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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 9000 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.



Vice Admiral Gordon S. Holder, USN (Ret.) to fill National Defense Transportation Association board position

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Kenneth Wykle, NDTA President, announced that VADM Gordon S. Holder, USN (Ret.) has been appointed by the Chairman of the Board to serve the remainder of General Walter Kross' USAF (Ret.) term of office. Kross retired as Board Vice Chairman. The announcement was made on September 19th at the International Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with NDTA's 61st annual Forum and Expo in Charleston, South Carolina.

Wykle thanked General Kross for his many years of dedicated service to the Association - for his thoughtful guidance to senior government liaison officials and industry executives and for knowledge sharing during the annual Transportation Advisory Board meetings.

Vice Admiral Holder will be nominated for a full three year term along with the other board members at the general membership meeting next fall at the 2008 Forum scheduled for Reno, Nevada.

In addition to a command tour of the Military Sealift Command, Holder was assigned as Director for Logistics, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington DC in 2001. In this role, he directed the world-wide application of strategic logistics to support the Global War on Terrorism. Supporting all regional commanders around the world, he ensured timely support to operations, and that the proper balance between efficiency and effectiveness was maintained in delivering the necessary combat support to deployed forces. Throughout Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Vice Admiral Holder coordinated the transportation of forces and support materials with the US Transportation Command, individual services and the Joint Chiefs.

He is the 2002-2003 recipient of the National Defense Transportation Association DOD Distinguished Service award, and the 2005 National Defense Industrial Association recipient of the Logistician Emeritus award for his work in Logistics.

Holder is currently on the board of directors of the Washington chapter of the Surface Navy Association, serves as a vice president of the Capitol Council of the United States Navy League, maintains a relationship with the University of North Carolina LOGTECH/Institute for Defense Business, and serves as a member of the board of directors for the Society of International Logistics. He is Chairman of the NDIA Executive Logistics Division, a group of industry executives focused on supporting DOD and other government agencies to improve their logistics processes. He is employed as a Principal by Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. in McLean, Virginia.

Vice Admiral Holder and his wife, Pat, live in Falls Church, Virginia. They have two daughters, Ann Marie Holder and Jennifer Gomer of Jacksonville, Florida.