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Annual National Women In Defense Service to the Flag Award 2015

Background: Women In Defense (WID), A National Security Organization is a 501(c) 3 which cultivates and supports the advancement and recognition of women in all aspects of national security. WID was established to provide women a formal environment for professional growth through networking, education, and career development.

Women In Defense is an affiliate of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), which represents all facets of the defense and technology industrial base and serves all military services. This affiliation gives WID members a source for defense industry information, increased networking opportunities and professional contacts, and an expanded scope of informative programs.

Service to the Flag Award: The mission of this annual award is to recognize members who have served national defense and security, supported military service members, and/or facilitated partnerships between industry and the military. As part of our efforts to honor women in defense, WID reintroduced its Service to the Flag award in 2014 presenting it at the celebration to Hon. Carolyn H. Becraft. In 2014 WID heard from Secretary Debbie James, Secretary of the Air Force and awarded our Service to the Flag honor to Brigadier General Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret).

Nominees: This award is designed to recognize high-achieving members in national security, in accordance with Women In Defense mission, which is to cultivate and support the advancement and recognition of women in all aspects of national security. Nominees for this award are welcome from all WID members. Nominees should be women serving in military, civilian, defense or academia with a distinguished career and actively supporting the advancement of women working in national defense and national security. Nominees MUST be a member of WID. Multiple awards may be given.

Award Ceremony: This award ceremony is held at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation at Arlington Cemetery (*tentatively 18 June 2105*). The Women's Memorial is a unique, living memorial honoring all military women - past, present and future - and is the only major national memorial honoring women who have served in our nation's defense during all eras and in all services. Work on the Memorial was in progress for about 11 years and it was dedicated October 18, 1997. Some 200,000 people visit the Memorial annually.

Following the award ceremony and remarks by a distinguished speaker a reception will be held.

A one page nomination should be forwarded by 27 April 2015 to Barbara Dunlavey, WID Executive Director, at bdunlavey@ndia.org. Question call Barbara at (803) 241-2551.

Sponsorships are available for this event. Please contact: Dina Flynn at dflynn@10Fold.Solutions.com or (703) 615-0158.