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2007 Philip A. Connelly Winners

Army announces 2007 Philip A. Connelly winners

FORT LEE, Va. - The Department of the Army and the Army Center for Excellence, Subsistence at Fort Lee is proud to announce the winners of the 2007 Philip A. Connelly Awards for Excellence in Army Food Service.

The winners and runner-ups in the five categories are as follows:

SMALL GARRISON WINNER:

1st Special Forces Group Dining Facility, Fort Lewis, Washington

SMALL GARRISON RUNNER-UP:

44th Signal Battalion, Outstanding Cafe', Mannheim, Germany

LARGE GARRISON WINNER:

507th Corps Support Group (Airborne), 1st Sustainment Command (Theater), Fort Bragg, North Carolina

LARGE GARRISON RUNNER-UP:

Main Post Dining Facility, Fort Riley, Kansas

ACTIVE ARMY FIELD KITCHEN WINNER:

8th Ordnance Company, 1/507th Provisional Battalion, 507th Corps Support Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina

ACTIVE ARMY FIELD KITCHEN RUNNER-UP:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 501st Sustainment Brigade, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Camp Carroll, Korea

US ARMY RESERVE FIELD KITCHEN WINNER:

308th Transportation Company, Lincoln, Nebraska

US ARMY RESERVE FIELD KITCHEN RUNNER-UP:

535th Military Police Battalion, Camp Butner, North Carolina

US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FIELD KITCHEN WINNER:

367th Maintenance Company, Mississippi Army National Guard

US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FIELD KITCHEN RUNNER-UP:

Delta Company, 429th Brigade Support Battalion, Virginia Army National Guard

Thanks to the dedicated men and women in these units, Soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and on U.S. Army installations around the world can receive a brief respite from the rigors of training and combat.

Gone are the days of the typical Army cook portrayed in movies on the silver screen. These professionally trained and dedicated Soldiers bring quality and exceptional services to our fighting men and women.

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The Connelly program is named in honor of Philip A. Connelly, past president of the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA), highly regarded as the driving force behind obtaining IFSEA sponsorship for the Department of the Army's recognition of excellence in Army food service.

The program is co-sponsored by the Department of the Army and IFSEA. IFSEA representatives participate in the evaluation of finalists in five dining facility categories - Small Garrison, Large Garrison, and field kitchens in the Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

U.S. Army Center of Excellence and Subsistence (ACES) and IFSEA evaluators traveled around the world during the past three months to obtain first-hand knowledge of how Army food service personnel perform their jobs.

All the finalists were evaluated in a number of areas including food preparation, taste, nutrition, service and sanitation.

For this year's competition, a total of 27 finalists were selected for evaluation.

The winners and runner-ups will be honored at the Kansas City, (Mo.) Marriott-Downtown on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

NOTE TO EDITORS: The Fort Lee Public Affairs Office is the primary point of contact for information regarding the Philip A. Connelly award program. The Fort Lee PAO office number is 804-734-7451.

Media seeking interviews with actual winners and runner-ups are asked to contact the local Public Affairs Office at their respective installation.