

Regimental Awards

Each year, we recognize the best engineer company, lieutenant, noncommissioned officer, and enlisted Soldier—in each of the components—for outstanding contributions and service to our Regiment and Army. Every engineer unit in the Regiment can submit the name and achievements of its best of the best to compete in these distinguished award competitions. Only the finest engineer companies and Soldiers are selected as recipients of these awards. The Soldiers will carry throughout their careers the distinction and recognition of being the Engineer Branch's best and brightest Soldiers and leaders. Following are the results of the 2006 selection boards for the Itschner and Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Awards, the Sturgis Medal, and the Van Autreve Award:

Active Army

Itschner Award: United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) nominee, 618th Engineer Support Company (ESC) Airborne (ABN), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: United States Army Europe (USAREUR) nominee, First Lieutenant Tobias K. Watson, Charlie Company, 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade.

Sturgis Medal: United States Army Pacific (USARPAC) nominee, Sergeant First Class Jeffery Goodman, 66th Engineer Company, 2d Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), 25th Infantry Division.

Van Autreve Award: FORSCOM nominee, Corporal Kevin C. O'Quinn, Headquarters & Headquarters Company (HHC), 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade.

United States Army Reserve

Itschner Award: Detachment 1/961st Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Wisconsin United States Army Reserve.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant Wesley T. Craiglow, Bravo Company, 489th Engineer Battalion, Arkansas United States Army Reserve.

Sturgis Medal: Staff Sergeant Nathaniel C. Day, Charlie Company, 489th Engineer Battalion, Arkansas United States Army Reserve.

Van Autreve Award: No nomination.

Army National Guard

Itschner Award: 913th Engineer Company (CSE), Tennessee Army National Guard.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant Terry D. Durham, Charlie Company, 201st Engineer Battalion, Kentucky Army National Guard.

Sturgis Medal: Sergeant Guy M. Stevens, Alpha Company, 164th Engineer Battalion, Missouri Army National Guard.

Van Autreve Award: Specialist Paul D. Simpson, 191st Engineer Company, Ohio Army National Guard.

The award recipients were recognized at ENFORCE 2007 on 23 May 2007, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.