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## **Beck/Arnley and Exedy Globalparts Recognized by Tennessee National Guard for Donating to the Troops**

**SMYRNA, Tenn., Oct. 27, 2008** – Beck/Arnley and Exedy Globalparts were recently honored by the Tennessee National Guard during a moving ceremony that took place at the Beck/Arnley headquarters, to recognize their efforts of collecting items for the soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. Bernard Solomons, vice president of Exedy Globalparts, a supplier of Beck/Arnley's, was presented with the prestigious "Minute Man Award" for organizing the donation drive and coordinating the large shipment overseas, while Beck/Arnley received a plaque and the American flag that flew over the FOB Lightning base camp in Gardez, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, for participating in the donation drive.

The "Minute Man Award" is given to an individual or an organization for outstanding support of soldiers and their families during a mobilization. It represents the founding members of the National Guard and is an honor that is not presented often.

"I am so proud of all of the Beck/Arnley employees for their efforts to support our troops for a second year in a row," said Max Dull, vice president and general manager of Beck/Arnley. "Everyone worked hard to fill the wish list from the soldiers. We even collected candy and toys such as teddy bears and coloring books for soldiers to give to the children of Iraq and Afghanistan. Special thanks go to Cindy Perez, our buyer and planner, who facilitated the donation drive from our end. This is another example of the generosity and the caring spirit of the Beck/Arnley family shining through."

During a visit to Beck/Arnley in 2007, Solomons learned of their efforts to collect items for the troops, and that inspired him to put together a donation drive.

"Mr. Solomons saw what Beck/Arnley accomplished last year, so he took the idea and ran with it," said Dull. "He collected and shipped a very large quantity of items, not only for the troops, but for the Iraqi people as well. This year, Beck/Arnley was proud to work with Mr. Solomons and Exedy Globalparts on a much larger scale."

In addition to Beck/Arnley, Solomons worked with several other companies to collect donations, including Axiom Automotive, Florence, Ala.; Best Brand Software, Midland, Mich.; Clutch City Auto Parts, Largo, Fla.; Competition Clutch Inc., Conyers, Ga.; Dial a Clutch, Inc., Delray Beach, Fla.; Dollar Tree, Canton, Mich.; Phoenix Friction Products, Middlesex, N.J.; Ram Clutches, Columbia, S.C.; and The Clutch Doctor, Tempe, Ariz.

In a letter addressed to Exedy Globalparts, William E. Spurlock, CPT, FA Commanding, stated, "Whenever we (as a nation) have the opportunity to show, from our hearts, our willingness to give, even something so small, to the people of Iraq, it makes for a good day for everyone, knowing we have done one more thing to bring a smile to the face of someone less fortunate than we."

**About Beck/Arnley:**

Beck/Arnley is exclusively dedicated to supporting its distribution partners who service the foreign nameplate repair market. Founded in 1914, Beck/Arnley's broad product offering is organized into six modules: Brake & Chassis, Electrical, Clutch & Driveline, Engine Management, Engine Parts & Filtration, and Cooling Systems. Headquartered near Nashville, Tennessee, Beck/Arnley distributes parts to resellers through its MDC in Smyrna, Tennessee and strategically located satellite customer care centers. For more information, visit [www.beckarnley.com](http://www.beckarnley.com).

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