

PRESS RELEASE

July 11, 2018

For Immediate Release

Contact: Linda Fisher / lfisher@uct.org / 800.848.0123 x1130

**BRANDON'S DAVE POETS RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM
INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION**

BRANDON, Manitoba, July 11, 2018 – Brandon resident Dave Poets was named the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from UCT (United Commercial Travelers), an international membership organization focused on volunteer community service in Canada and the U.S. He was presented the award at the organization's recent annual convention in Savannah, Georgia, and honored for his efforts as a UCT volunteer and staff member.

"I worked for UCT for 15 years and it was probably the best job I ever had," Poets said. "It's an honor and a privilege to be part of an organization that gives so much to communities across North America. UCT has been a big part of my life and this award is truly appreciated."

Through his work with UCT's James B. Chrisp Council 448, Poets has dedicated his time to UCT for more than 40 years. During that time he has given 100 percent to the organization and, through it, to his community by supporting charities like the Canadian Cancer Society, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Big Brothers-Big Sisters and Meals on Wheels. He has also lent his support to community causes like the local hospice and humane society, youth sports and highway cleanups.

Poets has served through the UCT lines of offices at both the local and regional levels, earning his past president and past regional president honors. He has the distinction of serving on nearly every local and regional UCT committee over the years and has served as a delegate to the organization's annual convention.

In addition to being a longtime UCT member, Poets spent 15 years as a staff member, serving as the organization's Fraternal Director for Canada and VP of Canadian Operations. He spent many years traveling Canada – and most particularly the Manitoba-Saskatchewan region – recruiting members and helping to establish local councils.

According to UCT Vice President of Fraternal, Sandy Shafer, members like Poets are what UCT is all about. "In every way possible, Dave has dedicated himself to UCT locally, regionally and internationally and we appreciate it more than he can know. We thank him from the bottoms of our hearts for all he has done for our organization."

About UCT

UCT (United Commercial Travelers) is a fraternal benefit society driven by its members and their commitment to community service across North America. Members decide on a local basis which causes and charities to support and how to best meet the needs of their communities. As a 501(c)8 non-profit, the organization's charitable efforts are made possible through the sales of its insurance products. Visit www.uct.org to learn more.

###