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GEN SCHOOMAKER AND CMSGT NORRAD TO BE HONORED

The Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) Division of NDIA is pleased to announce this year's winners of the Rylander and DeProspero Awards. General Pete Schoomaker, USA (Ret) will be presented the Rylander Award for 2010. Named for one of the earliest fathers of our nation's current Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict capabilities, the award is the highest honor which can be bestowed by the SO/LIC Division. It recognizes an individual who has made significant and lasting contributions to the SO/LIC Community and furthered the goals of the SO/LIC Division. Chief Master Sergeant Wayne G. Norrad, USAF (Ret) will be presented the DeProspero Award for 2010, named after Colonel Al DeProspero, USA (Ret) and an honor which recognizes a single individual whose distinctive lifetime achievements in the areas of Special Operations or Low Intensity Conflict cause him or her to stand out from this crowd of elite warriors.

General Schoomaker spent over 35 years in a variety of command and staff assignments with both conventional and special operations forces. He was recalled from retirement to be the 35th Army Chief of Staff from 2003 until 2007. Prior to his first retirement, he served as the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command from 1997 to 2000. General Schoomaker continues to serve the nation and the Special Operations community as a Director of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

Chief Master Sergeant Norrad entered the USAF Special Tactics Combat Controller field in 1971. From combat missions over Cambodia through his experiences in OPERATIONS Just Cause (Panama) and Desert Storm (Kuwait/Iraq), he participated in multiple special missions and developed standardized tactics for future airfield seizures. His distinguished career culminated in selection as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command and as the first enlisted member of the Board of Directors for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Though retired from active duty, Chief Norrad continues to serve as an Air Force civilian and is widely sought out as a mentor across the Special Tactics community.

These awards, along with other achievement awards recognizing superb military and civilian performers from across the Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict communities, will be presented at an annual Awards Banquet to be held during NDIA's 22nd Annual SO/LIC Symposium & Exhibition, February 8-9, 2011 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. For more information on the event, please visit our website at: <http://www.ndia.org/meetings/1880>.

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