

# PMs AND ACQUISITION COMMANDERS OF THE YEAR HONORED

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The Army's Project Manager of the Year Award, Product Manager of the Year Award, and two Acquisition Commander of the Year Awards were presented in recognition of outstanding achievements during a special ceremony at the annual Army Acquisition Workshop, Aug. 23, 2000, in Orlando, FL. Paul J. Hooper, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASAALT) and Army Acquisition Executive, presented the awards.

## **Project Manager Of The Year**

COL Stephen V. Reeves, Project Manager, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense Systems (PM, NBC), received the Project Manager of the Year Award for FY99. He was cited for executing all assigned programs within budget, cost, and schedule variance, and for exceeding all DOD and HQDA goals for obligations and disbursements. During the past year, Reeves was credited with leading NBC defense teams in fielding more than 150,000 items of NBC defense equipment valued at approximately \$200 million. By adopting a full life-cycle management approach, Reeves effectively established multiple operations and sustainment cost reduction efforts across multiple product lines. This effort is expected to result in savings of more than \$40 million during the next 7 years.

## **Product Manager Of The Year**

LTC Charles H. Driessnack, Product Manager, National Missile Defense (NMD) In-Flight Interceptor Communication System (IFICS)/Communications, received the Product Manager of the Year Award for FY99. He was cited for carefully restructuring the IFICS Program and establishing an aggressive prototype development program to minimize cost, schedule, and technical risks, and to improve performance. He is also responsible for restructuring the NMD communications architecture and acquisition strategy resulting in a cost-as-an-independent-variable savings to the government of \$2 billion. Additionally, Driessnack lead a highly effective joint-Service team that ensured the NMD IFICS would successfully communicate weapons task plans to the NMD interceptor and ensure target impact.

## **Acquisition Commanders Of The Year**

COL Andrew G. Ellis and LTC William N. Patterson were each recipients of an Acquisition Commander of the Year Award for FY99.

Ellis was recognized for his achievements as Commander, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center (ATC), responsible for the planning, research and development, test and evaluation design,

engineering, production, and surveillance tests for DOD agencies and contractors for military systems and equipment. Ellis was cited for developing a concept of forming a limited liability company to include ATC staff and industrial and academic partners who would reduce the normal acquisition testing lead time while saving millions of dollars. Under Ellis' leadership, ATC became the Department of the Army's only pilot test and evaluation center for DOD's FYs 99 and 00 pilot programs. He is credited with championing a closeout of an A76 Study, resulting in immediate savings of \$2 million with sustained annual savings of \$3 million. He was also cited for his commitment to providing the soldier the safest and best equipment available.

Patterson was recognized for his contributions as the Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency-Manassas, the largest contract management office in the Defense Contract Management Agency. He is responsible for 118 acquisition professionals who administer more than 32,000 contracts valued at \$28 billion. Patterson was also cited for initiating a single process initiative calling for use of commercial practices in the purchase of desktop computer contracts and other commercial off-the-shelf items. This effort will eliminate the need for contract administration and will result in faster



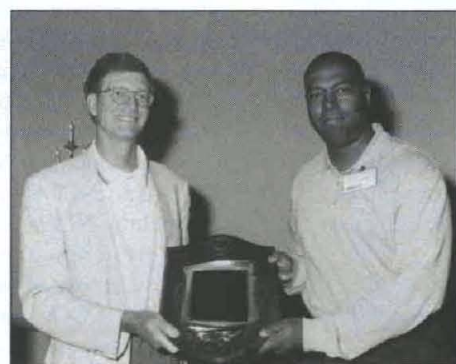
**COL Steven V. Reeves (right), PM, NBC, accepts the FY99 Project Manager of the Year Award from Paul J. Hoyer, ASAALT.**



**LTC Charles H. Driessnack (right), Product Manager, NMD IFICS/Communications, accepts the FY99 Product Manager of the Year Award from Paul J. Hoyer, ASAALT.**



**COL Andrew G. Ellis (right), Commander, ATC, receives an Acquisition Commander of the Year Award from Paul J. Hoyer, ASAALT.**



**LTC William N. Patterson (right), Commander, Defense Contract Management Agency-Manassas, receives an Acquisition Commander of the Year Award from Paul J. Hoyer, ASAALT.**

delivery of items to the warfighter at a reduced cost. Patterson saved customers more than \$55 billion (saved the Army \$8 million alone) in expiring funds during FY99.

### **Charter Presentations**

At the conclusion of the formal awards ceremony, Hoyer presented revised program executive office (PEO) and deputy for systems acquisition (DSA) charters to program executive officers from the PEOs for Aviation; Ground Combat and Support Systems; Command, Control and Communications Systems; Air and Missile Defense; Tactical Missiles; Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and

Sensors; Standard Army Management Information Systems; and to the DSA, Tank-automotive and Armaments Command; the DSA, Communications-Electronics Command; and the DSA, Aviation and Missile Command. Hoyer noted that the revised charters reflect some of the ongoing initiatives within the acquisition community. Most likely to draw attention, Hoyer said, is the addition of supportability as a co-equal with cost, schedule, and performance in the program decision process and the responsibility to plan and execute the transition of programs and systems when appropriate.

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