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Missile Defense Agency Presents Ronald W. Reagan Award to the Honorable Robert G. Joseph

Air Force Lieutenant General Henry "Trey" Obering III, Missile Defense Agency director, presented the Honorable Robert G. Joseph, Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, the fourth Ronald W. Reagan Missile Defense Award during a ceremony on March 23, 2006.

Undersecretary Joseph received the award for his commitment and dedication to providing protection to the United States while serving in numerous positions with the Department of Defense, the National Security Council and the Department of State. For more than two decades, he has been a driving force in the development and coordination of United States policies and strategies to defend the nation, our deployed forces, and our allies and friends from threats of ballistic missiles and weapons of mass destruction. With skill and experience in the areas of arms control and counter-proliferation, he played a key role in the decision by President George W. Bush to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972. The withdrawal from the Treaty allows the United States to defend its national territory, as well as help to defend our allies and friends around the world using an integrated, layered system of ground-, sea- and air-based missile defense elements.

When presenting the award, General Obering noted, "Undersecretary Joseph is a man whose clear vision, deep experiences, wise leadership and unflinching dedication have profoundly changed the course of our national security, and especially of missile defense."



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