

## **Robert Penn Receives National Award for 2008 Military Leader of the Year !**

Robert Penn was awarded the 2008 Military Leader of the Year Award on August 11, by the Association of Defense Communities (ADC). This award recognizes an individual from any branch of the military — either active or civilian personnel — whose outstanding leadership has been essential in building and sustaining partnerships with defense communities.

This year's winner has been a leading force behind DOD's effort to leverage private sector resources as a way to upgrade military infrastructure without depending on congressional appropriations. He also deserves credit for spearheading the use of enhanced use leasing across a spectrum of federal agencies, including NASA, the Postal Service, and the departments of energy and agriculture.

During his tenure at the Army Corps of Engineers' Baltimore District office, he has closed 10 EUL transactions with more than 30 in some stage of execution. The 10 completed deals have created several billions dollars of private investment in Army facilities while boosting the economies of several defense communities. By relying on his creativity and ability to obtain consensus on complex issues, this individual has transformed federal business practices throughout his 16-year Army career.

The Association of Defense Communities (ADC) is the nation's premier membership organization serving America's defense communities. With 1,200 members nationwide, ADC is the voice for communities and states with a significant military presence. ADC unites the diverse interests of communities, state governments, the private sector and the military on issues of base closure and realignment, community military partnerships, defense real estate, mission growth, mission sustainment, military privatization, and base redevelopment.

Congratulations to Robert Penn, the 2008 Military Leader of the Year!