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# AMP SUPPORTS SOLAR BY SOLDIERS PROGRAM WITH NAPOLEON SOLAR PROJECT

NAPOLEON, OH: American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and AP Alternatives (APA) are utilizing military veterans for construction of the solar generation facility under development in Napoleon, Ohio.

*Solar by Soldiers* is a program created by Tipping Point Renewable Energy. Tipping Point is hiring American military veterans to work on solar and efficiency projects throughout the country. Under this program two veterans have been hired to work on AMP's Napoleon solar facility.

APA is the racking manufacturer and installer for the  $3.54 \text{ MW}_{AC}$  Napoleon facility, which began construction in late March. AMP is working with its member utility Napoleon Light & Power on development of the project. Isofoton is manufacturing the 17,140 panels being installed at the 20.74 acre site.



#### AMP Napoleon Solar Project

"We are happy to support the *Solar by Soldiers* effort at our Napoleon project," AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken said. "AMP and our member communities are leaders in the deployment of new renewable generation in the region. From building Ohio's first utility-scale wind farm, to embarking on the largest deployment of new run-of-the-river hydroelectric generation in the country, to this solar generation project, we are supporting renewable generation efforts in a very real manner. Tipping Point's efforts to provide employment opportunities to American veterans are tremendous and we're pleased to be a part of it."

Josh Von Deylen, Sales and Marketing Manager for APA, said "AP Alternatives is proud to support the *Solar by Soldiers* program. It is a great opportunity for APA to utilize the talent and training of the Ohio soldiers. The soldiers have been trained by Tipping Point Energy to install solar racking. Currently the soldiers are being utilized to install the solar racking and operate heavy equipment on-site. *Solar by Soldiers* is a program AP Alternatives plans to continue to support on future solar projects."

Once completed, the facility will be interconnected to the City of Napoleon's electric system, providing transmission cost savings. The city has contracted for the output of the project, but has agreed to reduce its share to allow other AMP member communities to participate in the project.

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### About AMP

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 129 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 625,000 customers. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and the open market and energy produced at AMP and member-owned generating facilities utilizing fossil fuel, hydroelectric, wind and other renewable resources. The organization is focused on sustainability and increased use of renewable generation resources. AMP currently has four run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects under construction on the Ohio River. Combined these four projects will add 300 MW of new



AMP Napoleon Solar Project hydro capacity to the region. AMP is pursuing additional solar, wind and landfill gas projects. For additional information, visit AMP's Web site at <a href="https://www.amppartners.org">www.amppartners.org</a>.

