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## Army in Europe Soldiers named “Best Medics in the Army”

HEIDELBERG, Germany—Two U.S. Army in Europe Soldiers won the title of “Best Medics in the Army” during the Army’s Expert Field Medical Competition held at Camp Bullis, Texas, Oct. 19-23.

Staff Sgt. Bjoern J. Pietrzyk, a healthcare specialist, and Sgt. Charles Smith, a radiology specialist, both from the Medical Department Activity in Heidelberg, beat 12 two-person teams representing units from across the Army.

The competition is a rigorous test of combat skills including fitness, marksmanship, land navigation, and a series of warrior tasks, as well as events meant to test the competitors’ mettle as medics.

In addition to a 100-question written test of their medical knowledge, the teams had to master hands-on tasks including treating and transporting casualties with a wide range of injuries.

The competition ended with a 16-mile road march with full ruck sacks, weapons and protective masks.

The first Expert Field Medical Competition was held between two-person teams of medics in 1994.

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