

2007 Army Deployment Excellence Award Competition

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The 2007 Army Deployment Excellence Award (DEA) competition is open to Active Army, Reserve, and National Guard units and installations. To participate in the DEA Program, a unit is required to have executed or supported a training or contingency deployment during the competition year. The competition year began on 1 December 2005 and will run through 30 November 2006. All units and installations are encouraged to participate in this elite competition. Two unit representatives from each winning and runner-up category will receive an expenses paid, four-day trip to Washington, D.C., to accept the unit awards. The trip includes travel, per diem, lodging, and ground transportation costs; time for shopping; tours of the D.C. area; and a photo with the Army Chief of Staff. Significant dates for the 2007 competition include the following:

- 1 December 2005–30 November 2006: This is the 2007 DEA competition period.
- 1 December 2006–31 January 2007: Packet submissions due. All packets must be submitted through the chain of command.
- 31 January 2007: Nomination packets are due from major commands to the DEA evaluation board.
- 5–16 February 2007: The DEA board screens packets to select semifinalists.
- 1–25 March 2007: DEA teams visit selected semifinalists and conduct an on-site validation of deployment practices.
- 9 April 2007: The Army G-4 selects and announces the winners via a Department of the Army message.
- 17 May 2007: DEA awards are presented at the Chief of Staff, Army Combined Logistics Excellence Award ceremony and banquet.

DEA guidance and evaluation criteria can be found on the Deployment Process Modernization Office Web site <<http://www.deploy.eustis.army.mil/Default.html>>. 

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