

Regimental Awards

Each 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 2003 selection boards for the Itschner and Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Awards, the Sturgis Medal, and the Van Autreve Award:

Active Component

Itschner Award: Alpha Company, 11th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant Kristin Graham, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Wheeled), Fort Lewis, Washington.

Sturgis Medal: Sergeant First Class Matthew Outten, Alpha Company, 54th Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Mechanized), Warner Barracks, Germany.

Van Autreve Award: Specialist Clifton Hall, Charlie Company, 864th Engineer Battalion (Corps) (Mechanized), Special Troops Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

U.S. Army Reserve

Itschner Award: Alpha Company, 244th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Boulder, Colorado.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant William R. Zinkgraf, Charlie Company, 489th Engineer Battalion, Harrison, Arkansas.

Sturgis Medal: Staff Sergeant David F. Schofield, Detachment 6, Alpha Company, 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power), Fort Lewis, Washington.

Van Autreve Award: Specialist Adam R. Simon, Bravo Company, 489th Engineer Battalion, Harrison, Arkansas.

Army National Guard

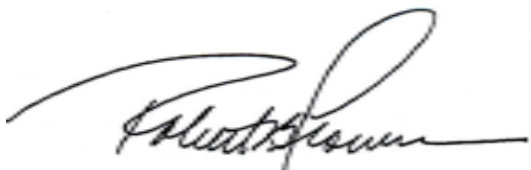
Itschner Award: Charlie Company, 1457th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Spanish Fork, Utah.

Outstanding Engineer Platoon Leader (Grizzly) Award: First Lieutenant Mark L. Topp, Alpha Company, 142d Engineer Battalion (Heavy), Wahpeton, North Dakota.

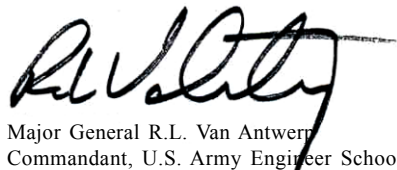
Sturgis Medal: Sergeant First Class David J. Varelas, Bravo Company, 14th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Fort Lewis, Washington.

Van Autreve Award: Specialist Kelly R. Goehring, Bravo Company, 142d Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Wahpeton, North Dakota.

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 at ENFORCE 2004, 26-30 April, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.



Lieutenant General Robert B. Flowers
Chief of Engineers



Major General R.L. Van Antwerp
Commandant, U.S. Army Engineer School