

Suspense for submission: December 10, 2024

Award Category	Government	Industry	Date
Name of Nominee or Organization:		Period of award (limited to the last 5 to 10 years)	
Nominee's Present Position, Title, and Organization		Position held during period covered by nomination (if different than present position)	

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name		Title	
Organization		Address	
City	State	Zip	Phone
Email			

HISTORY

The "Red Ball Express" award is proudly named after the famous Transportation operation during WWII.

The Red Ball Express was an enormous truck convoy system created in 1944 to supply Allied forces moving quickly through Europe after breaking out from the D-Day beaches in Normandy. Some 28 divisions were advancing across France and Belgium, each ordinarily requiring 700-750 tons a day. Patton's 3rd Army was soon grinding to a halt from lack of fuel and ordnance. The key to continuing pursuit was a continuous supply of fuel and ordnance, thus leading to the Red Ball Express. This operation ensured critical logistical supplies were moved forward to support the advancing forces. Special routes were marked with red balls and closed to civilian traffic. The supply trucks were then marked with the same red balls and given priority on these roads.



Commemorative stone in the village of La Queue-lez-Yvelines in north central France



PURPOSE

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Red Ball Express Award Narrative – limited to two pages

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