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Ceremony honors Europe's top Army logistical units for maintenance, supply, deployment excellence

HEIDELBERG, Germany – The top Army logistical units in Europe were recognized at an April 8 ceremony at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion here for their excellence in maintenance, deployment and supply operations.

"As you get higher in the ranks, you learn that ... the challenge is, 'How do you sustain the combat arms forces?" said Gen. Carter F. Ham, U.S. Army Europe commander, at the annual Combined Logistics Excellence Awards ceremony. "These guys have met that challenge with greatness," he added.

Ham presented the awards to units and organizations throughout Europe, including Germany, Italy, Romania, Kosovo, and the Benelux region.



"A number of units enter and only a few win," said Mario Ambriz, logistics management specialist for USAREUR's logistics division.

The ceremony recognized the winners, runners-up and honorable mentions for all categories of the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence, the Deployment Excellence Award and the Supply Excellence Award.

Awards are based on an on-site visit to each organization and a book containing the unit's profile. Certain aspects of cleanliness, maintenance and efficiency make winners stand out, Ambriz said.

"I just want to point out that as I shook everyone's hand, the winners all said, 'See you again next year,' and the runners-up all said, 'Next year we'll win.' So there truly is a high standard of excellence here," Ham said as the ceremony ended.

Winners will compete as semi-finalists at the Department of the Army level. Those results are due to be announced this weekend.

The following units earned the AAME:

Forward Support Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade, Bamberg, Germany

Bravo Company 47th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany

Maintenance Activity Vilseck, Theater Logistics Support Center-Europe, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Vilseck, Germany

Maintenance Activity Kaiserslautern, Theater Logistics Support Center-Europe, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Army Reserve Command, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Installation Materiel Maintenance Activity, Directorate of Logistics United States Army Garrison Vicenza, Vicenza, Italy.



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Winners of the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence at the Europe level pose for a group photo with Gen. Carter F. Ham, U.S. Army Europe commander (standing at far left); Diane M. Devens, Installation Management Command-Europe director (second from right); and Brig. Gen. Mark A. Bellini, USAREUR's Operations Sustainment officer (third from right), during the Combined Logistics Excellence Awards ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany, April 8. Winners in Europe go on to compete as semi-finalists at the Department of the Army level.



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Winners of the Deployment Excellence Award at the Europe level pose for a photo with Gen. Carter F. Ham, USAREUR commander (left); Diane M. Devens, Installation Management Command-Europe director (right); and Brig. Gen. Mark A. Bellini, USAREUR's Operations Sustainment officer (second from right), during the Combined Logistics Excellence Awards ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany, April 8. Winners in Europe go on to compete as semi-finalists at the Department of the Army level.

The following units earned the DEA:

Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, V Corps, Schweinfurt, Germany

1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, V Corps, Schweinfurt, Germany

Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 214th Aviation Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, V Corps, Landstuhl, Germany

Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, V Corps, Vilseck, Germany

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment 14th Transportation Battalion, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Vicenza, Italy



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Winners of the Supply Excellence Award at the Europe level pose for a photo with Gen. Carter F. Ham, U.S. Army Europe commander (left); Diane M. Devens, Installation Management Command- Europe director (right); and Brig. Gen. Mark A. Bellini, USAREUR's Operations Sustainment officer (second from right), during the Combined Logistic Excellence Awards ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany, April 8. Winners in Europe go on to compete as semi-finalists at the Department of the Army level.

The following units earned the SEA:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 212th Combat Support Hospital, 30th Medical Brigade, Meisau, Germany

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Joint Multinational Training Command, Grafenwoehr, Germany

Property Book Office, 30th Medical Brigade, Heidelberg, Germany; Property Book Office, 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command, Grafenwoehr, Germany 212th Combat Support Hospital, 30th Medical Brigade, Miesau, Germany 7th Army Joint Multinational Readiness Center, 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command, Hohenfels, Germany

Supply Support Activity, Task Force Falcon, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo Property Book Office, United States Army Garrison, Kaiserslautern, Installation Property Book Office, Kaiserslautern, Germany

Supply Support Activity, United States Army Garrison Vicenza, Vicenza, Italy



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