

## 2008 PCO/ITS Award Ceremonies Honor Contracting Professionals

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**T**he 2008 Procuring Contracting Officer/Intern Training Symposium (PCO/ITS) served as a forum for PCOs and interns to learn, share ideas, and advance their professional careers. The symposium also marked the completion of three award ceremonies and recognitions of contracting individuals: the Secretary of the Army (SecArmy) Awards for Excellence in Contracting, Senior Leaders Development Program (SLDP) Graduation, and PCO Warrant Ceremony. The awards highlighted outstanding contracting community members and their important and valuable work to the acquisition profession.

The Army contracting personnel honored at the PCO/ITS provide outstanding service and support to our Soldiers and their missions. Here, PFC Richard Scott, Fire Support Specialist, watches for potential threats during a Joint patrol in Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by SPC Aaron Rosencrans, 2nd Stryker Brigade 25th Infantry Division.)



Dean G. Popps (left) and Dale A. Ormond present Julie Anderson, USACE – Savannah District, with the SecArmy Award for Outstanding Contracting Officer Contingency Contracting. (U.S. Army photo by Roderick Evans, USACE.)

## SecArmy Awards for Excellence in Contracting

The SecArmy Awards are presented annually to honor contracting officers, units, and teams for excellence in executing the contracting mission in support of our Soldiers and our Nation. The award winners and nominees were honored in a ceremony held Monday, April 21, 2008. Dale A. Ormond, then-Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Policy and Procurement) (DASA (P&P)), presented the awards and praised the winners and nominees: “My sincere congratulations to our winners and to all those who were nominated. Truly, it is a mark of outstanding performance just to be nominated and a mark of acquisition excellence.” Also presenting the awards was Dean G. Popps, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, who conveyed praise from Army senior leadership, saying, “Mr. Pete Geren and Mr. Nelson Ford, respectively the SecArmy and the Under Secretary of the Army, send their congratulations.”

The SecArmy Award categories and winners are as follows (*Editor’s Note:*

For a complete list of nominees, please see the July issue of *Army AL&T Online* at [http://www.usaasc.info/alt\\_online/toc.cfm?iID=0808](http://www.usaasc.info/alt_online/toc.cfm?iID=0808).)

### Barbara C. Heald Award\*

Douglas Packard, Office of the DASA(P&P)

\* *This award was presented at the 2007 U.S. Army Acquisition Corps Annual Awards ceremony.*



Representatives Pam Lutz, Pete Marci, and Karin Koos from the Center Management Office, Army Reserve Contracting Center, ACA – Northern Region, accept the SecArmy Award for Outstanding Unit/Team Award for Installation-Level Contracting Center from Dean G. Popps (far left) and Dale A. Ormond (far right). (U.S. Army photo by Roderick Evans, USACE.)

**AbilityOne (formerly known as the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Program)**  
Sean Murphy, U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command (RDECOM) – Natick, MA

**Outstanding Contract Specialist**  
John Jolokai, U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC)

**Outstanding Procurement Analyst**  
Robert Friedrich, Office of the DASA(P&P)

**Outstanding Contracting Officer Contingency Contracting**  
Julie Anderson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Savannah District

**Outstanding Contracting Officer Installation-Level Contracting Center**  
Rosanne Spencer, U.S. Army TACOM LCMC, Rock Island Arsenal, IL

**Outstanding Contracting Officer Logistics Support (Sustainment) Contracting**  
Alex Matejka, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics (CECOM) LCMC



The 2008 SLDP class celebrates after graduation. Pictured left to right are: Wade Cole, Antwinette Goodman Cooper, Debra A. Dobbins, Cynthia R. Lee, FEI Senior Faculty Dr. Gail Funke, former DASA(P&P) Tina Ballard, Pamela E. Nevels, Kristina M. Jensen, and Scott D. Kukes. (U.S. Army photo by Roderick Evans, USACE.)

**Outstanding Contracting Officer  
Specialized Services and Construction  
Contracting**

Jacqueline Woodson, U.S. Army Contracting Agency (ACA) – Contracting Center of Excellence

**Outstanding Contracting Officer  
Systems Contracting**

Sharon Wilson-Emmons, U.S. Army CECOM LCMC

**Outstanding Unit/Team Award for  
Installation-Level Contracting Center**

Center Management Office, Army Reserve Contracting Center, ACA – Northern Region

**Outstanding Unit/Team Award for  
Logistics Support (Sustainment)  
Contracting**

Depot Partnering/Fort Rucker Team, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile (AMCOM) LCMC

**Outstanding Unit/Team Award for  
Specialized Services and Construction  
Contracting**

South Atlantic Division Regional Military Construction Transformation Team, USACE

**Outstanding Unit/Team Award for  
Systems Contracting**

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Team, AMCOM LCMC

**SLDP Graduation**

SLDP is an 18-month program designed for level GS-14 and -15 (or payband equivalent) participants to foster the skills and gain the experience to become a contracting senior leader. It involves both classroom learning and outside experiential learning through an ongoing cycle of assessment and mentor/coach support. The program was developed by the DASA(P&P), Contracting Career Program Office, and the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Executive Institute (FEI). The graduation on Monday, April 21, 2008, marked the second graduating class from the program.

