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## DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SPEAKS AT ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The annual Board and Alumni meeting was held in the Pentagon on 8 Oct and at the Army Navy Country Club 9 Oct 2003. The Chairman, the Honorable Mr. Albert C. Zapanta, called the meeting to order at 0830 8 Oct.

A visit and remarks by the Deputy Secretary of Defense Honorable Dr. Paul D. Wolfowitz highlighted the morning session, which also included presentations on BRAC, legislative and DIMHERS updates, and an overview of the Merchant Marine Academy.

## Mr. Wolfowitz presents LTG Casey with his Board certificate at the 8 October meeting



The Board held its initial Executive Session that afternoon with New Business discussions focusing on review and acceptance of the July minutes, the revised Citizen Patriot award criteria, discussion of the Board trip to EUCOM in August, status of the Stabilization Force project, topics for the 2003 Annual Report and receipt of the

Proceedings Executive Summary as well as plans for the 2004 Symposium. The day ended with a reception hosted by Alumni President Brian Sharratt.

The second day's events were divided into two parts. More than 30 members of the alumni attended the morning sessions, which focused on the Department of Homeland Security, US NORTHCOM missions and functions, and a presentation by members of the Defense Science Board on their study concerning DoD's roles in Homeland Defense. A briefing was added to the afternoon session; the Army G-3 provided an insightful brief on Army Force Rebalancing.

## CITIZEN PATRIOT AWARDS PRESENTED

The annual alumni dinner and Citizen Patriot awards were presented that evening. The Citizen Patriot Award is the highest award conferred by the Reserve Forces Policy Board to recognize individuals and units who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Reserve Components at the national level. The recipients have made a substantial contribution to the nation's defense and to national security. Recipients have demonstrated a lifetime pattern of excellence.

The group award was presented to the "First Shot Club," a group of Navy reservists who fired the first shot of WWII, sinking a Japanese submarine in Pearl Harbor.

The individual awardee was Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, 30-year veteran of Congress, retired Major General in the Mississippi National Guard, author of the Montgomery GI Bill and strong supporter of the Guard and Reserve.