

★ **DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AWARD** ★  
DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP AWARD

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**MS. CHRISTA J. BURLESON**

*Supervisor, Human Capital Manager,  
Strategic Human Capital Advisor  
U.S. Army Audit Agency  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia*

She demonstrated outstanding leadership in developing and implementing the Audit Agency's Human Capital and Diversity Plans to acquire, develop, lead and retain a diverse workforce. Her accomplishments include overseeing a robust recruiting program that targets underrepresented groups in the Agency's current workforce, as well as mid-career employees to maintain a multigenerational workforce; spearheading mandatory diversity training for all employees; coordinating and executing training and forums for managers and supervisors to discuss key leadership competencies, emerging issues in diversity, and compelling communications; and assessing work-life integration programs to support the needs of a diverse workforce. The initiatives she led will ensure that the Agency has an engaged and high-performing workforce to successfully accomplish its mission.

★ **DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AWARD** ★  
(EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROFESSIONALISM)

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**MS. CARMEN L. LOPEZ**

*Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Programs  
U.S. Army Medical Command  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas*

Ms. Lopez provided exemplary management and direction for MEDCOM'S Equal Employment Opportunity, Diversity and Leadership Programs. She demonstrated superb abilities to collaborate, partner and navigate through the complexities of transformation and ever-changing requirements and circumstances to ensure a positive command climate. Her active role in the development of Medical Command's policies, practices and procedures for civilian quality of life issues; diversity and inclusion; employee development; and training, recruiting, marketing, hiring and retaining talent helped make the Equal Employment Opportunity, Diversity and Leadership Programs integrated and essential elements of Medical Command's strategic mission.

★ **DIVERSITY AND LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
(EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ADVISOR) ★

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**MASTER SERGEANT  
MICHAEL A. DOTSON, SR.**

*Senior, Equal Opportunity Advisor  
Headquarters, U.S. Army Reserve Command  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina*

MSG Dotson's dedication to the Army's Equal Opportunity Program and his Soldiers, peers and leaders alike have enhanced the Reserve Command and the Army's commitment to ensuring equality and diversity for all Soldiers and civilians. A gifted and creative instructor, he delivered outstanding training in teambuilding and for the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course. He also fostered a partnership with the Muhammed Ali Diversity Center in Louisville, Kentucky, to expose course students to the richness of different cultures while giving them hands-on experience outside the classroom. A stellar noncommissioned officer, gifted leader and passionate Equal Opportunity Advisor, MSG Dotson embodies the qualities of fairness, equality, dignity and respect for all.

★ **SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AWARD FOR  
EDITOR OF THE YEAR (COMMAND)** ★

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**DR. CHARLES BRISCOE**

*Command Historian  
U.S. Army Special Operations Command  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina*

Dr. Briscoe is recognized for exceptionally meritorious service as senior editor of *Veritas: The Journal of Army Special Operations History*. The flagship publication of U.S. Army Special Operations command, *Veritas* covers the spectrum of Army special operations units and campaigns from World War II to the present and is unique among Army history journals for letting "Soldiers speak to Soldiers." Dr. Briscoe established an innovative and far-sighted effort to gather documents and oral history interviews from active duty personnel and veterans, incorporating the cleared material into articles that feature the first-person voices of participants. He has also continually pursued the creative use of technology and organizational strategies to improve the efficiency of the publications program and reduce costs. Dr. Briscoe's outstanding leadership and editorship have made *Veritas* a premier Army history journal.



**SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AWARD FOR  
EDITOR OF THE YEAR (DEPARTMENTAL)**

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**MR. NELSON McCOUCH III**

*Chief, Strategic Communications Division  
U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia*

Mr. McCouch transformed *Army AL&T* Magazine into a vital professional journal for the Army's acquisition, logistics and technology workforce. As Editor-in-Chief, he redefined and reinvigorated the magazine's editorial vision, realigned its content and mission statement, and contemporized its look and feel. These enhancements improved the magazine's relevance, accessibility and value to its audience; increased readership; and cemented its position as the touchstone publication for the acquisition, logistics and technology community.



**SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AWARD FOR  
PUBLICATIONS IMPROVEMENTS (COMMAND)**

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**MR. DANIEL TELLES**

*Director, Publications  
U.S. Army Special Operations Command  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina*

Mr. Telles' innovative leadership as publications manager and artistic design director of *Veritas: The Journal of Army Special Operations History*, has helped make the publication a premier Army history journal. Mr. Telles' artistic ability and creativity are evident throughout the publication, from the colorful, informative graphics and maps he develops to the innovative use of rare period photographs and original artwork that materially improve the design and clarity of each article. In addition, he developed an efficient and effective publications program that materially improved the quality of the magazine while reducing its production and distribution costs.

