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# Regimental Awards

**E**ach year we recognize the best engineer company, lieutenant, warrant officer, 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 2008 selection boards for the Itschner, Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly), and Outstanding Engineer Warrant Officer Awards, the Sturgis Medal, and the Van Autreve Award:

## Active Army

*Itschner Award:* United States Army Pacific (USARPAC) nominee, 66th Engineer Company, 2d Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

*Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award:* USARPAC nominee, First Lieutenant Christopher Blackburn, 66th Engineer Company, 2d Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

*Outstanding Engineer Warrant Officer Award:* United States Forces Command (FORSCOM) nominee, Warrant Officer One Anthony R. Jellison, Headquarters Support Company, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

*Sturgis Medal:* United States Army Europe (USAREUR) nominee, Sergeant First Class (P) Marcus McClain, Alpha Company, 173d Special Troops Battalion, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Bamberg, Germany.

*Van Autreve Award:* FORSCOM nominee, Specialist Wesley Silver, 58th Engineer Company, 326th Engineer Battalion, Fort Irwin, California.

## United States Army Reserve

*Itschner Award:* 955th Engineer Company, 489th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

*Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award:* First Lieutenant Christopher G. Smiley, 955th Engineer Company, 489th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

*Outstanding Engineer Warrant Officer Award:* Warrant Officer Three Nathan P.D. Harvel, 321st Engineer Detachment, 844th Engineer Battalion, Bethlehem, Georgia.

*Sturgis Medal:* Staff Sergeant Jay L. Kochuga, 336th Engineer Company, 463d Engineer Battalion, Youngwood, Pennsylvania.

*Van Autreve Award:* Specialist Ricky L. Weissend, 375th Engineer Company, 844th Engineer Battalion, Eva, Alabama.

## Army National Guard

*Itschner Award:* Charlie Company, 201st Engineer Battalion, Kentucky Army National Guard, Cynthiana, Kentucky.

*Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award:* First Lieutenant Joseph W. Sloan, Charlie Company, 201st Engineer Battalion, Kentucky Army National Guard, Cynthiana, Kentucky.

*Outstanding Engineer Warrant Officer Award:* No nomination.

*Sturgis Medal:* Staff Sergeant Mark Welker, HHC, 1140th Engineer Battalion, Missouri Army National Guard, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

*Van Autreve Award:* Specialist Daniel L. Macklin, 220th Engineer Company, Missouri Army National Guard, Festus, Missouri.

All of the nominees represented their major commands with the highest professionalism and dedication to the Engineer Corps’s vision and deserve our highest praise. The award recipients were recognized at ENFORCE 2009 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.