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TIDEWATER PRESIDENT INDUCTED AS HONORARY COMMANDER AT DOVER AIR FORCE BASE

ISELIN, NJ – February 22, 2013 - Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) is pleased to announce the Gerard L. Esposito, President of its Delaware subsidiary, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., has been inducted as an Honorary Commander in the 436th Dental Squadron at Dover Air Force Base (DAFB), Dover, DE for the year 2013.

Esposito, as well as others invited to the program, was sworn in at an induction ceremony at the Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover Air Force Base (DAFB) in early February. The Honorary Commander program invites selected distinguished members of the local business community to spend a year partnered with a specific military leader, exchanging ideas and strengthening community partnerships. The program includes participation in various base events, orientation of the mission of DAFB and the 436th Dental Squadron and a mutual sharing of ideas and leadership experiences. Esposito is paired with Lieutenant Colonel Darrell Smith, commander of the 436th Dental Squadron.

"It's an honor to be invited to participate again in this program," said Esposito, who first served as an Honorary Commander in 2010. "I look forward to building upon my prior experience, participating in a different part of the Base and exchanging productive ideas," added Esposito.

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. established in 1964, provides a wide range of water and wastewater services including consulting, contract operations and maintenance, and bulk water supply. For more information about Tidewater Utilities, Inc., visit www.tuiwater.com or call 800-523-7224.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, provides regulated and unregulated water and wastewater utility services in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania through various subsidiary companies. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-7224.

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