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Kadish Receives Missile Defense Award

Air Force Lt. Gen. Henry "Trey" Obering, Missile Defense Agency director, announced that Lt. Gen. Ronald T. Kadish, U.S. Air Force (Retired), is the third recipient of the Ronald Reagan Missile Defense Award, an annual honor awarded to individuals or organizations to recognize outstanding support, innovation and engineering and scientific achievement associated with technologies designed to defend against ballistic missile attack. General Kadish served as director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Missile Defense Agency from 1999 to 2004.

In presenting the award April 13 during the 3rd Annual Missile Defense Conference in Washington, D.C., General Obering cited General Kadish's leadership, dedication and innovation to make huge strides in missile defense technology development. As director, he led a dedicated team from government and industry through an extensive research, development, testing and deployment program that resulted in the delivery of the first-ever capability for the United States to defend the entire nation from long-range ballistic missile attack, while continuing to develop and test a variety of missile defense technologies against ballistic missiles of all ranges, during any phase of their flight to defend our homeland, our deployed forces and our allies and friends against ballistic missile attack.

Previous recipients of the Ronald Reagan Missile Defense Award were former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in 2003 and Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, U.S. Air Force (Retired), the first director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization.

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