

2008 Army Deployment Excellence Awards



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The 2008 Chief of Staff, Army Combined Logistics Excellence Award ceremony and banquet was held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel in Alexandria, Virginia, on 3 June 2008. Lieutenant General (LTG) Ann E. Dunwoody, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, hosted the event and recognized winners and runners-up in the areas of maintenance, supply, and deployment excellence. The Deployment Excellence Award (DEA) recognizes Army units and installations (Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard) for outstanding accomplishments that meet or exceed Army deployment standards (see table on page 35). The program is meant to enhance unit and installation deployment skills and proficiency, share innovative deployment initiatives, and capture deployment training trends.

LTG Stephen M. Speakes, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, congratulated the awardees on behalf of General George W. Casey, Army Chief of Staff. He delivered the keynote address to an audience of congressional dignitaries, senior Army generals, senior executive civilians, and a host of Soldiers, Family members, and friends. LTG Speakes thanked LTG Dunwoody for the opportunity to address the lifeblood of the Army, “the logistical community and our partners in the industry.”

He said that “Logistics is a noble profession that dates back to Roman times, where early efforts at logistics transformed armed mobs to a sustained military capability. Since then, wars have been won and lost based on the ability to support the force. Since those times, we refined those procedures for the warfighter in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Behind every operation is a sea of human faces making the impossible happen—the men and women who are my heroes.”

Winning units and installations received a personalized note from the Army Chief of Staff, the Combined Logistics Excellence Award program commemorating the unit’s accomplishment, a plaque, and a coin set that included coins from the Army Chief of Staff; Sergeant Major of the Army; Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3; and Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4. Winners and runners-up received a three-night stay at the luxury Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel and toured the Pentagon, the Capitol Building, the National Mall, and other places of interest in Washington, D.C. In addition, they attended the “Twilight Tattoo,” a colorful military pageant held at the Jefferson Memorial.

The awardees’ celebration concluded with a banquet in their honor, hosted by Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, which included congratulations from keynote speaker General Benjamin Griffin, Commanding General, United States Army Materiel Command, and entertainment by the Army’s Down Range Chorale.

The 2009 Deployment Excellence Award competition is now open to Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard units and installations that execute or support a training or contingency deployment or redeployment during the competition year. All units and installations are encouraged to plan now to compete in this elite contest.

The significant dates for the 2009 competition are as follows:

- 1 December 2007–30 November 2008: Competition period.
- 1 December 2008 - 25 January 2009: Submit unit packets to higher headquarters.
- 31 January 2009: Army Command, Army Service Component Command, and Direct Reporting Unit-selected nomination packets are due to the DEA evaluation board.
- 9-20 February 2009: DEA board.
- 4-27 March 2009: Validation team visits.
- 13 April 2009: Winners announced.
- 2 June 2009: Awards ceremony and banquet.

The DEA letter of instruction contains detailed guidance/instructions for competing units and installations and is available at <https://www.eustis.army.mil/deploy>. For additional information, contact the DEA Program Manager, ATTN: Mr. Henry Johnson, Building 705, Room 215, Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604, DSN 826-1833 or commercial 757-878-1833. 

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2008 Deployment Excellence Award Recipients

Category	Winner	Runner-Up
Active Large Unit	44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion 7th Signal Brigade Mannheim, Germany	1st Special Troops Battalion 1st Sustainment Command Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Active Small Unit	497th Transportation Company 57th Transportation Battalion Fort Lewis, Washington	89th Transportation Company 6th Transportation Battalion Fort Eustis, Virginia
Active Support Unit	180th Transportation Battalion Fort Hood, Texas	838th Transportation Battalion Rotterdam, the Netherlands
Army Reserve Large Unit	1185th Transportation Terminal Brigade Lancaster, Pennsylvania	3d Medical Command Third Army Forest Park, Georgia
Army Reserve Small Unit	322d Maintenance Company Arden Hills, Minnesota	828th Quartermaster Company Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Army Reserve Support Unit	Headquarters, Headquarters Company Civil Affairs Command Fort Bragg, North Carolina	1394th Deployment Support Brigade Camp Pendleton, California
National Guard Large Unit	41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team Tigard, Oregon	141st Brigade Support Battalion Portland, Oregon
National Guard Small Unit	730th Quartermaster Battalion Ahoskie, North Carolina	Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment 1144th Transportation Battalion Delavan, Illinois
National Guard Support Unit	Joint Forces Headquarters-Minnesota Little Falls, Minnesota	Joint Forces Headquarters-South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina
All Army Installation (Tie)	Fort Stewart, Georgia Fort Hood, Texas	NA
Operational Deployment	3d Armored Cavalry Regiment Fort Hood, Texas	NA
Operational Deployment	66th Engineer Company 2-25th Brigade Combat Team Schofield Barracks, Hawaii	NA

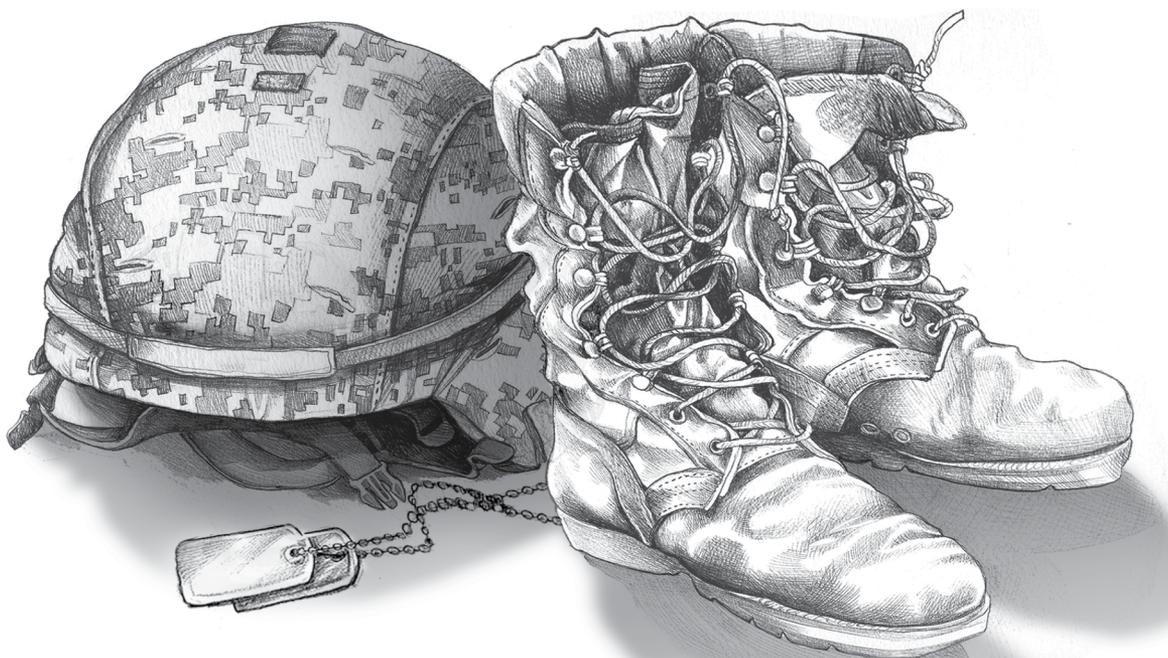


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