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The National Defense Transportation Association is a non-profit, non-political educational association committed to fostering partnerships between government, military and industry, and maintaining a strong and efficient global transportation, travel and distribution system in support of national security. There are over 8500 members in the association, comprised of both individual and corporate members. There are 60 plus chapters in the United States and overseas in Europe and the Pacific. The national headquarters office is located in Alexandria, VA.



**64th Annual NDTA Forum & Expo
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NDTA Honors Tom Crowley, Rick Haynes and Joe Torsani - Leaders in Defense Transportation and Logistics

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[Alexandria, VA - September 29, 2009] --- NDTA recognized top logistics and transportation leaders on September 22nd at the Chairman's Awards Dinner, a highlight event of the annual Transportation and Logistics Forum and Exposition. This year, the NDTA Forum was held in Nashville, TN September 19th ~ 23rd.

The prestigious National Transportation Award was presented to Mr. Thomas B. ("Tom") Crowley, Jr., Chairman, President and CEO of Crowley Maritime Corporation. Mr. Crowley thanked NDTA Chairman Ray Ebeling, NDTA President Kenneth Wykle, the NDTA Board, and distinguished guests. On accepting the award, he held it up high on behalf of all Crowley employees. "We work hard to serve many of you," Mr. Crowley said, referring to the hundreds of senior military and industry leaders in attendance. "Given the state of the economy, you might say we're sticking our neck out a bit; I don't think that's the case."

While many businesses continue to downsize, Crowley is expanding operations, anticipating economic recovery in a patriotic way. "We're investing in the American Flag, a proud tradition in our 117 year history," he said. Crowley Maritime Corporation, an NDTA Sustaining Corporate Member since 1977, serves on NDTA's Military Sealift Committee. The committee is comprised of DOD and industry leaders, and meets throughout the year to tackle common issues; in April, committee members discussed ways to deal with piracy.

Mr. Richard Haynes, Executive Director, Military Sealift Command (MSC), was also honored as the DOD Distinguished Service Award recipient. Rear Admiral Robert Reilly, Jr., Commander, Military Sealift Command, took to the podium to tell the audience why Mr. Haynes was so deserving of the award. "On any given day, nine million gallons and seven tons of supplies are shipped to our fighting forces," Reilly said. An understanding of the laws required to move supplies is critical. "We need people like Rick to make that happen. I'm grateful to be the eleventh MSC Commander to have profited from Rick's guidance."

Mr. Haynes thanked RADM Reilly and General Duncan McNabb, commander of US TRANSCOM, then offered a quote: "There should be no DOD policies that aren't worth the war fighter's sacrifice." Haynes continued, "Our purpose is to get soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines supplies and equipment when they need it—we should carry that burden, they shouldn't have to worry about it." Putting the warrior's mind at ease takes quick, cooperative action among DOD civilians, military members, and industry partners. "There can be no such thing among us as an irreconcilable difference. We've been successful so far, we will be successful in the future, and we will make it happen," he said.

One of NDTA's long time members has been making it happen for over 40 years within the association and was recognized with the NDTA President's Award. Colonel Joseph (Joe) Torsani, Jr., USA (Ret.), the chairman of NDTA's Council of Regional Presidents, accepted the award and passed on the torch to a much broader audience. "The NDTA is for all of us," Torsani said, waving a hand to everyone. "But the older we get, it's not just for us. We need you young folks to step up." Torsani asked all the NDTA state and regional presidents in attendance to stand, saying, "I share this with you—to our past and present officers, thank you very much."