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**2008 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Awards Ceremony  
Recognizes Acquisition Stars**

**ARLINGTON, Va., Oct. 5** — The U.S. Army acquisition community held its 2008 AAC Annual Awards Ceremony Oct. 5 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott®.

The event, appropriately themed “Celebrating Our Acquisition Stars,” honored the outstanding accomplishments of the acquisition workforce’s most extraordinary members and the teams they lead, said Dean G. Popps, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT)), and key speaker for the ceremony.

“We are the Army Acquisition Enterprise with a portfolio of fewer than 43,000 military and civilian workforce members who manage roughly 25 percent of the Army’s budget. We are proud of our mission to equip and sustain the world’s most capable, powerful, and respected Army,” said Popps, emphasizing the mission-critical role acquisition professionals play in supporting the warfighter. “This mission requires a highly skilled workforce capable of developing, acquiring, fielding, and sustaining the equipment our Soldiers depend upon.”

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center (USAASC) Deputy Director COL Brian Winters presided over the event as Master of Ceremonies. The evening’s awards included:

1. The Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award
2. The Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting — Barbara C. Heald Award
3. The Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Continuous Process Improvement Award
4. The Inaugural ASA(ALT) Contracting Noncommissioned Officer Award for Contracting Excellence
5. The Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards
6. The Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards
7. The Army Acquisition Excellence Awards

For more information about the 2008 AAC Awards Ceremony, please contact Ben Ennis at (703) 805-1035 or [ben.ennis@us.army.mil](mailto:ben.ennis@us.army.mil). [See list of winners below.]

The USAASC supports Army warfighter readiness by developing a world-class professional acquisition workforce, effectively acquiring and stewarding resources and providing customers with the best possible products and services. For additional information about USAASC, visit <http://asc.army.mil>.

## 2008 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards Ceremony Winners

### 2008 Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year

LTC Vincent Johnston, Joint Program Executive Office (PEO) Chemical and Biological Defense

### 2008 Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting — Barbara C. Heald Award

Suzanne Anderson, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC)

### 2008 Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Continuous Process Improvement Award

Hellfire Missile System RESET Project Team, PEO Missiles and Space, Joint Attack Munitions Systems Project Office

### 2008 ASA(ALT) Contracting Noncommissioned Officer Award for Contracting Excellence

MSG Christopher Bowers, USAASC (with duty at Lackland AFB, TX)

### 2008 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 (ERDC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### 2008 Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards — Large Development Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center (ARDEC), U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC)

### 2008 Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards — Small Development Laboratory of the Year

U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development, and Engineering Center, AMC

### 2008 Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards — Collaboration Team of the Year

- U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL), U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, and U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory for the Joint Trauma Analysis and Prevention of Injury in Combat
- U.S. Army Simulation and Training Technology Center, U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, and ARL for the Learning with Adaptive Simulation and Training
- U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development, and Engineering Center (TARDEC); ARL; ARDEC; and ERDC for the High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle Improvements Program
- TARDEC and ARL for the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Expedient Armor Program
- U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development, and Engineering Center and TARDEC for the Optimization of Communications and Electronic Warfare Antenna Placement on MRAP Vehicles

### 2008 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards — Acquisition Director of the Year at the Lieutenant Colonel Level

LTC William Sanders, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), DCMA St. Petersburg and DCMA Kuwait

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**2008 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards — Product Manager of the Year**

LTC Shawn Gresham, PEO Aviation, Product Manager Medium-Altitude Endurance, Unmanned Aircraft Systems

**2008 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards — Acquisition Director of the Year at the Colonel Level**

COL Joseph Bass, U.S. Army Sustainment Command

**2008 Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director and Project and Product Manager of the Year Awards — Project Manager of the Year**

COL John McGuinness, PEO Soldier, Project Manager Soldier Equipment

**2008 Army Acquisition Excellence Awards — Individual Sustained Achievement**

Mr. Jeffrey Simonis, U.S. Army TACOM LCMC Acquisition Center

**2008 Army Acquisition Excellence Awards — Equipping and Sustaining Our Soldiers Systems**

- MRAP Joint-Service Test and Evaluation Team, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center
- MRAP Expedient Armor Program Team, U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command, TARDEC

**2008 Army Acquisition Excellence Awards — Information Enabled Army**

General Fund Enterprise Business System, PEO Enterprise Information Systems

**2008 Army Acquisition Excellence Awards — Transforming the Way We Do Business**

Rapid Fielding Initiative Team, PEO Soldier