



## Andy Wieser Wins Top Industry Honor

Andy Wieser, President of Wieser Concrete Products, was presented the Robert E. Yoakum Award on Saturday, October 14, at the National Precast Concrete Association's (NPCA) 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Atlanta, Ga.

The award is the association's most prestigious honor. It was presented to Andy for his steadfast devotion to the betterment of the industry and the association. He has served on several NPCA committees and on the NPCA Board of Directors. The respected award was named after one of NPCA's founders, Robert Yoakum, who was set to host the first NPCA Convention at his plant when he tragically passed away the night before the meeting. The other association leaders created the award as a memorial and presented the first award in 1966 to Yoakum's wife, Jean. It has been presented in all but two years since then. Andy's father, Joe Wieser received the award in 1981. Last year's honoree, Mark Thompson of Jefferson Concrete Corp., presented the award to Andy at the Leadership Luncheon on the final day of the Convention.

Andy has worked at the family business pretty much his entire life along with his brothers, Mark and Dan Wieser. He learned all the jobs in the plant and put in years of sweat equity, working his way toward his current position as company president. He owes much of his success to his father and company founder, Joe Wieser, who taught him the importance of hard work at a young age and let him tag along to NPCA meetings.



## Patriot Award Honorees

The Patriot Award is given to honor the sacrifices made by so many employers year after year in their support of employees who serve in the military. It recognizes not only the adjustments employers make due to the difficulties that can arise in scheduling, but also the important support they provide military members following their service. Employer support enhances retention rates in the Armed Forces and strengthens national security.

Damion Kosmosky, safety manager and drilling reservist, felt Wieser Concrete should be recognized for its efforts.

Kosmosky contacted the State of Wisconsin Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Office and advocated for Wieser Concrete's receipt of the award.



*Andy Wieser accepting the award from Damion Kosmosky*



*Andy Wieser, president; Dan Wieser, corporate secretary; Tom Gruber, plant manager; Damion Kosmosky, safety manager and drilling reservist; and Andy Winkler, general manager*

According to Kosmosky, one of the biggest challenges for employers comes when the military member is no longer serving, since that is when the most support is needed by everyone. The Patriot Award celebrates Wieser Concrete's continued support of employees during and after military service.

# Mark Wieser Elected to Trade Association Board

Mark Wieser, P.E., Vice President of Wieser Concrete Products, was elected to serve a three-year term on the National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) Board of Directors. Mark began his term on October 14th at NPCA's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Atlanta, Ga.

Mark earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and is a registered professional engineer in the state of Wisconsin. He has played an active role within NPCA; serving as chairperson of the Septic Tank Product Committee, Technical Committee and Stormwater Management Committee. He is currently also serving as Vice President of the Wisconsin Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association.

"NPCA is dedicated to achieving extraordinary results for the industry by continuously improving our programs, and I know Mark's expertise on the board of directors will help us further develop these goals," said NPCA President Ty Gable.



## 2018 Septic Seminar Dates

Wieser Concrete is offering the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Septic Training Seminars. These seminars will qualify as 6 hours of continuing education credit.

Seminars will be held from 8:00 am - 3:45 pm and will include lunch. Cost is \$20 per person and RSVP is highly suggested. Cost at the door is \$25.

### Seminars currently scheduled are:

- *March 13, 2018*, at Wieser Concrete in Maiden Rock, WI
- *March 15, 2018*, at Wieser Concrete in Fond du Lac, WI
- *March 20, 2018*, at Wieser Concrete in Portage, WI
- *March 22, 2018*, at Shell Lake Arts Center, Shell Lake, WI



If you would like information about the Onsite Wastewater Training Seminars emailed to you, please email Andy Winkler at Wieser Concrete and he will pass it along. His email is: [winkler@wieserconcrete.com](mailto:winkler@wieserconcrete.com).

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Nov. 28-29	MN Milk Dairy Expo & Convention	Welch, MN
Dec. 1-2	MN Cattlemen's Convention	Bloomington, MN
Jan. 5-7	MO Cattlemen's Assoc. Show	Lake of the Ozarks, MO
Jan. 10-11	Midwest Farm Show	La Crosse, WI
Jan. 10-11	Northern Illinois Farm Show	Dekalb, IL



*Happy Thanksgiving!*