

## In Recognition of Outstanding Service

## The National Defense Industrial Association awards its

## **RED BALL EXPRESS AWARD**

To

## Joint Program Office Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles

The Silver medal is awarded for outstanding contribution to the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle (TWV) community. The credentials of the Joint MRAP Vehicle Program are well known throughout the TWV community. From its inception in October 2007, it has grown from a very small office at the Marine Corps Systems Command with three government employees and six contractors to the Department of Defense's largest program in funding for both Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010, with a total budget now exceeding \$44 billion. In less than 3.5 years, the program fielded more than 16,000 vehicles comprising seven different models and 50+ significant variants from six different Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). More importantly, those vehicles have been directly responsible, by some current estimates, for saving upwards of 40,000 American warfighter lives. Most recently, the JPO successfully began fielding a new MRAP Recovery Vehicle (MRV) only 147 days after contract award and only nine months after the requirement was identified to an Office of the Secretary of Defense official during a theater visit. In recognition of JPO MRAP's superior service, the National Defense Industrial Association is pleased to present this award.