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AWARDS CORNER

Welcome to Awards Corner! Here you will find general information and updates on several types of awards to include requests for nominees, upcoming ceremonies, announcement of winners, and other important information that readers should be kept abreast of or that may be of interest to the civilian personnel community.



Additional information on awards can also be found at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/permis/53.html>

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY IS SOLICITING NOMINATIONS FOR TWO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) AWARDS S: APRIL 13, 2009

The Department of the Army is soliciting nominations for the following two DoD Awards:

- * The DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award. This award is presented annually by the Secretary of Defense to a small number of DoD civilian employees whose careers reflect exceptional devotion to duty and extremely significant contributions of a broad scope to the efficiency, economy, or other improvement in the operations of DoD.
- * The DoD David O. Cooke Excellence in Public Administration. This award is for non-managerial career employees with 3 to 10 years of Federal career service, as of December 31, 2008, who demonstrates great leadership potential as a future Federal executive and who emulates Mr. Cooke's dedication to service while helping to promote and effect cooperation and improvement in the Department.

You may obtain further Information about these awards in the DoD Civilian Personnel Manual, 1400.25-M, subchapter 451, Awards, at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/cpm/>. Subordinate Commands must forward all nomination packets to [http://www.ag1cpaiabsecretary@conus.army.mil](mailto:ag1cpaiabsecretary@conus.army.mil) by **COB April 13, 2009. NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PROPER ENDORSEMENTS.**



Award for Outstanding Service in the Army Senior Executive Service

Did you know that the Award for Outstanding Service in the Army Senior Executive Service may be awarded to a retiring SES? As stated in AR 672-20, "This award is given upon retirement to those individuals who have served in an outstanding manner for 3 years or more as Army SES members." The award consists of the Army SES flag, lapel pin replica of the Army SES flag, and an official commendation (DA Form 2443) for outstanding Army SES service. The AR also states that, "If an additional honorary award nomination is submitted for the retiring Army SES member, both awards will be submitted together." Please do not forget to submit **two separate nomination packets** if this is the case.

What the AR does not mention is that it is the nominating command's responsibility to order the SES retirement pin, flag stock number (8345014615117), and all other necessary items for the ceremony. These items can be ordered from the U.S. Army Soldier and Biochemical Command, Soldier Systems Directorate (700 Robbins Avenue, P.O. Box 57997, Philadelphia, PA 19111-7997). Ms. Denise Marsico is the point of contact and can be reached at 444-3108 (DSN) or 215-737-3108 (COM). The flag can be ordered online at <http://www.heraldry.army.mil/>. Once on the site, click on the link labeled "Create SES Flag Request" and follow instructions.

To insure that the retirement items arrive in time for presentation, please request the materials 5 to 6 weeks ahead of time. Part of the planning must include that the command has contacted CSLMO to initiate an adverse screening prior to the request for the retirement items. The agency that supplies the retirement items cannot and will not process the request until CSLMO confirms that the adverse screening is completed and on record.



Secretary of the Army Awards

Ceremony

The Secretary of the Army Awards Ceremony is an annual event. It honors civilian and military members throughout Army who have demonstrated exceptional achievement and outstanding contributions to the Army mission. Military and career civilian employees may be nominated for Secretary of the Army Awards. Nominations for these awards must meet the eligibility criteria established for these awards and will be reviewed by the Army Incentive Awards Board. These awards are approved by the Secretary of the Army. The ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Women in Military Service for America Memorial and was hosted by the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Pete Geren. Seventeen recipients were recognized and presented awards by Mr. Geren, Lieutenant General David Huntoon, Director of the Army Staff, and Dr. Lynn Heirakuji, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Personnel Oversight) for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. Awards were presented in the categories indicated below. The final award category presented was the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, the highest-level award available to civilians within the Department of the Army.

Award Categories and Winners

Outstanding Achievement in Equal Employment Opportunity

For civilian and military members in a professional and manager category who have contributed most significantly toward furthering the objectives of the Department of the Army's Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

Professional:

- **Ms. Renita W. McNeill**
Equal Employment Office , Unites States Army Corps of Engineers,
Wilmington District; Wilmington, North Carolina

Manager:

- **Major General Robert M. Radin**
Commanding General, Headquarters, United States Army Sustainment
Command; Rock Island, Illinois
- **Mr. Spurgeon A. Moore**
Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance and Complaints Review
Directorate; Arlington, Virginia

Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Award

For civilian and military members who have contributed most to improving efficiency and effectiveness in the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization program.

- **Mr. Garfield W. Boon, Jr.**
Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting, United Sates Army Space
and Missile Defense Command Army Forces Strategic Command;
Huntsville, Alabama

Army Editor of the Year

For civilian and military members who performs the duties of writing and editing official Army-wide departmental, command, or agency publications as a major duty, and who have significantly improved the quality of Army publications through innovative structure or organization that results in increased efficiency and savings.

- **Mr. Marcus A. Cox**
Writer-Editor, Administrative Services Branch, Human Resources Division,
Installation Management Command - Europe

Publications Improvements

For civilian and military members who are involved in the development, management, or support of programs or efforts to improve a publications systems, and who performs innovative approaches to improve existing publishing operations, or the applications of new technologies and solutions that increase efficiency and savings.

- **Mr. Dwayne J. Viergutz**
Supervisory Document and Publication Manager, Administrative Services Branch, Human Resources Division, Installation Management Command - Europe
- **Ms. Diane E. Eidson**
Supervisor, Writer-Editor, United States Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear School; Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Suggester of the Year

For civilian and military members who proposed procedures or ideas that significantly benefit the Army. The suggestion is submitted through the Army Ideas for Excellence Program. This program provides a channel for soldiers and civilians to inform management how to improve Army processes. A cash award is granted for adopted ideas.

Civilian:

- **Mr. David A. Sanchez**
Directorate of Power Train Production, Transmission and Gear Box Division, Corpus Christi Army Depot; Corpus Christi, Texas

Military:

- **CW3 Jason A. Greegor**
Military Advisor – Development, United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center; Warren, Michigan

Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service

For civilian members who provide exceptional achievement or service of major significance, provide outstanding leadership, or exhibit great courage. This is the highest-level award granted by the Secretary of the Army to civilians. The equivalent military award is the Distinguished Service Medal.

- **Mr. Edward G. Elgart**
Director, CECOM Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) Acquisition Center; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
- **Mr. Kevin M. Fahey**
Program Executive Officer, Program Executive Office, Ground Combat Systems; Warren, Michigan
- **Mr. Krishna Ganta**
Deputy, Army Environmental Programs, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Installation Services Directorate – Environment; Washington, DC
- **Mr. Phillip L. Hunt**
Deputy Chief, Program Management Division, Directorate of Military

Programs, Headquarters, United States Army Corps of Engineers,
Washington, DC

- **Ms. Yolanda G. Lay**
Supervisory Traffic Management Specialist, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4; Washington, DC
- **Mr. Lee Thompson**
Executive Director, Logistics Civil Augmentation Program, Assistant Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, SES, (Policy and Procurement) – Iraq/Afghanistan, Washington, DC
- **Ms. Claudia L. Tornblom**
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Management and Budget) (SES), Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Washington, DC
- **Mr. Michael J. VanRassen**
Supervisory Program Manger, Program Executive Office, Command, Control, Communications Tactical; Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

Congratulations to all of the winners!