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2006 AAC Awards Ceremony Recognizes Acquisition Stars

Arlington, VA Oct. 9, 2006 — The acquisition community held its 2006 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at the DoubleTree Crystal City Hotel. 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 as they protect our Nation's precious freedom.

"We 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. "It is clear that we have the world's best acquisition and logistics workforce to keep our Army the most capable land force on earth."

"We serve a Nation at war and a military force that is transforming while fighting and winning the global war on terrorism," Bolton observed. "It is clear that we have charted the right course — increasing capability, flexibility and sustainability — and that we must maintain the tremendous momentum we have built."

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center Deputy Director COL Fred Mullins presided over the event as Master of Ceremonies. Current Army and retired senior leaders present included: the Honorable Page Hooper, former ASAALT; LTG Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., Military Deputy to the ASAALT and Director, Acquisition Career Management; LTG Steven Boutelle, Chief Information Officer, G-6; LTG (Ret.) John S. Caldwell, former ASAALT Military Deputy; Ms. Tina Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) for Policy and Procurement; Dr. Thomas H. Killion, DASA for Research and Technology and the Army's Chief Scientist. Representing the DASA for Integrated Logistics Support was Mr. Larry Hill.

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

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“One thing that I would like you to always remember is that we — each and every one of us — work for the Soldier” Bolton explained. “Every day America’s warfighters stand ready to make the ultimate sacrifice. They face threats that change — quite literally — overnight, and their success in meeting these challenges rests on our shoulders.”

For more information about the 2006 AAC Awards Ceremony, please contact Mike Roddin at (703) 805-1035 or e-mail mike.rodin@us.army.mil.

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2006 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards Ceremony Award Winners

2006 Secretary of the Army Award for Excellence in Contracting

Barbara C. Heald Award

Award Winner: Kristina Jensen, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC)

2006 Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award

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Award Winner: Amelia (Amy) Barnett, PEO Missiles and Space, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile LCMC

2006 Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards

Large Research Laboratory of the Year

Award Winner: U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL)

Large Development Laboratory of the Year

Award Winner: U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center

Small Development Laboratory of the Year

Award Winner: U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center (NSC)

Collaboration Team of the Year

Award Winners: ARL and U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, **and** NSC and U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine

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

Award Winner: LTC James Simpson, Defense Contract Management Agency, Central Pennsylvania and Northern Iraq

Product Manager of the Year

Award Winner: COL Philip Carey, PEO Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, Infrared Countermeasures

Acquisition Director of the Year at the Colonel Level

Award Winner: COL John Rooney, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC), Aberdeen Proving Ground

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Project Manager of the Year

Award Winners: COL Jonathan Maddux, Program Manager Future Combat Systems (Brigade Combat Team) (FCS(BCT)), FCS(BCT) Network Systems Integration **and** COL Mark Rider, PEO Ammunition, Maneuver Ammunition Systems – Direct Fire

Army Acquisition Excellence Awards

Individual Sustained Achievement

Award Winners: MAJ Carl Kimball, PEO Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Assistant Product Manager for Live Training Systems, **and** William H. Weed, PEO Enterprise Information Systems, Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care

Equipping and Sustaining Our Soldiers Systems

Award Winner: North Atlantic Regional Contracting Office, U.S. Army Medical command, Health Care Acquisition Activity

Information Enabled Army

Award Winner: ATEC Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Instrumentation Team, ATC

Transforming the Way We Do Business

Award Winner: Task Force Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology