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NDIA Michigan Chapter Honors TARDEC Director with Silver Medal

GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MI — Dr. Grace M. Bochenek, Director, U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC), has been honored by the National Defense Industrial Association's (NDIA's) Michigan Chapter with the Silver Medal award for her exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership and commitment to U.S. Army ground combat and combat support systems.

NDIA Michigan Chapter President Paul R. Curtis presented the award to Bochenek during the 64th Annual Michigan Chapter Dinner held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI, July 18, 2008. Also in attendance for the festivities was guest speaker Navy Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, Deputy Commander, U.S. Transportation Command.

The NDIA medals are bestowed in recognition of outstanding achievement and dedication to advancing defense technology for all military services. Bochenek is in good company with this honor, as previous medal recipients include Sen. Carl Levin, D-MI, and former TARDEC Director Dr. Richard McClelland.

“Bochenek’s focus on science and technology transitioning to the Current Force makes daily contributions to our Nation’s war efforts,” stated LTG (Ret.) Lawrence Ferrell, NDIA President and Chief Executive Officer. “Those technologies allow the Army to benefit during current combat operations with over-match capabilities. Key to these activities is Bochenek’s strong commitment to collaboration across the entire ground vehicle system enterprise, which encompasses all government, industry and academic organizations,” he explained.

Ferrell continued his praise of Bochenek as a strong advocate for and supporter of NDIA and for her tireless efforts as an executive advisor to the board of directors and frequent featured speaker at chapter events. “Dr. Bochenek’s contributions are felt daily throughout the entire community. Her commitment to Soldiers has brought a new focus in all phases of research, development and engineering.”

NDIA is the premier association representing all facets of the defense and technology industrial base and serving all military services. NDIA has been at the forefront of defense technology and policy since 1919. NDIA is involved in a myriad of activities that support

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all branches of the Armed Forces as well as local, state and federal government and corporate entities that support warfighters and first responders.

The Michigan Chapter of NDIA was founded in 1944 and currently has more than 1,100 individual members. Most businesses that support the Michigan defense community are NDIA corporate members.

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Note: There are two photos that can be used with this release. Caption information follows. To download the photos, go to <http://www.tardec.info/pressreleases/>.

Photo Captions

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Dr. Grace M. Bochenek, TARDEC Director, addresses the NDIA Michigan Chapter Awards dinner on Friday, July 18. Bochenek received the NDIA Silver Medal award for exceptional achievement and outstanding leadership and commitment to the U.S. Army's ground combat and combat support systems. (Photo courtesy of Karen Sas.)

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From left, NDIA Vice President MG (Ret.) Barry Bates, TARDEC Director Dr. Grace M. Bochenek and NDIA Michigan Chapter Director Robert Ament. Bochenek was presented a Silver Medal award at the Annual NDIA Michigan Chapter Awards Dinner on Friday, July 18. The NDIA Medal recognizes outstanding achievement and dedication to the advancement of defense and technology for all military services. (Photo courtesy of Karen Sas.)

TARDEC is the Nation's laboratory for advanced military ground systems and automotive technology. A leading technology integrator for the U.S. Army Materiel Command's Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), TARDEC is headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, located in the heart of the world's automotive capitol. TARDEC is a major element of RDECOM and partner in the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command. As a full life-cycle engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons and vehicle systems, TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provide superior capabilities for the Future Force. TARDEC's technical staff leads research in ground vehicle survivability; mobility/power and energy; robotics and intelligent systems; maneuver support and sustainment; and vehicle electronics and architecture. TARDEC develops and maintains ground vehicles for all U.S. Armed Forces and numerous federal agencies.

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