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Navy League Announces Winners for Coveted Nimitz and Michelson Awards

Arlington, VA – The Navy League of the United States will present its 2010 Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Albert A. Michelson Awards at the Navy League Sea-Air-Space Exposition dinner on Tuesday, May 4. This year's Nimitz Award will go to Richard Langseder, senior vice president of Business Development, Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Co. The Michelson Award will go to James Schoppenhorst, vice president/general manager, Armament Systems, for BAE Systems Inc.

The dinner and award ceremony will be held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, Md.

The Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Award is given for outstanding leadership, statesmanship and commitment to the maritime strength of the United States and its allies. This year's recipient, Langseder, has dedicated his professional career to serving the U.S. Navy. As senior vice president of business development at Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Co. (CWFC), he is responsible for the company's strategic planning and for driving new business opportunities and technologies. During his 43-year tenure with Curtiss-Wright, he has held a number of senior management positions, including interim president of CWFC. Langseder began his career with General Dynamics Electric Boat Division as a research and development engineer, where he participated in the early implementation of the Navy's Sub Safe Program. He later joined Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., where he served as a flight test engineer before joining Curtiss-Wright.

The Albert A. Michelson Award is given for scientific or technical achievement that significantly improved the strength of U.S. maritime forces or enhanced the U.S. industrial technology base. For more than 30 years, Schoppenhorst has been instrumental in advancing state-of-the-art naval gunnery and bringing it into the 21st century. Today, he oversees development and production of the Advanced Gun System, Mark 57 Vertical Launching System and Close-in Gun System for the Zumwalt-class destroyer and the Mark 45 gun system and Mark 41 vertical launching system for the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer. He has implemented such key naval gunnery programs as the 5-inch electro-thermal chemical propulsion technology development program, the 5-inch Mark 45 Mod 4 upgrade, the Long-Range Land Attack Projectile and the electromagnetic rail-gun program.

The Navy League's Michelson Award is named after Albert A. Michelson, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate (class of 1873) and Nobel Prize winner for his work calculating the speed of light. This award is presented to a civilian scientist for scientific or technical achievement that results in a significant improvement in the strength of the U.S. maritime forces or the enhancement of America's industrial technology base. The Navy League's Nimitz Award is named for Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, a visionary naval leader of World War II. This award is presented to an individual or organization that has made an exemplary contribution to the enhancement of U.S. maritime strength and, in turn, to national security.

The Navy League of the United States was founded in 1902 and is a civilian organization with more than 50,000 members. The League is dedicated to educating American citizens and elected officials about the importance of sea power to the United States. Every year the Navy League presents the largest maritime exposition in the world featuring the latest technologies in the defense industry. This year's exposition is being held May 3-5 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center.

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