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Dear Government and Industry Representatives:

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association would like to announce its 2019 Awards Program. The program is hosted annually to recognize the tremendous accomplishments and talents of our outstanding Government and defense contractor employees within the Tennessee Valley Defense and Aerospace Industrial Base workforce. These awards are nationally recognized, and will be presented at the NDIA-TVC's Annual Awards Dinner on April 26<sup>th</sup> to honor some of our local outstanding members within the technical, scientific, and industrial base community.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter actively supports the National Defense and National Aerospace industry within a region that includes locations in Alabama, Tennessee, and Mississippi. Headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, our chapter supports the industrial base for the U.S. Army (USA) Materiel Command (AMC), Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM), Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), USA Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC); National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Missile and Space Intelligence Center (MSIC), Corps of Engineers Engineering and Support Center - Huntsville, USA Program Executive Office for Aviation, USA Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space, Redstone Test Center, Arnold Engineering Center, U.S. Army Garrison, Redstone Arsenal and many other organizations headquartered in our region.

This year, the Tennessee Valley Chapter of NDIA will accept nominations for the NDIA-TVC Leadership Excellence Awards, the NDIA-TVC Management Awards, and the NDIA-TVC Technology Awards.

The NDIA-TVC Leadership Excellence Awards are for individuals who have contributed significantly toward the defense posture or technology advancement of the United States for at least 15 years in their primary functional area of endeavor. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize outstanding United States Government managers (GS-13 / O-4 / CW3 / E-7, and above) and non-government senior managers. The awards will consist of a certificate, picture, and a crystal award.

The NDIA-TVC Management Awards are for individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Defense Technology Base, advancement of technology in support of vital national interests, or who have significantly advanced technology into the hands of the warfighter within the past two years. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize exceptional performers in the United States Government (GS-11 / O-3 / CW2 / E-6, and above) and non-government mid-level management or equivalent mid-level industry technical positions. The awards will consist of a certificate, picture, and a crystal award.

The NDIA-TVC Technology Awards are for individuals or teams who have made a significant contribution to defense technology base or who have significantly advanced technology in support of national interests within the past two years. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize exceptional performers in the United States Government (GS-7 / O-1 / CW1 / E-5, and above) and non-government engineers and/or technology development positions. The awards will consist of a certificate, picture, and a crystal award.

We would ask for your active and enthusiastic participation through the submission of nominations for these awards. Nomination formats and forms are attached, and are listed as part of our Awards Program file that can be found on our website at <http://ndiatvc.org/downloads.php>. We ask that all nominations be forwarded by March 29, 2018 to the head of our awards committee, Jesse Barber, at [Jesse.L.Barber.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Jesse.L.Barber.civ@mail.mil), or [Jesse.Barber3@gmail.com](mailto:Jesse.Barber3@gmail.com).

In advance, thanks for your continued support of our Nation's defense and the Tennessee Valley Chapter of NDIA.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Gronberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Gronberg  
President  
NDIA-TVC

## **NDIA-TVC LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARDS – Nomination deadline is March 29, 2019**

The NDIA-TVC Leadership Excellence Awards will be presented annually to individuals who have contributed significantly toward the defense posture or technology advancement of the United States for at least 15 years in their primary national defense related area of endeavor. At least one Award will be made to a Government representative; a separate Award will be made to an Industry representative. The Award will consist of a personalized crystal obelisk, and a framed certificate with a photo. Each awardee will receive a write-up of their accomplishment in the NDIA National Magazine. In addition, the Awardees' names are placed on a virtual plaque located on the NDIA TVC website, and non-NDIA members will be given a paid one-year membership. All nominees and nominating supervisors will be invited to attend the event.

### Criteria for Award

- Nominees must be United States citizens.
- Nominees must be individuals in the United States Government managerial or leadership levels (GS-13 / O-4 / CW3 / E-7, and above), or corresponding industry senior managers.
- Nominees must have contributed significantly toward the defense posture of the United States for at least 15 years in their primary area of endeavors and implemented advances in technology increasing the U.S. National Defense and the strategic level war-fighting capability of the nation.
- Area of endeavors span the life cycle of the material acquisition process, i.e., from “cradle to grave” or technology/industrial base development.

