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**THE COLONEL NORBERT GRABOSKI AWARD –
IN TRIBUTE TO NDTA TRANSPORTER**

(Alexandria, VA – August 17, 2006) --- The National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) observes many traditions like recognizing Chapters that have increased their membership, and specific individuals who have worked hard to further the cause. For the past sixty years, awardees have been announced at the annual Transportation and Logistics Forum and Expo.

This year, the award will take on a new dimension and a new title in tribute to Colonel Norbert Grabowski, USA (Ret.) who passed away on July 25th. On September 27th, “The Grabowski Award” will be formally presented to outstanding Chapters and individual achievers at the NDTA International Awards Luncheon scheduled for 11:45am ~ 1:30pm in Ballroom A of the Memphis Cook Convention Center.

Norbert served as Executive Assistant to the President, NDTA from 1989 to 2002 and was responsible for overseeing membership during that time. After retiring, he continued to shoulder duties as Chairman of NDTA’s Chapter Support and Membership Development Committee. He designed all the slogans, developed the guidelines and organized prizes for recruiting drives for the past seventeen continuous years.

Norbert was member-oriented. No member, or potential member, ever called his office for assistance and went away without good advice and useable information. The same is

true for chapter, regional and state vice presidents, looking for help in serving their members better.

It is fitting that the annual recruiting award be named for an individual who did so much to grow the membership and who showed personal interest in each and every one of the Association's members.

The first Chapter Winners of the Grabowski Awards are: Category I – Cape Fear Chapter; Category II – A-Frame Chapter; and Category III – Washington, DC Chapter. The Overall Individual Winner is Ms. Chae To Suk of the A-Frame Chapter. The Top A-35 Winner is Mr. Will E. Jordan of the Arizona Frontier Chapter

Services for Colonel Norbert Grabowski will be held on October 4, 2006 commencing at 11:00am with a Memorial at Ft. Myers Old Post Chapel followed by burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Family, friends and colleagues are also invited to a Reception afterwards at the Ft. Myers Officers Club. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Norbert's name to:

Army Transportation Museum Foundation
PO Drawer D
Ft. Eustis, VA 23004-0320

Optimist Club of Central Fairfax
PO Box 1271
Fairfax, VA 22038

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 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.

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