



# Regimental Awards

**E**ach year, we recognize the best engineer company, lieutenant, noncommissioned officer, and enlisted Soldier—in each of the components—for outstanding contributions and service to our Regiment and Army. Every engineer unit in the Regiment can submit the name and achievements of its best of the best to compete in these distinguished award competitions. Only the finest engineer companies and Soldiers are selected as recipients of these awards. The Soldiers will carry throughout their careers the distinction and recognition of being the Engineer Branch's best and brightest Soldiers and leaders. Following are the results of the 2007 selection boards for the Itschner and Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Awards, the Sturgis Medal, and the Van Autreve Award:

## Active Army

*Itschner Award:* United States Army Pacific (USARPAC) nominee, 66th Engineer Company, Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

*Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award:* United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) nominee, First Lieutenant Celio Biering, Bravo Company, 864th Engineer Battalion (Heavy), Fort Lewis, Washington.

*Sturgis Medal:* United States Army Europe (USAREUR) nominee, Sergeant First Class Travis Crow, Alpha Company, 173d Special Troops Battalion, Bamberg, Germany.

*Van Autreve Award:* USARPAC nominee, Specialist Christopher Slack, Alpha Company, 3d Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

## United States Army Reserve

*Itschner Award:* No nomination.

*Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award:* No nomination.

*Sturgis Medal:* Sergeant First Class Martin G. Durst, 401st Engineer Company (Multirole Bridge), 489th Engineer Battalion, Oklahoma Army Reserves, Enid, Oklahoma.

*Van Autreve Award:* No nomination.

## Army National Guard

*Itschner Award:* 133d Engineer Company, 94th Troop Command, Wyoming Army National Guard, Laramie, Wyoming.

*Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly):* First Lieutenant Todd D. Hotard, 225th Engineer Brigade, Louisiana Army National Guard, Pineville, Louisiana.

*Sturgis Medal:* Staff Sergeant Richard R. Hofstad, 1st Combined Arms Battalion, Minnesota Army National Guard, Brainerd, Minnesota.

*Van Autreve Award:* No nomination.

All of the nominees represented their major commands with the highest professionalism and dedication to the Engineer Corps's vision and deserve our highest praise. The award recipients were recognized on 8 May at ENFORCE 2008 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.