



2015 COMBINED EXCELLENCE AWARD (CLEA) WINNERS

Deployment Excellence Awards

1. 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Active Army, Deploying Unit Large

In the two weeks following completion of its Mission Readiness Exercise, the Battalion had no time to recover before preparing its equipment to be loaded onto railcars and vessels for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Its mission required deployment of a combination of conventional and PATRIOT Missile Weapons Systems to two separate locations. Personnel and equipment were deployed via rail, sea vessel, and strategic airlift after executing detailed Movement Preparation Area operations. These operations included vehicle, equipment, and container inspections at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, prior to loading equipment onto rail car line haul and subsequent transport to Charleston, South Carolina, for sea vessel transport to two locations in Southwest Asia. Personnel were transported via military air and travelled to the port to pick up the equipment upon sea vessel arrival.

2. 688th Rapid Port Opening Element (RPOE), Fort Eustis, Virginia

Active Army, Deploying Unit Small

The 688th Rapid Port Opening Element (RPOE) maintains an always ready posture. When the President ordered troops to support Liberia's Ebola epidemic, the 688th was the first logistical unit notified to deploy in under 12 hours from notification to establishment of an aerial port of debarkation in Monrovia, Liberia. The 688th prepared to move its 54 personnel and equipment from Fort Eustis, Virginia, to deploy out of Langley Air Force Base, Virginia (located 30 minutes away), but the 688th RPOE encountered its first challenge. They were told their deployment would be out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix, New Jersey. That would take an eight to nine hour equipment line haul, which significantly tested the unit to meet its 12- hour timeline. But the 688th RPOE is designed to be the Army's "911" when it comes to getting military supplies and equipment anywhere in the world quickly. It met its challenge. In Monrovia it established the capability to download 10-15 civilian and military aircraft per day and roughly 150,000-250,000

pounds of medical aid, equipment, food and water every day by the time it left. As the name implies, RPOEs are the first boots on the ground and set the stage for larger sustainment brigades that arrive later and build upon the operation. Without the initial infrastructure build and organization, air and sea ports could quickly become chaos with so many things happening at once. While remarkable, the success of this deployment was the product of the unit's pre-deployment movement preparation nearly four months prior, as well as the Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercises and rehearsals that were conducted during the first 78 days of its 105-day alert cycle.

3. 635th Movement Control Team (MCT), Kaiserslautern, Germany

Active Army, Supporting Unit

The 635th MCT deployed to Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom on October 20, 2014, in order to provide movement control support to the Transit Center Mihail Kogalniceanu. The unit assisted with the deployment of all passengers and their cargo into and out of theater at a critical time as the combat mission was ending in Afghanistan and the drawdown was at its peak. When the 635th MCT took over in October, the unit moved 450 Short Tons and 8,500 people. During the month of November, the MCT moved 1,150 Short Tons and 18,900 people. Without the assistance of the 635th MCT, units moving equipment through MK Romania would not have been as successful.

4. 419th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB), Irvine, California

Army Reserve, Deploying Unit Large

The 419th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) faced many complex challenges as it prepared to deploy 300 personnel, baggage, and equipment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. These included: short reaction time to being called to active duty, a young and inexperienced staff, and change of leadership just prior to deployment. At Fort Hood, during the validation process, the young staff successfully conducted mission command, which boosted confidence. Their successful pre-deployment preparation led to a swift and seamless transition from home station in California, to mobilization station at Fort Hood, Texas, and onward arrival into theater in Afghanistan. From April to December 2014, the Battalion successfully supported the responsible drawdown of troops and equipment from Afghanistan. They had mission command for seven companies, including transportation, maintenance, HHC, and a U.S. Air Force Medical Detachment with 16 Convoy Escort Teams and over 1,000 Soldiers.

5. 948th Movement Control Team (MCT), Las Vegas, Nevada

Army Reserve, Deploying Unit Small

The 948th Transportation Company Detachment's 22 personnel and equipment traveled from home station in Las Vegas, Nevada, to FT. Hood, then through Kuwait to provide Movement Control Operations in Kandahar Afghanistan. Once notified of the deployment, the unit still had 53 days of total training to complete. Two weeks into the mobilization process the unit was notified its mission requirements had changed. The unit would now have to become Contracting Officer Representative qualified. The 948th MCT was responsive and quickly

reacted by getting Soldiers the necessary courses to become qualified. The unit's flexibility made the transition process easier to plan and execute. The command teams understood the relationship of strategic through tactical levels of sustainment, roles and responsibilities that allowed the Commander to communicate effectively and ensure the unit understood the flow of sustainment and the critical decision points at which they could adjust their resources based on changing mission requirements.