Dr. Gail Funke, FEI Senior Faculty, gave a program overview and explained the importance of the SLDP. "The program is the culmination of a dream and a lot of hard work ... SLDP is extremely unique and challenging." The program is especially important because it prepares the

contracting workforce for the personnel void when current capable leaders start retiring. Ormond praised the SLDP program, saying it has done amazing things for the Army contracting community. He described the graduates as "the best of the best" and thanked them for their service.

The 2008 SLDP graduates are as follows:

Elisa Boyer, AMCOM LCMC

Wade Cole, ACA – Southern Region

Debra A. Dobbins, Office of the DASA(P&P)

Antwinette Goodman Cooper, ACA – Southern Region

Kristina M. Jensen, ACA – Southern Region

Scott D. Kukes, ACA – Southern Region

Cynthia R. Lee, Office of Small Business Programs, HQDA

Pamela E. Nevels, U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity, U.S. Army Medical Command

**PCO Warrant Ceremony**

The PCO Warrant Ceremony held Thursday, April 24, 2008, honored the outstanding efforts of individual PCOs who demonstrated excellence in Army contracting. The recipients were recognized for their problem-solving skills, leadership, dedication, and selfless service on behalf of the Army. Recipients received their awards alongside their respective Principal Assistants Responsible for Contracting (PARCs), who provided guidance and leadership to each PCO. Shay Assad, Director, Defense Procurement, Acquisition Policy, and Strategic Sourcing, commended the PCOs and stressed the importance of the warrants they received: "Congratulations to all of you. It is a significant accomplishment in your professional career. When you get that warrant, realize the

responsibility that we're putting in your hands."

The PCO warrant recipients and PARCs are as follows:

**U.S. Army Materiel Command PARCs**  
Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard — Kathy Salas (PCO), April J. Miller (PARC)

AMCOM LCMC — Terrance Vickerstaff (PCO), Marlene Cruze (PARC), COL Scott Campbell (Alternate (Alt.) to PARC)

CECOM LCMC — Patrick Lootens (PCO), James Loehrl (PARC), Michael R. Hutchison (Deputy Director/Alt. to PARC)

RDECOM — Susan Hanle (PCO), James K. Warrington (PARC/Executive Director), Steven Bryant (Deputy Director/Alt. to PARC)

TACOM LCMC — Adelaide Tkatch (PCO), Harry P. Hallock (PARC), Martin J. Green (Associate Director for Operations Center/Alt. to PARC)

#### ACA PARCs

Northern Region — Wanda Reed (PCO), Joann Langston (PARC), Debbie Emerson (Alt. to PARC)

Southern Region — Julie Silva (PCO), Carol Lowman (Director/PARC), Sarah Corley (Alt. to PARC)

National Capital Region Information Technology and Electronic Commerce Commercial Contracting Center and Contracting Center of Excellence — MAJ Conway Phelps (PCO), George Sears (PARC), Dr. Angela Billups (Alt. to PARC)

Army Contracting Element, Pacific — Charles Jaber (PCO), Roger Engebretson, (Director/PARC), Sharon Oishi (Alt. to PARC)

U.S. Army Contracting Command, Southwest Asia — Carol Estes (PCO), COL Joseph Bass (Commander/PARC), Michael Cooper (PARC)

#### USACE PARCs

Winchester — JoAnn Bray (PCO), Cathy A. Bella (PARC), Colleen J. O'Keefe (Deputy PARC)

Atlanta — Cherie Kunze (PCO), Beverly Y. Thomas (PARC), Judy S.

Armstrong (Deputy PARC)

Dallas — Deanna Knight (PCO), Maureen Q. Weller (PARC)

**Other PARCs**  
Program Executive Office Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation



PCO Cherie Kunze, USACE – Atlanta (middle), alongside PARC Beverly Y. Thomas, receives a PCO Warrant from Dale A. Ormond. (U.S. Army photo by SPC Jennifer Premer, 10th Public Affairs Operations Center.)

— Patricia Schaub (PCO), Ken Tedeschi (Acting Director, Acquisition Center/Acting PARC), Melissa Cossentino (Alt. to PARC)

Medical Command — Stephanie Sakanoi (PCO), COL Earle Smith II (PARC), James Rankin (Alt. to PARC)

Medical Research and Materiel Command — Kathryn Dunn (PCO), Paul G. Michaels (PARC), Robert Bishop (Alt. to PARC)

Intelligence and Security Command — Brenda Jackson-Sewell (PCO), Melissa Rider (Deputy Director/PARC)

Space and Missile Defense Command — John Mason (PCO), Garfield W. Boon Jr. (Acting PARC)

National Guard Bureau — Patricia Hannon (PCO), COL Larry Field (Acting PARC), George Harris (Alt. to PARC)

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(Left to right:) Dale A. Ormond presents a PCO Warrant to PCO Charles Jaber, Army Contracting Element, Pacific, alongside Director/PARC Roger Engebretson. (U.S. Army photo by SPC Jennifer Premer, 10th Public Affairs Operations Center.)