



2007 Army Deployment Excellence Award Winners

“I’d like to just say a few things about all of you award winners out there and the thousands of Soldier and civilian logisticians you represent Actually, to be in the midst of the Soldiers and civilians who have received the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in logistics is pretty awesome. It’s not every day that you are surrounded by some of the Army’s finest logisticians and the best supporters in the world Hooah!”

—Major General Mitchell H. Stevenson

Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee
2007 Deployment Excellence Award Ceremony, 5 June 2007

The Army’s 2007 Deployment Excellence Award (DEA) winners received top honors and presentations from Lieutenant General James L. Campbell, Director of the Army Staff, on 5 June 2007 at the third annual Army Chief of Staff, Combined Logistics Excellence Award ceremony and banquet. The ceremony was hosted by Lieutenant General Ann E. Dunwoody, Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4 (Logistics), at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia.

On behalf of General George W. Casey, Army Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Campbell congratulated the awardees on their outstanding achievement before delivering a keynote address to an audience of congressional dignitaries; senior Army officers; senior executive civilians; and a host of Family Members, Soldiers, and friends.

Units and installations prepared and submitted self-nomination packets to their appropriate major command, where panels selected the winners (see the nomination guidelines on pages 8–9). Major commands sent their nominations to a Department of the Army (DA) level evaluation board conducted at Fort Eustis, Virginia. The DA DEA board reviewed and scored the nominations and determined the semifinalists. DEA teams of deployment specialists made on-site visits to the selected semifinalist organizations to validate their deployment practices.

Commanders for the winning and runner-up units received a letter signed by the Army Chief of Staff, a distinguished plaque, and a shadow box containing Chief of Staff Army Combined Logistics Excellence Award coins from the Chief of Staff of the Army; the Sergeant Major of the Army; the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3 (Operations and Plans); and the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4. The coins were encased in a plush leatherette display box commemorating the unit’s accomplishment. The unit awardees received a letter signed by the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4; a three-night stay in the luxurious Hilton Alexandria Mark Hotel; tours of the Pentagon, Capitol, and other places of interest in Washington, D.C.; and VIP guest seating at the Twilight Tattoo—a colorful military pageant that was held at the Jefferson Memorial. The awardees’ celebration concluded with a banquet hosted by the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4.

“It’s not about the general who is out there in the sand and mud making the critical decisions at the point of the spear. It is [emphasis added] . . . and always has been, Soldiers and civilians, like you, that have gone beyond the call of duty to hone their tactical and technical skills . . . , building a strong foundation from which leaders can base future decisions—decisions which often have life and death consequences.”

“The 21st Century necessitates a highly versatile Army that can handle a diverse array of operations and missions, and so I encourage and challenge each of you in this room to continue the extraordinary work that clearly has set you apart from your peers.”

—Major General Mitchell H. Stevenson

2007 DEA Winners

Active Army, Large Unit

526th Brigade Support Battalion
2d Brigade Combat Team
101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Runner-Up: 21st Combat Support Hospital
Fort Hood, Texas

Active Army, Small Unit

Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment
30th Signal Battalion
Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

Runner-Up: Company D, 7th Battalion
101st Aviation Regiment
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Active Army, Supporting Unit

841st Transportation Battalion
Charleston, South Carolina

Runner-Up: 838th Transportation Battalion
Rotterdam, Netherlands

Army Reserve, Large Unit

1188th Transportation Terminal Battalion
Decatur, Georgia

Runner-Up: 1185th Transportation Terminal Brigade
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Army Reserve, Small Unit

362d Psychological Operations Company
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Runner-Up: 322d Maintenance Company
Arden Hills, Minnesota

Army Reserve, Supporting Unit

1190th Deployment Support Brigade
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Runner-Up: 1394th Deployment Support Brigade
Camp Pendleton, California

Army National Guard, Large Unit

53d Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Pinellas, Florida

Runner-Up: 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team
Tigard, Oregon

Army National Guard, Small Unit

Company B
2d Battalion
218th Field Artillery Regiment
McMinnville, Oregon

Runner-Up: Company A
1st Battalion
186th Infantry Regiment
Medford, Oregon

Army National Guard, Supporting Unit

Joint Forces Headquarters–Florida
St. Augustine, Florida

Runner-Up: Joint Forces Headquarters–Minnesota
Little Falls, Minnesota

Army Operational Deployment, Large Unit

Brigade Troops Battalion
1st Brigade Combat Team
3d Infantry Division
Fort Stewart, Georgia

Army Operational Deployment, Small Unit

Company A
15th Brigade Support Battalion
2d Brigade Combat Team
1st Cavalry
Fort Hood, Texas

All-Army Installation

Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Runner-Up: Fort Hood, Texas



Nominations for the 2008 Army Deployment Excellence Award Competition

The Deployment Excellence Program (DEA) recognizes the top units in deployment operations. The program is open to all Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard units with a table of organization, a table of distribution and allowances, or a fixed military installation deployment or deployment support mission. Units and installations compete in one of five categories:

- Large unit. This category is open to units that are battalion-size and above.
- Small unit. This category is open to units that are company-size and below.
- Supporting unit. This category recognizes units that demonstrate the ability to support a deployment.

- All-Army installation. This category recognizes fixed military installations or installation commands demonstrating the ability to support a deployment.
- Army operational deployment. This category recognizes units demonstrating the ability to conduct short-notice deployments in support of operational missions like the War on Terrorism, peacekeeping operations, and humanitarian relief operations. This is a change from the original program category in that units do not submit nomination packets but, rather, are evaluated on-site by a DEA observation team. This group consists of subcategories for large and small units.

Participating units must have executed or supported a training or contingency deployment during the competition year. Selected winning and runner-up units in each category will send two unit representatives to Washington, D.C., for an expense-paid, four-day trip to accept the awards. The trip includes travel, per diem, lodging, and ground transportation costs; time for shopping; tours of the D.C. area; and a photo with the Army Chief of Staff. Significant dates for the competition include the following:

- 1 December 2006–30 November 2007: The 2008 DEA competition period is open for nominations.
- 1 December 2007–31 January 2008: Packet submissions are due. All packets must be submitted through the unit's chain of command for endorsements. Completed packets are then forwarded to the nominated unit's major Army command, Army service component command, or direct reporting unit.
- 31 January 2008: Nomination packets are due to the DEA evaluation board (from major Army commands, Army service component commands, and direct reporting units).
- 4–15 February 2008: The DEA board screens packets to select semifinalists.
- 28 February 2008: Semifinalists are notified.
- 3–26 March 2008: DEA teams visit selected semifinalists and conduct on-site validation of deployment practices.
- 13 April 2008: The Army G-4 selects and announces the DEA winners via a Department of the Army message.
- 3 June 2008: DEA awards are presented at the Chief of Staff, Army Combined Logistics Excellence Award ceremony and banquet.

DEA guidance and evaluation criteria can be found on the Deployment Process Modernization Office Web site at https://www.eustis.army.mil/deploy/DEA_Home.asp.



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