6. HQ United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Army Reserve, Supporting Unit

The Command supports units that provide support to all theater and task force commanders in meeting their global commitments. In 2014, the Command exceeded all standards and timelines utilizing land, sea, and air assets in support of the highest number of deploying units/detachments within the Army Reserves. They provided stellar support to 16 Combat Training Center rotations and numerous other training exercises. The Command executed the transportation requirements of the annual Operation Toy Drop mission, moving more than 1,500 U.S. and allied Soldiers, Airmen, and cargo during the worlds' largest combined airborne operation.

7. 1-135th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB), Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri

National Guard, Deploying Unit Large

The 1-135th ARB was the final Army National Guard ARB to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and its redeployment operation was a model for any organization to follow. The Battalion reacted rapidly and decisively to a late notice curtailment of 50 days prior to its original redeployment date. The Battalion worked across all of Afghanistan to coordinate several companies' redeployment requests and requirements. The entirety of the 1-135th ARB departed Afghanistan via multimodal transportation assets. This included personnel and equipment from two brigade headquarters that routed through Kyrgyzstan and Fort Hood, Texas, to arrive together at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri. The 1-135th ARB redeployed all 324 personnel and unit equipment with zero losses. All Soldiers within the organization showed professionalism and dedication in light of the condensed timeline to complete redeployment requirements.

8. 114th Transportation Company, Duluth, Minnesota

National Guard, Deploying Unit Small

For nine months, the 114th Transportation Company prepared its 160 Soldiers for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The Company's mission was to provide transportation and convoy security for military and host nation assets, as well as provide transportation partnership and mentorship to the Afghan National Security Forces and assist with developing their logistics capacity and self-sufficiency. The deployment preparation was essentially broken down into three segments: movement of personnel and equipment from home station to mobilization station, movement of personnel and equipment from mobilization station to theater of operations, and redeployment to home station. In September

2013, the unit load team conducted container operations at Camp Ripley, Minnesota to ready the equipment for movement to the mobilization site at Fort Hood, Texas. The unit and Fort Hood were challenged since the movement was taking place over the fiscal year change and during the subsequent financial issues that resulted from sequestration. However, movement was completed on-time with equipment received and staged for the unit's arrival. In December 2013, the unit moved the equipment from Fort Hood to Bagram, Afghanistan. The move was seamless with successful completion of container operations, customs inspection without issue, line-haul of equipment to Dover, Delaware from Ft Hood on-time, and final movement with Channel Air to Bagram having the unit's equipment and supplies on ground within the week of arrival.

9. Logistics Readiness Center, Fort Riley, Fort Riley, Kansas

All-Army, Installations (CONUS)

The deployment and redeployment operations of the 1st Infantry Division Headquarters provides an excellent example of the logistical support provided by the Logistics Readiness Center. More than 21,000 personnel and 5,300 pieces of equipment and cargo assigned to the 1st Infantry Division and its units were deployed to AFRICOM, CENTCOM, ARCENT AORs, and CTC rotations. The deployments utilized 100 commercially chartered aircraft, 40 STRAT missions composed of C-5's and C-17's, 350 commercial line haul trucks, 500 commercial busses and 1,300 railcars. The 1st Infantry Division units deployed all personnel and equipment on time. The key to the success was the interaction, planning, and coordination between the Logistics Readiness Center and the 1st Infantry Division.

10. United States Army Garrison Vicenza, Vicenza, Italy

All-Army, Installations (OCONUS)

Throughout 2014, the 405th Army Field Support Brigade Logistics Readiness Center Italy, in close coordination with the United States Army Garrison Vicenza Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security admirably performed force projection operations in support of tenant units and commands. They worked hand-in-hand with the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Airborne (A) as it transitioned back to being a contingency Response Force after its lengthy deployment rotations in Afghanistan. They successfully supported contingency deployment exercises and operations to assist African nation's fighting the Ebola epidemic.

11. 3rd Sustainment Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Stewart, Georgia

All-Army Operational Deployment, Deploying Unit

A little more than a year after its return from Afghanistan in 2013, the 3rd Sustainment Brigade deployed once again to the Middle East. This time its mission was to support three multifunctional battalions with 19 units in seven countries with more than 2,000 Soldiers. The Soldiers provided support to logistics and theater engagement operations for Joint Support Area GEORGIA, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Spartan Shield, and Operation Inherent Resolve. The Provider Brigade deployed with 280 Soldiers and 16 shipping containers (74 Short Tons) to sustain this mission.

