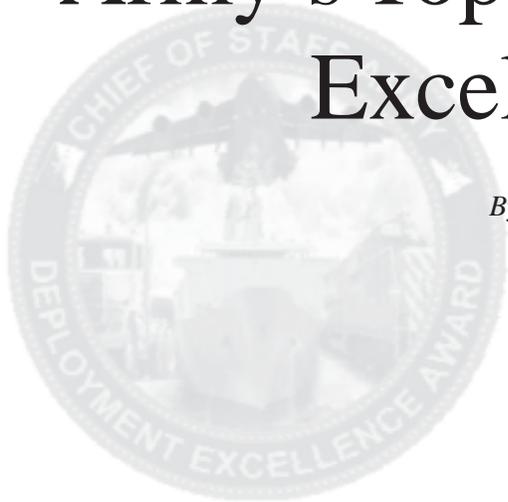


Army's Top Deployers Receive Excellence Award

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Lieutenant General Claude Christianson, Deputy Chief of Staff, G4 (Logistics) (G4), presented 23 awards at the 2004 Army Deployment Excellence Award (DEA) Ceremony held 22 June 2004 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Washington, D.C.

The Army Chief of Staff established the DEA program in 2000 to recognize Active Army, Reserve, and National Guard units and installations for outstanding deployment accomplishments. The DEA program is open to any unit or installation that has deployed or supported a training or contingency deployment during the competition year (1 December through 30 November). Units and installations can participate in the following categories:

- Large unit (battalion and above).
- Small unit (company and below).
- Supporting unit.
- Installation.
- Operational deployment.

Eligible units and installations participating in the first four categories submit self-nomination packets to their major command (MACOM). The MACOM forwards the top packet selections to an Army level evaluation board who determines the semifinalists in each category. A team of deployment specialists then visits the selected units and/or installations, validates their deployment practices, and determines the best entry in each DEA category. The unit scores from the board and the site validation visit are combined and sent to the G4 for approval and winner announcement.

The operational-deployment category (introduced in 2003) involves units deploying in support of missions like the Global War on Terrorism, peacekeeping, rotations, and humanitarian relief.

- MACOMs may nominate specific units based on their history of deployment excellence. A team from the Deployment Process Modernization Office observes and scores the deployment (including the preparation and submission of deployment data).
- Units can contend for the large or small unit award.
- The submission of a nomination packet is not required, and the unit is not required to do anything other than deploy.

For additional information, visit the Deployment Process Modernization Office Web site <<http://www.deploy.eustis.army.mil/DEA/default.htm>> to view or download the award evaluation criteria, checklists, and sample nomination packets.

Key Dates for the 2005 DEA	
Competition period	1 Dec 03–30 Nov 04
DEA operational on-site visits	1 Feb 04–9 Feb 05
MACOM nominations submitted to DEA board	31 Jan 05
DEA board convention	14–25 Feb 05
Semifinalist list forwarded to DA	8 Mar 05
DA announcement of semifinalists	11 Mar 05
DEA validation teams on-site visits	15 Mar–15 Apr 05
List of winners forwarded to DA	19 Apr 05
DA announcement of winners	22 Apr 05
Award presentation	1 Jun 05

2004 DEA Award Recipients

Active Army, large unit	53d Movement Control Battalion (EAC), Fort McPherson, Georgia Runner-up: 11th Signal Brigade, Fort Huachuca, Arizona
Active Army, small unit	Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Transportation Group, Fort Eustis, Virginia Runner-up: 469th Transportation Detachment, 24th Transportation Battalion, Fort Eustis, Virginia
Active Army, support unit	842d Transportation Battalion, Beaumont, Texas Runner-up: 831st Transportation Battalion, Port of Salalah, Oman
Army installation	Fort Stewart, Georgia Runner-up: Fort Bliss, Texas
Reserve, large unit	1192d Transportation Terminal Brigade, New Orleans, Louisiana Runner-up: 1394th Deployment Support Brigade, Camp Pendleton, California
Reserve, small unit	Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina Runner-up: 1190th Deployment Support Team, 1190th Deployment Support Brigade, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Reserve, support unit	2125th Garrison Support Unit, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina Runner-up: 307th Quartermaster Battalion, Salt Lake City, Utah
National Guard, large unit	2d Battalion, 116th Infantry Regiment, Lynchburg, Virginia Runner-up: 1st Battalion, 162d Infantry Regiment, Forest Grove, Oregon
National Guard, small unit	82d Rear Operations Center, Lake Oswego, Oregon Runner-up: Company B, 52d Engineer Battalion, Lake Oswego, Oregon
National Guard, support unit	1067th Transportation Company, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania Runner-up: Florida State Area Command
Operational deployment, large unit	2d Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas
Operational deployment, small unit	Charlie Company, 121st Signal Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Kitzingen, Germany
Operational deployment, small unit	Bravo Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

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