

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 2004 selection boards for the Itschner and Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Awards, the Sturgis Medal, and the Van Autreve Award:

Active Army

Itschner Award: Alpha Company, 20th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 1st Calvary Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant Gary P. McDonald, Charlie Company, 20th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 1st Calvary Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sturgis Medal: Staff Sergeant Scott Smullen, Charlie Company, 27th Engineer Battalion, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Van Autreve Award: Corporal Whitney Taylor, Alpha Company, 2d Engineer Battalion, Camp Castle, Korea.

U.S. Army Reserve

Itschner Award: Detachment 2, 854th Engineer Battalion (In Lieu of [ILO] Utilities Detachment), Kingston, New York.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant Noel Miliam, Charlie Company, 458th Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheeled), New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Sturgis Medal: Staff Sergeant Ryan Patton, Charlie Company, 458th Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheeled), New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Van Autreve Award: Specialist Jeremy Baum, Charlie Company, 458th Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheeled), New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Army National Guard

Itschner Award: Headquarters Support Company, 203d Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Webb City, Missouri.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant John R. Vagnier, Bravo Company, 216th Engineer Battalion, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Sturgis Medal: Sergeant Raymond A. Boso, Charlie Company, 216th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Youngstown, Ohio.

Van Autreve Award: Specialist Cory L. Cummings, Detachment 1, Alpha Company, 203d Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Joplin, 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 the Army Engineer Association Conference, 24-27 October 2005, in Orlando, Florida.

Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock
Chief of Engineers

Major General Randal R. Castro
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