Supply Excellence Awards

12. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 65th Medical Brigade, Yongsan, South Korea
Active Army, Company Level I (A) MTOE

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 65th Medical Brigade provides a quality patient centered system of health to improve wellness and readiness within its organization. The company supply room provides logistical support in order to enhance operations. It has demonstrated superior supply discipline by achieving commendable scores on the past two command supply discipline evaluations, as well as maintained 100 percent accountability of equipment valued at \$33 million, with zero property loss last year.

13. Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Active Army, Company Level I (B) TDA

Charlie Battery's mission is to provide Basic Combat Training to the newest Soldiers in the Army, while maintaining 100 percent accountability of equipment valued at \$1 million dollars. The unit had zero property loss as it logistically supported 1,200 trainees.

14. 21st Special Troops Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany
Active Army, Property Book Operations Level II (A) MTOE

The 21st Special Troops Battalion provides logistics support and other functions to the 21st Theater Sustainment Command's mission, while maintaining 100 percent accountability of \$23 million of equipment. The 21st Special Troops Battalion property book team established a program to teach, coach, mentor and educate commanders, supply personnel, and logisticians on the Command Supply Discipline Program and property accountability. This is the second time in three years the Battalion has won.

15. Allied Forces Command North (AFNORTH) Battalion, US Army NATO Brigade, Shape, Belgium

Active Army, Property Book Operations Level II (B) TDA

The Allied Forces Command North Battalion property book team provides logistical support for missions of both National and NATO operations to customers across eight countries and 15 remote locations, while maintaining property accountability on \$2 million of equipment. The Property Book team established a training program that has positively impacted the unit's overall Command Supply Discipline Program.

16. 509th Signal Battalion, Vicenza, Italy
Active Army, Battalion Level III (A) MTOE

The 509th Signal Battalion provides logistical support to customers located across seven countries and 12 sites, while maintaining property accountability for \$8 million of equipment. The team put in place a training program that has positively impacted its overall Command Supply Discipline Program resulting in zero reports for property loss for the last 10 years.

17. Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

Active Army, Battalion Level III (B) TDA

Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery is a Basic Combat Training Battalion within the 434th Field Artillery Brigade. The Battalion is responsible for the integration, training and transformation of civilians into Soldiers. Over the past year, the Battalion has expertly converted 4,500 civilians into Soldiers. Additional accomplishments include: turning in \$1.2 million of excess property; receiving commendable ratings during inspections; creating the Battalion S4 Standard Operating Procedure, which was implemented across Fort Sill units; managing a budget of \$264,000 to support annual operations; and coordinating 25 rotations through the Clothing Initial Issue Point.

18 and 19. Echo Company, 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas

Active Army, Supply Support Activity Level IV (A) MTOE

Global Combat Support System-Army Best Performing

The Echo Company SSA utilizes the Global Combat Support System-Army (GCSS-Army) to provide Class II, III(P), IV, VII and IX logistical support to 38 DoDAACs. The SSA manages an Authorized Stockage List of more than 2,100 lines valued in excess of \$26 million.

20. Army Maintenance Support Activity 38G, Wichita, Kansas

Army Reserve, Company Level I (B) TDA

The Army Maintenance Support Activity 38G, a small maintenance shop in Wichita, Kansas, has all authorized property and components on hand or on order with a valid document number. It had no excess equipment to report and zero hand receipt deficiencies. Its last command supply discipline evaluation had no deficiencies.

21. 2nd Battalion, 381st Regiment, Grand Prairie, Texas

Army Reserve, Brigade/Battalion Level III (B) TDA

The 2nd Battalion, 381st Regiment, provides realistic Combat Support/Combat Service Support, joint and combined arms training for combatant commanders. In addition, this unit assists installation commanders in post mobilization training and validation of mobilized units for deployment. Unit participation was outstanding. Members worked together and did an excellent job during the evaluation.

22. Charlie Company, 834th Aviation Support Battalion, Hastings, Minnesota

Army National Guard, Company Level I (A) MTOE

The Company devotes considerable time and effort accounting for components of multi-million dollar communications equipment. Its attention to detail and intense care for its equipment ensures high levels of accountability and readiness.

23. 209th Regiment Regional Training Institute, Camp Ashland, Nebraska

Army National Guard, Company Level I (B) TDA

The 209th Regiment Regional Training Institute provides institutional training within assigned career management fields to the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and Active Army in

support of the Army's Modular Force. Its property book procedures are outstanding; it had no deficiencies on the command supply discipline evaluation.

24. 82nd Troop Command, Clackamas, Oregon

Army National Guard, Property Book Operations Level II (A) MTOE

The 82nd Troop Command property book office manages assets totaling \$680 million. The unit has zero excess equipment and zero lost property reports within the past three years. It supports one Heavy Brigade Combat Team Battalion, one Engineer Battalion, and an Aviation Battalion consisting of Chinooks, Blackhawks, and Lakotas.

