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**United States Military Academy Superintendent Awards Tremco
Associate Commander's Coin**

-- Recognizes exceptional performance in roofing historic home --

BEACHWOOD, Ohio (June 25, 2008) — Commander's Coins, or Challenge Coins, are typically presented to individuals or groups in the United States Army to reward a high level of performance. Occasionally, Commander's Coins are given to civilians to acknowledge a job exceptionally well done.

This honor was recently bestowed on George Gates, Project Manager for Weatherproofing Technologies Inc. (WTI), a subsidiary of Tremco Roofing and Building Maintenance, by Lieutenant General F.L. Hagenbeck, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Gates managed the re-roofing of Quarters 100, the Superintendent's house, supported by WTI Area Construction Manager Greg King and a team of roofing experts. The complex project was made even more challenging by an extremely tight timetable and federal regulations.

Built in 1820, Quarters 100 is the oldest building on campus and has served as the Superintendent's home for well over a century; Robert E. Lee and Douglas McArthur are among its distinguished residents. Because of its age and significance, stringent National Registry of Historic Places restoration rules governed all work. "Think of looking at 'before and after pictures' of the house," Gates said. "They have to look practically identical. The new roof had to be almost indistinguishable from the original roof."

The roof had undergone repairs before but still leaked profusely; in addition, the repaired areas diminished the roof's appearance. Gates and his team first removed approximately 7,500 square feet of worn roofing slate, then tore the roof off, including the deck. They replaced the deck with 3/4" CDX plywood and installed a waterproofing membrane. The team fabricated and installed new, 20 ounce copper fascia, edging, base flashings, vent pipe flashings, gutter & downspouts, all maintaining historical accuracy. A quarry in Vermont supplied new 12"x18" variegated purple slate, which closely resembled the color of the original slate.

According to Gates, "We eliminated the leaking problem, and significantly improved such things as the deck and the ice and water shield, but none of that is visible. The roof actually looks more like it did before the previous repairs."

The roof is now covered under a Tremco Performance Warranty (TPW), under which Tremco assumes complete financial and performance responsibility for the roof for the next 10 years.

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The roofing was the easy part

A late summer start and a compressed deadline of only 60 days increased pressure on the project. While weather is always a concern, the key factor was the Superintendent and his wife's commitments during the Academy's 2007 football season. Numerous events were hosted at Quarters 100 during the fall; keeping the grounds pristine was vital.

"Roofing involves a lot of material, typically sitting outdoors covered in plastic or tarps," explained Gates. "Because of the many activities at the Superintendent's house, we had to remove everything for the weekends in time for the staff to handle any preparations. We also had to ensure that we minimized any damage to the grounds. I'm especially proud of our work around the garden." The 30,000-plus square foot garden had been landscaped in 1830. It was used to accommodate material during part of the project and suffered no damage whatsoever.

Teamwork, teamwork, teamwork

"George was the ringmaster," according to Robb Chauvin, Tremco Business Development Manager, Northeast, who is responsible for the United States Military Academy. "Besides day to day project management, he had to inspect the job site, ensure that we were meeting all requirements, take care of any issues that arose, even personally check security. His ability to develop so much cooperation and support was one of his greatest achievements."

Gates concurs. "We never would have succeeded without everyone pulling together every day. The major reason that this project received the Commander's Coin was because of the professionalism and commitment of the people on the job." In particular, Gates recognized Bill Wands, the project manager from the Academy's Department of Housing and Public Works, Construction Branch; Iron Eagle Environmental Services, an 8(a) minority contractor; subcontractor A.W. Farrell, which performed the roofing work; and Sergeant First Class Andre Rush, General Hagenbeck's aide.

Receiving the Commander's Coin

General and Mrs. Hagenbeck and Sergeant First Class Rush presented Gates with the Commander's Coin in a brief ceremony shortly after the Quarters 100 roofing project was completed. In an accompanying letter, the general stated "(that) these historic houses come with many challenges and you expertly handled them all. Your constant supervision ensured not only quality work, but early completion. You have a great team that you can be very proud of – well done!" Separately, General Hagenbeck commented that he had never had a project go so smoothly.

Being awarded the Commander's Coin is the latest recognition of the value that Gates brings to the Academy. At the Army's request, he is primarily assigned to West Point, where he supervises the Field Resource Group (FRG). FRG has completed such projects as restoring slate, masonry and chimneys; waterproofing of masonry; and installing new copper counter-flashings on numerous buildings. They are also called on when facility emergencies occur. During his three years with Tremco, Gates has also supported facility projects at Dover Air Force Base as well as in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

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