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## **CHICAGO DEMOLITION VETERAN AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL DEMOLITION ASSOCIATION SALUTED FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

***Sheldon J. Mandell, CEO of National Wrecking Company in Chicago and the founding president of the National Demolition Association, was saluted by his peers with the Lifetime Achievement Award for contributions to both the industry and the Association.***



DOYLESTOWN, PA, MAY 27, 2010 – Sheldon J. “Red” Mandell, Chicago demolition industry veteran and first president of the [National Demolition Association](http://www.demolitionassociation.com), received the Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award for the influential role he played in the growth of the Association. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of National Wrecking Company, a family-owned business he has managed since 1952.

“Red helped launch the National Demolition Association (then called the National Association of Demolition Contractors) 37 years ago when it was then a small group of member companies looking to raise the professionalism and image of our industry,” said Michael R. Taylor, CAE, executive director of the Association. “Today, the Association has grown to 1,000 member companies in North America and around the world involved in a highly sophisticated industry requiring knowledge in engineering, mechanical and electrical systems, and environmental regulations.” The NDA’s Lifetime Achievement Award was presented recently at the Association’s 37<sup>th</sup> [Annual Convention](http://www.demolitionassociation.com) in Las Vegas.

Mandell held the position of NDA president from 1973 through 1975 and also served on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors for five years. At the same time, he was shepherding the [National Wrecking Company](http://www.nwrecking.com) into the national spotlight as a premier demolition services organization. Over the years, his firm has demolished in excess of 100,000 structures for more than 1,500 clients. Its experience includes the demolition of heavy industrial buildings, skyscrapers, large commercial structures, bridges, refineries, smokestacks, towers, and

residential properties. In addition to the full range of demolition activities, the company also handles environmental remediation services.

A Skokie, IL, resident, Mandell is also involved in his community and served as past president of Congregation Kol Emeth in Skokie.

The National Demolition Association is a non-profit trade organization representing approximately 1,000 U.S. and Canadian companies and many international firms that are involved in the demolition process. Membership includes demolition contractors, general contractors, civil engineering firms, and recycling, landfill, and salvage operations. The association's efforts help members stay abreast of environmental, regulatory and safety matters, keep regulators informed about issues facing the industry, increase public and industry awareness, and provide members with networking opportunities and information on the latest technical advances in equipment and services. The website is [www.demolitionassociation.com](http://www.demolitionassociation.com).

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**CAPTION:**

Sheldon J. "Red" Mandell, Chairman of the Board of the National Wrecking Company in Chicago (left) is presented with the National Demolition Association's Lifetime Achievement Award by Richard Adamo of Adamo Demolition Company, Detroit, MI, chairperson of the Association's Awards Committee.