2016, the **National Veteran-Owned Business Association (NaVOBA), Vetpreneur Magazine and the Armed Forces Insurance Institute** jointly named John P. Molière as the recipient of the **John K. Lopez Lifetime Achievement Award** for his generosity and dedication to deserving veterans and Veteran Owned Small Businesses. His monetary contributions include charitable groups among which are local youth, fraternal and veteran organizations. He has worked directly with the veteran business community and on behalf of Veteran Business Owners and Entrepreneurs with federal agencies and on Capitol Hill.
- The highlight of the **2019 National Veterans Small Business Coalition's (NVSBC)** annual conference, "The Veteran Entrepreneur Training Symposium 2019 (VETS19)" was the awarding of the 2019 **Gordon H. Mansfield Award** to John P. Molière. This award memorializes this great American and passionate Vietnam veteran. Gordon H. Mansfield was a true American Hero! He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was wounded during the Tet Offensive on February 4, 1968 while serving as a company commander with the 101st Airborne Division. He spent the next 45 years in a wheelchair, a result of the spinal injuries he endured. He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions under fire. His other combat decorations include the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation. Gordon Mansfield's service to his country and fellow veterans did not stop there. In one way, it had just begun. While serving as the President of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, he was recruited to assist at the VA in the midst of some major unfinished initiatives. Gordon Mansfield was nominated by President George W. Bush to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs on November 3, 2003. From October 1, 2007 until December 20, 2007, he served as the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs. He was truly a veteran's veteran and their small business advocate. Mr. Mansfield passed away on January 29, 2013. This aptly named annual award is presented to a veteran who successfully owns and operates a successful small business, provides employment opportunities to veterans and who, like Gordon Mansfield, in his most selfless manner, gives back to the veteran community in a substantial and continuous way. The awardee must demonstrate that they have *paid the price*, produced, perhaps against the odds, sustained

achievement that has required courage, vision, and the ability to make tough choices, to sacrifice and through hard work. In addition, the awardee must demonstrate sustained employment opportunities for veterans and have devoted themselves to dedicate selfless voluntary service to help other veterans. Gordon Mansfield paid this kind of *'Earth Rent'* (an expression he borrowed from Molière at a VA function in 2004 where he discovered they were both from New Jersey, Mansfield from Hightstown and Molière from Clinton). Furthermore, the awardee must have demonstrated his having successfully paved the way for all of us who follow. Molière's recognition is for the work he has done on behalf of his friends, classmates, his community, his American Legion Post, various Veteran organizations (Wounded Warriors, the Fisher House, Operation Jumpstart, American Freedom Foundation and more), his various Navy Ship Associations (Nitro, Salamonie, Aeolus and Uvalde) and to veteran business owners across the country as a founding member, Director and first President of the NVSBC by providing leadership, financial and mentoring. As *President Emeritus*, Molière continues to demonstrate these character traits and more every day.

- *This list does not include many of the honors from veteran organizations or commercial awards for entrepreneurial achievements dating back to 1975.*