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**THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER RECOGNIZED AS THE HOTEL OF THE YEAR BY  
VIRGINIA RESTAURANT, LODGING & TRAVEL ASSOCIATION**

LEESBURG, VA – [The National Conference Center](#) in Leesburg, VA has been recognized by the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging & Travel Association (VRLTA) with two very prestigious awards. The National was recognized as Hotel of the Year, and General Manager Geoff Lawson was named Hotelier of the Year. The awards were presented during the VRLTA Awards banquet this past week. The 2017 *Ordinary Awards* features 16 individual and organizational awards across four primary categories. Each award given demonstrates exemplary passion for the hospitality and travel industry.

“These very prestigious awards recognize the tremendous performance of each and every team member in delivering exceptional hospitality to our guests and our communities,” said Chief Sales & Marketing Officer Chuck Ocheltree. “We are fortunate to have the leader that we have in Geoff Lawson as well as the amazing team that works with our guests every day. What makes this two-award recognition so special is the understanding that you cannot have one without the other—great leadership leads to great hospitality and great hospitality results in Hotel of the Year. We are excited to share this recognition with our associates and within our vast communities.”

On a winning streak this year, The National has received eight other industry awards including:

- Meetings Trendsetter Award to Mary Watson from *Meetings Today*
- Ambassador Tourism Award to Jamil Chaudhry from *Visit Loudoun*
- Tourism Action Award to Project Search from *Visit Loudoun*
- Tourism Branding Campaign “Go Big” from *Visit Loudoun*
- Partner of the Year from Loudoun County Public Schools
- Smart Star Award as “Best of the Best” from *Smart Meetings*
- Award of Excellence from *Corporate & Incentive Travel*
- Stellar Award from *Northstar Meeting Group*

**About the National Conference Center**

Located on a 65-acre private campus in Northern Virginia, 12 miles from Dulles International Airport and 35 miles from Washington, D.C., [The National Conference Center](#) is one of the largest and most comprehensive hospitality and training facility in the nation. Referred to as “the cathedral of learning” by a leading corporate learning executive, the complex offers 917 guest rooms and 265,000 square feet of meeting and group function space, including the West Belmont Place catering complex with its 16,552 square foot ballroom, The National has become the nation’s headquarters for productive learning and West Belmont Place the hub for Loudoun County and surrounding area social functions and special events.

The National is owned by NCC PS Enterprises LLC, a venture between PCCP LLC and Stoneleigh Capital LLC which retained [LaKota Hotels & Resorts](#) to oversee all aspects of the operations. For information call 800-640-2684 or visit [www.conferencecenter.com](http://www.conferencecenter.com)

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