### Format for Submission

- The nomination will consist of a letter of nomination to the NDIA-TVC's VP for Awards & Scholarships on nominating organizational letterhead signed by the nominating official that encloses the nomination form.
- The nomination form included with this package must be completed in detail (attached.)
- Supporting evidence is recommended to be included as appropriate.

## **NDIA-TVC MANAGEMENT AWARDS – Nomination deadline is March 29, 2019**

The NDIA-TVC Management Awards will be presented annually to individuals who have made a significant contribution to leading efforts in the Department of Defense organic industrial base, technology base, advanced technology development in support of our national defense or special interests, or who have significantly advanced technology into the hands of the warfighters within the past two years. There will be at least two awards presented this year to recognize both United States Government and American defense industry employees. Each awardee will receive a write-up of their accomplishment in the NDIA National Magazine. In addition, the Awardees' names are placed on a virtual plaque located on the NDIA TVC website, and non-NDIA members will be given a paid one-year NDIA membership. All nominees and nominating supervisors will be invited to attend the event.

### Criteria for Award

- Nominees must be United States citizens.
- Nominees must be individuals whom have contributed significantly to leading efforts in the Department of Defense organic industrial base, technology base, advanced technology development in support of our national defense or special interests, or who have significantly advanced technology into the hands of the warfighters within the past two years. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize exceptional performers in the United States Government (GS-11 / O-3 / CW2 / E-6, and above) grade levels and non-government mid-level management or mid-level and above or equivalent industry technical positions. The intent of this award is to recognize management excellence in bringing new and emerging technologies and defense technical initiatives into the national defense system.
- Nominees must have facilitated advances in technology (through management or technical skill) increasing the U.S. National Defense and warfighting capability at either the tactical or operational levels related to an Army Brigade Combat Team or equivalently sized Army, USAF, U.S. Navy, Special Forces or higher level unit, or facilitated advances in technology (through management or technical skill) in support of vital national interests.

### Format for Submission

- The nomination will consist of a letter of nomination to the NDIA-TVC's VP for Awards & Scholarships on nominating organizational letterhead signed by the nominating official that encloses the nomination form.
- The nomination form included with this package must be completed in detail (attached).
- Supporting evidence is recommended to be included as appropriate.

## **NDIA-TVC TECHNOLOGY AWARDS – Nomination deadline is March 29, 2019**

The NDIA-TVC Technology Awards will be presented annually to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Defense Technology Base, or who have significantly advanced technology into the hands of the warfighters, or advanced technology in support of national interests within the past two years. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize exceptional performers in the United States Government (GS-7 / O-1 / CW1 / E-5, and above) grade levels and non-government engineers and/or technology development positions. There will be at least two awards presented to recognize both United States Government employees and industry employees. Each awardee will receive a write-up of their accomplishment in the NDIA's National Magazine, and non-NDIA members will be given a paid one-year membership. In addition, the Awardees' names are placed on a virtual plaque located on the NDIA TVC website. All nominees and nominating supervisors will be invited to attend the event.

### Criteria for Award

- Nominees must be United States citizens.
- Nominees must be individuals who, within a minimum of the recent past two years, contributed significantly to the Defense Technology Base, advanced technology into the hands of the warfighters, advanced technology in support of a national interests, or have significantly advanced a specific technology within the Defense Industrial Base of the United States.
- The intent of this award is to recognize technical excellence in refining technology, bringing new and emerging technologies, and advancing defense technical initiatives into the national defense system.

### Format for Submission

- The nomination will consist of a letter of nomination to the NDIA-TVC's VP for Awards & Scholarships on nominating organizational letterhead signed by the nominating official that encloses the nomination form.
- The nomination form included with this package must be completed in detail (attached).
- Supporting evidence is recommended to be included as appropriate.