



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: (703) 808-5050

Release #03-15
February 19, 2015

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE HONORS
MR. JOHN R. STAVLO

The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) honored Mr. John R. Stavlo for his contributions to national reconnaissance at a ceremony held February 18, at NRO headquarters in Chantilly, Va.

Mr. Stavlo pioneered the design and implementation of a first-of-a-kind precision pointing and tracking control system. To overcome the challenge of extending conventional attitude control concepts and development tools, he devised an innovative solution involving simulations with high-fidelity dynamic models and test beds with engineering model hardware operating in a closed loop mode. Mr. Stavlo's design and techniques represent a quantum leap in signals intelligence collection sensitivity. Mr. Stavlo's career in national reconnaissance spanned from 1972-2007.

Mr. Stavlo received a citation from Mr. Frank Calvelli, Principal Deputy Director of the NRO, in recognition of his distinguished performance. A permanent, commemorative plaque honoring Mr. Stavlo is on display in Pioneer Hall at NRO headquarters.

-NRO-

The NRO is a joint Department of Defense-Intelligence Community organization responsible for developing, launching, and operating America's intelligence satellites to meet the national security needs of our nation.