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2007 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Awards Ceremony Recognizes Acquisition Stars

Arlington, VA, Oct. 8, 2007 — The acquisition community held its 2007 AAC Annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007, at the Crystal Gateway Marriott®. The event recognized the accomplishments of the acquisition workforce's most extraordinary members and the teams they lead. The ceremony's theme, "Celebrating Our Acquisition Stars," was a tribute to the uniformed and civilian professionals who work tirelessly behind the scenes to provide combatant commanders and their Soldiers the weapons and equipment they need to execute decisive, full-spectrum operations in support of the global war on terrorism.

"Tonight we will honor some of the outstanding men and women – military and civilian – of the Army Acquisition Corps and the greater Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Workforce," remarked the Honorable Claude M. Bolton Jr., Army Acquisition Executive and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT), who hosted the event. "These men and women have taken many of our Army values like selfless service and duty to a higher level."

"One thing that I would like you to always remember is that we – each and every one of us – work for the Soldier. Every day America's warfighters stand ready to make the ultimate sacrifice. They serve with distinction in Iraq and Afghanistan, in the Balkans, in Kuwait, in the Sinai, in Korea, in Africa – in nearly 80 countries throughout the world," Bolton noted. "They face threats that change – quite literally – overnight, and their success in meeting these challenges rests squarely on our shoulders."

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center Deputy Director COL Brian Winters presided over the event as Master of Ceremonies. Other Army and defense acquisition senior leaders present included LTG N. Ross Thompson III, Military Deputy to the ASAALT and Director, Army Acquisition Corps; Tina Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) for Policy and Procurement; Wimpy D. Pybus, DASA for Integrated Logistics Support; and Dr. Thomas H. Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology and Chief Scientist.

The evening's presentations included the Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting, Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award, Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards, Secretary of the Army Awards for Acquisition Director, Project and Product Managers of the Year and the Army Acquisition Excellence Awards. [See list of winners below.]

"One thing that I would like you to always remember is that we work for the Soldier," Bolton explained. "Every day America's warfighters stand ready to make the ultimate sacrifice. In all we do, we serve the Soldier. The most technologically advanced platforms are useless without the intellect, dedication and remarkable sense of duty of the American Soldier. The Soldier remains the centerpiece of our combat systems and formations and is indispensable to the Joint team."

For more information about the 2007 AAC Awards Ceremony, please contact Mike Roddin at (703) 805-1035 or e-mail mike.rodin@us.army.mil.

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2007 AAC Award Winners

2007 Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting

Barbara C. Heald Award

Douglas Packard, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Procurement

Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award

Michael Hartwell, Integrated Materiel Management Center, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC)

2007 Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards

Research Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Engineer, Research and Development Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Large Development Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC), U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)

Small Development Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, AMC

Collaboration Teams of the Year

- AMRDEC and the U.S. Army Armament, Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) for the Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems, Inertial Measurement Unit Manufacturing Effort
- AMRDEC and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) for the Rotorcraft Drive Systems for the 21st Century
- ARDEC and ARL for the Hyper™ Chip Development Team
- ARL and U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center for the Interim High-Mobility Engineering Excavator Add-On Armor Kit

2007 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards

Acquisition Director of the Year at the LTC Level

LTC(P) Craig DeDecker, U.S. Army Contracting Agency (ACA), Northern Region Contracting Center

Product Manager of the Year

LTC Jeffrey Souder, PEO Missiles and Space, Cruise Missile Defense Systems, Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System

Acquisition Director of the Year at the COL Level

COL Christopher Sullivan, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, U.S. Army Aviation Technical Test Center

Project Manager of the Year

- COL(P) Peter Fuller, PEO Ground Combat Systems, Project Management Office Stryker Brigade Combat Team
- COL Scott Kidd, PEO Combat Support and Combat Service Support, Project Manager Tactical Vehicles

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2007 AAC Award Winners

2007 Army Acquisition Excellence Awards

Individual Sustained Achievement

James Crum, Iraq Project and Contracting Office, Washington

Equipping and Sustaining Our Soldiers Systems

PM Counter Radio Controlled Improvised Explosive Devices Electronic Warfare Integrated Logistics and Supportability Team, PEO Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, Project Director Signals Warfare

Information Enabled Army

Tactical Operations Centers Product Office Management Team, PEO Command, Control and Communications Tactical, Project Manager Tactical Radio Communications Systems

Transforming the Way We Do Business

Improved Outer Tactical Vest Team, PEO Soldier, Product Manager Soldier Survivability