

## AWARDS

### Army Names PM of the Year Recipients

Two project managers and a product manager are recipients of the Army's PM of the Year Award. Alan D. Sherer, project manager of the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command's (SDC) High Endoatmospheric Defense Interceptor Project in Huntsville, AL, is the first civilian to receive the award since it was initiated in 1977. COL Martin J. Michlik was cited for his work as project manager of the Night Vision Electro-Optics Program at Fort Belvoir, VA. LTC Gary J. Hagan — the first product manager to ever receive this award — was recognized for achievements as product manager of SDC's Hypervelocity Launcher. Stephen K. Conver, assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition, presented the awards.

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding performance based on the success and overall management of an Army program. Criteria for selection are resource management, management techniques and innovation, program complexity, personal qualities, meeting or exceeding program objectives and total quality management.

The citation on Sherer's award stated: "Mr. Sherer's personal dedication and executive skill guided the HEDI project to the first successful flight test of a strategic defense interceptor capable of intercepting ballistic missile warheads within the atmosphere. This event was a critical milestone in the nation's strategic defense program and served to demonstrate the feasibility of endoatmospheric defenses as an element of the overall strategic defense system."

COL Michlik's citation stated, "Through his initiative, technical competence, excellent judgment and astute managerial ability, Colonel Michlik managed and coordinated the activities of a complex night vision program while maintaining established performance, schedule, and cost goals."

LTC Hagan's citation stated, "Because of the tremendous advances in miniaturization and launch hardening, hypervelocity launch of guided projectiles from advanced electric guns has the potential to revolutionize not only ballistic



**LTC Gary J. Hagan**  
**Product Manager**  
**Hypervelocity**  
**Launcher**

missile defense but also air defense and long range fire support systems. Component miniaturization and launch hardening are essential to making available smaller, less costly, and more capable kill vehicles with hit-to-kill target intercept capability."

### Army Cites Achievements of R&D Organizations

The U.S. Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL, is one of four Army R&D organizations recently recognized for outstanding achievements during FY 1989. Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition Stephen K. Conver made the announcement. The Missile RD&E Center was named Army R&D Organization of the Year for accomplishments related to advanced kinetic energy missiles and sensor systems. Recipients of R&D Excellence Awards are:

- The Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, NH, for advanced techniques in cold regions survivability, mobility and operations.
- The Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, for work related to advanced total spectrum armaments for the battlefield of the 1990s and 2000s.
- The Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Fort Rucker, AL, for advanced research and development on health hazards of Army aviation, vehicles, and airborne operations.

These awards are presented each year to top research and development organizations whose achievements during the preceding year are considered the best within the Army R&D community. Selection criteria include each organization's technical accomplishments, management initiatives, and personnel and resource management efforts.



**Alan D. Sherer,**  
**PM HEDI**



**COL Martin J. Michlik**  
**PM Night Vision**  
**Electro-Optics**