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K-Limited Carrier's Barbara Herman Becomes First Woman to be Named NTTC Professional Tank Truck Driver of the Year Grand Champion

Toledo, Ohio, April XX, 2019 -- Barbara Herman has been named the National Tank Truck Carriers' Professional Tank Truck Driver of the Year Grand Champion. A 34-year veteran of the trucking industry, Herman is not only the first woman to win the award, but also the first to be nominated.

"It's a dream come true," said Herman. "I've wanted to be a truck driver since I was six years old and this award validates a lot of hard miles on the road."

Given K-Limited Carrier's status as a woman-owned company, Herman's win was significant, especially considering the high profile work women already do within the company. Candi Coate, VP of Safety and Regulatory Compliance for K-Limited, oversees many of the areas that lead to driver recognition and was named the chair of the NTTC Safety & Security Council in 2017.

"We hope that Barbara's win shows that women can hold any role in the trucking industry and encourages more women to consider a career in trucking," said Kim Kaplan, K-Limited President.

Herman's win is also a first for K-Limited, which has been a driving force promoting driver recognition. K-Limited Executive Vice President, Dean Kaplan, has spearheaded the Driver of the Year award program, serving as a pivotal component since its creation in 2013. K-Limited has had one of its drivers named to the champion award level in each of the six years the Driver of the Year award has existed, but Herman is the first named as the NTTC grand champion.

Herman has been driving with K-Limited Carrier for ten years and boasts more than 750,000 safe miles in that time. In her career, she's recorded more than 1.7 million accident-free miles. One of eight finalists for the NTTC's 2018-2019 Professional Tank Truck Driver of the Year Award, Herman has also been recognized with K-Limited's certificate of excellence six times.

"The most important responsibility that I carry with me every day is safety," said Herman. "And with me, safety isn't just a word. It's a way of life."

“Barbara’s commitment to safety is just one of the many reasons we’re happy to have her as a part of the K-Limited family,” said Kaplan. “Her ongoing work as a certified driver trainer is invaluable to us, and we’re thrilled that she’s been recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in our industry.”

As the NTTC Tank Truck Driver of the Year Grand Champion, Herman must now fulfill a series of important responsibilities. She will be in attendance at the NTTC’s Annual Safety Meeting, the NTTC Annual Conference and the association’s annual Call on Washington Program. She may also be involved at NTTC Regional Safety Meetings and future conferences. Herman could also serve as a spokesperson for the NTTC during National Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

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