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**Army Presents Annual Acquisition Commander and
Project & Product Manager of the Year Awards**

Ft. Belvoir, VA — The Honorable Claude M. Bolton Jr., the Army Acquisition Executive and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and Lt. Gen. John S. Caldwell Jr., Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, presented the annual Acquisition Commander and Project & Product Manager of the Year Awards at the 2003 Army Acquisition Corps Ball October 5th at the Grand Hyatt Regency, Crystal City, VA.

“These award winners have been selected from an elite group of nominees,” Secretary Bolton remarked. “The challenges and complexities faced by these awardees in a year characterized by change, deployments, unit rotations and high operations tempo were truly amazing. It is a testament to both the Army and Acquisition Corps that so many excellent people and teams are nominated and recognized each year for remarkable service above and beyond the call of duty,” Bolton continued.

“This year’s award winners are outstanding representatives of the Army Acquisition workforce whose collective expertise and abilities to research, manage, develop, test, evaluate, contract, field and sustain our warfighting systems ensure that our soldiers have the materiel they need to fight with greater lethality, survivability and sustainability — regardless of where the battlefield or mission takes them,” Bolton concluded.

The **Project Manager of the Year Award for Colonel/GS-15 level** was presented to Col. David Ogg from the Interim Brigade Combat Team, Program Executive Office Ground Combat Systems. The Interim Brigade Combat Team plans, manages and directs the development, testing, production, fielding and sustainment of a full range of systems, including 10 variants of the **Stryker Family of Vehicles**. Despite the complexity and requirement to meet tighter deadlines than in other more traditional Army Acquisition programs, Ogg’s program exceeded a **90 percent Operational Readiness Rate**, delivering products on time and meeting or exceeding Soldier requirements.

The **Acquisition Commander of the Year for Colonel/GS-15 level** was presented to Col. Mary Brown from the Army Test & Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Test Center. As the Aberdeen Test Center Commander, Brown manages 60-plus acres of test ranges

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and 73 major test facilities. She also oversees operations involving nearly 1,600 military, civilian and contractor personnel and is responsible for developmental testing of combat and combat support systems; ammunition, including small rockets and missiles; and Navy ship structures. Brown's organization is committed to ensuring that the Soldiers receive the safest and best equipment available.

The **Product Manager of the Year Award for Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14** was presented to Lt. Col. Dave Lockhart, Product Manager for Joint Tactical Radio Communications Systems (JTRS) Army – Ground and Air, from Program Executive Office Command, Control & Communications-Tactical. Lockhart and his team were able to identify and effectively minimize contractor cost and schedule overruns via aggressive program reviews and relentless application of earned-value management. He spear-headed streamlined, innovative measures that enabled the JTRS team to maintain objective schedule momentum and deliver exceptional results for five JTRS clusters and responsibility for fielding more than 100,000 systems with a \$23 billion budget.

The **Acquisition Commander of the Year Award for Lieutenant Colonel/GS-14** was presented to Lt. Col. Jack Cunnane, U.S. Army Contracting Agency, Southern Region. Cunnane's command was directly responsible to the US Army III (3rd) Corps for missions and quality of life support at Fort Hood and in supporting force projection and rapid deployment contingency operations. His support enabled III Corps to complete 100 percent of its mission requirements. Cunnane further demonstrated his dedication by volunteering to serve in Iraq to establish the joint contracting element that supported ongoing warfighter operations in theater.

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