★ **SUGGESTER OF THE YEAR**  
(CIVILIAN) ★

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**MR. RICHARD MANSFORD**

*Airfield Facility Supervisor  
Installation Management Command  
Fort Stewart, Georgia*

Mr. Mansford is commended for his adopted suggestion to realign the fuel points at the petroleum, oil and lubricants facility at Hunter Army Airfield as an alternative to repaving the east side of the facility. Implementation of the suggestion resulted in cost savings of about \$8.7 million to the Army while allowing the airfield to increase its wide body refueling capability by more than 66 percent, collocate fueling points with the associated parking areas for fixed-wing and rotary wing aircraft, restore the capability to refuel multiple fixed-wing aircraft while performing hot refueling on helicopters, and improve the safety of aircraft operations on the airfield by reducing requirements for aircraft movement.

★ **DECORATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
CIVILIAN SERVICE** ★

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**MR. JACK E. WALKER**

*Deputy to the Garrison Commander  
U.S. Army Garrison  
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas*

Mr. Walker provided unparalleled leadership while demonstrating an unyielding commitment to excellence, diversity and selfless service in support of Soldiers, Families, Civilians, retirees and those in the surrounding communities. Through his vision, a tireless work ethic, and an amazing knack of putting the many diverse pieces together, he flawlessly orchestrated day-to-day activities as well as long-range plans while actively seeking increased efficiencies in the midst of delivering improved services to the community.

**DECORATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
CIVILIAN SERVICE**



**MR. TIMOTHY F. FITZPATRICK**

*Deputy Director, Psychological Operations  
U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina*

Mr. Fitzpatrick initiated a rigorous training program to equip military and Civilian doctrine and training developers with the knowledge, skills and abilities to become subject matter experts in core competencies for psychological operations. He also served as a team advisor/instructor and mentor for the Department of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program, directly contributing to the educational development of more than 120 emerging leaders.

**DECORATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
CIVILIAN SERVICE**



**DR. WILLIAM F. CRAIN**

*Director, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity  
U.S. Army Materiel Command  
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland*

Dr. Crain's wide-ranging achievements ensured that senior leaders had the item and system level performance data and supporting analytical products needed to inform critical decisions across the materiel life cycle for current and future Soldier needs. Under his leadership, the activity directly affected the successful prosecution of combat operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya.

**DECORATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL  
CIVILIAN SERVICE**



**MR. TIMOTHY B. WALTON**

*Chief, Operations and Maintenance Division  
U.S. Army Garrison, Japan  
U.S. Army Installation Management Command*

Mr. Walton's hard work and dedication helped the garrison execute an exemplary operations and maintenance program. His technical expertise, extensive knowledge and ability to think "outside the box" were instrumental to the garrison's efforts to develop, implement and maintain comprehensive energy and water conservation programs. Innovative and tireless in his commitment, he has been vital to the successful accomplishment of the garrison's mission.

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**MR. BRUCE A. SHAHBAZ**

*The Surgeon General's Representative to the Headquarters  
Department of the Army Health Promotion,  
Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention Office  
Alexandria, Virginia*

Mr. Shahbaz's superb analysis of Army medical mission capabilities and suicide demographic data, along with his stellar organizational and communication skills, directly affected senior Army leadership strategies to proactively and aggressively reset the Army's campaign strategy on suicide prevention.

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CIVILIAN SERVICE** ★

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**MR. RICHARD S. STRAYER**

*Training Instructor (Medical)  
Special Warfare Medical Group (Airborne)  
U.S. Army Special Operations Command  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina*

Mr. Strayer demonstrated exceptional dedication to the mission by reviewing and editing 100 percent of the new lesson curriculum for the 9 month Special Operations Combat Medic course. His efforts helped ensure that Army medics are the most highly trained in the world, capable of saving the lives of Special Operations Soldiers around the globe.

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**MR. J. RANDALL ROBINSON**

*Director,  
Central Region, U.S. Army Installation Management Command  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas*

Mr. Robinson skillfully led the Region staff, garrison commanders and Army support activities through multiple reorganizations and realignments that resulted in the Region's enormous growth. Under his remarkable guidance, the Region staff and garrisons performed effectively and efficiently with minimum turbulence, and he optimized the balance between cost and capability to ensure that all critical tasks were successfully completed throughout each period of transformation.