

2014 Ammunition Hall of Fame Inductee
VICTOR LINDNER



In 1941, Mr. Victor Lindner began his civil service career as a Chemist at Picatinny Arsenal where he held increasingly responsible positions in engineering and management. Mr. Lindner also known as "Mr. Ammunition," was internationally known as a free world authority in the research and development of armaments. He dedicated his professional career to conceptualizing weapon systems munitions and in coordinating present-day technology in order to develop and field these systems.

Through his leadership, organizational, and technical abilities, he was personally responsible for contributions of national importance in developing an entire new array of non-nuclear munition systems. These systems have included: high performance anti-tank munitions; new extended range mortar projectiles; the 40mm Grenade Launcher; artillery projectiles with twice the range and as much as ten-fold increase in lethality over those previously available; unique warheads for rockets; new mines with a three-fold performance increase, and weapons for tactical fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Mr. Lindner led a 325-man team to meet the requirements for a barrier minefield in Vietnam. These munitions and weapons constitute a large fraction of the Army's stockpile in the 1990s.

Mr. Lindner received an honorary doctorate degree from a university in Korea for his accomplishments in helping establish Korea with a capability for advancing their defense program. Mr. Lindner was extremely active in the NATO community and worked closely with 12 NATO nations and negotiated 43 weapon/ammunition agreements. He was instrumental in the focus on reducing production cost of ammunition early in career establishing the principle to develop and use an automated production and inspection process line early in the munitions development process.

On his retirement, Mr. Lindner acknowledged that despite all of his technical accomplishments, his greatest accomplishments was his ability to influence the careers of many people and to see that Picatinny's best people were promoted and recognized. He believed that his most important contribution was the impact he had on people who thought of him as their mentor. He imparted into the workforce some of the aspects that made Picatinny's culture work such as a sense of dedication, a sense of partnership with others, a sense of what their responsibilities were to the Army, a sense of competitiveness and a desire for success.

Mr. Lindner has received numerous awards. They include: two Exceptional Civilian Service Awards, U.S. Army; the Distinguished Civilian Service Award, DoD; two Presidential Meritorious Executive Awards from President George Bush; the Presidential Distinguished Executive Award from President Ronald Reagan; Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service; and the Leslie B. Simon Award. He possessed an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Engineering from Inha University of Engineering (Korea), and was a Distinguished Alumnus of the New

Jersey Institute of Technology. He was inducted into the US. Army Ordnance Corp Hall of Fame May 1990, and in 1996 was awarded the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. He was an Associate Member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board and Adjunct Professor of Engineering in the Graduate School of Stevens Institute of Technology. Mr Lindner was the author of numerous articles on armament materiel including those on explosives and propellants in the Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology. Mr. Lindner became a member of the Senior Executive Service in 1979.