25. 771st Troop Command, 111th Engineer Brigade, Dunbar, West Virginia

Army National Guard, Property Book Operations Level II (B) TDA

The 771st Troop Command is known for its diversity. It consists of many different companies to include Public Affairs, Maintenance, Signal, Transportation, an Army Band, and a Contracting Team. That means property accountability is very difficult but, nevertheless, the team has done an outstanding job. All requests are validated and processed by the end of the day. All requisitions have valid document numbers with current status.

26. 1249th Engineer Battalion, Salem, Oregon

Army National Guard, Brigade/Battalion Level III (A) MTOE

This unit provides command and control to plan, integrate, and direct execution of three assigned engineer companies with two detachments, and one forward support company. It provides mobility in support of force application and focused logistics. It received 100 percent on the last two command supply discipline evaluations and has had zero reports of lost property.

27. United States Property and Fiscal Office (USP&FO), Lincoln, Nebraska

Army National Guard, Supply Support Activity Level IV (B) TDA

The USP&FO did an outstanding job providing logistical management services and support to the people and organizations of the Nebraska Army National Guard. This includes property accountability, maintaining stock of materials and equipment, storing, transporting and distribution of supplies.

Army Award for Maintenance Excellence

28. Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas

Active Army, Depot Level

Red River's motto "Our Best . . . Nothing Less" was at the core of its performance last year as it remanufactured more than 1,000 HMMWVs. The process began in January 2014 with the formation of a LEAN team that planned a series of weeklong rapid improvement events and projects geared towards meeting the initial goal of producing 800 HMMWV bodies. By the end of the program in September 2014, Red River had manufactured 820 model 1165s and 182 model 1152s, for a total of 1002 vehicles, and had done so eight days ahead of schedule. They were able to accomplish this by removing waste at every step of the process. The HMMWV team developed standards of work systems to increase vehicle output, while at the same time reducing the hours of work required to produce the products. Benefits included improved quality, reduction of costs, and increased productivity. The remanufactured HMMWVs, to be used by the Army National Guard, will enhance Army readiness and extend the life expectancy of important equipment, at less cost to the taxpayer than buying new vehicles.

29. 2nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade, Wiesbaden, Germany

Active Army, MTOE Small

The AAME team evaluated this unit down to the newest Soldier and found that policy and procedure information is well disseminated. The Soldiers are very enthusiastic about their unit and performed their maintenance tasks admirably. Their chain of command is highly involved with the maintenance programs and this was evident during the on-site evaluation.

30. Maintenance Company, Group Support Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Carson, Colorado

Active Army, MTOE Medium

This unit's chain of command values the maintenance programs. The Standard Operating Procedures are written well and the Soldiers of the unit are informed of the maintenance processes, resulting in a very efficient and productive operation. Unit leaders are actively involved with the Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear and Explosive program and Arms Room operations. The Soldiers of the unit are active in the maintenance operations and highly motivated.

31. 24th Military Intelligence Battalion, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade, Wiesbaden, Germany

Active Army, MTOE Large

The organization has a very well organized maintenance management operation. The dispatching record keeping and procedures follows all Army protocols with emphasis on safety and unit standard operating procedures. The Battalion's combat readiness is evident in the command team's maintenance programs that cover weapons; Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear and Explosive equipment; and overall maintenance support areas. Soldiers from the

unit possess a culture that exemplifies Army excellence in maintenance management that starts with leadership and ends with outstanding military intelligence provided to USAREUR.

32. 7th Joint Multinational Training Command, Grafenwoehr, Germany

Active Army, TDA

The organization's mission is extremely large and it has many pieces of equipment that require maintenance. As a result, leadership and Soldiers perform operations around the clock to meet all its maintenance requirements. This organization repairs sophisticated equipment and executes missions that always focus on customer satisfaction. The organization is very well organized and every person knows what is needed to accomplish daily missions with excellence.

33. 1st Military Intelligence Battalion (Aerial Exploitation), 66th Military Intelligence Brigade, Wiesbaden, Germany

Active Army, MTOE Aviation

This unit had a well organized Command Maintenance Program, and it was evident during the on-site evaluation. The unit's Master Driver program is used as the standard for other units in the brigade to build their own. The Soldiers are very motivated and very knowledgeable in their daily maintenance operations through the use of significant maintenance training led by the battalion leadership.

34. Equipment Concentration Site #125 (Ground), Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Army Reserve, TDA

The organization supply clerks are very well versed in their operation and the supply section is organized and well maintained. Inventories are performed in a timely manner and locations of repair parts are marked and meet all Army standards. The entire organization is totally motivated and proud of the maintenance programs. The leadership and workforce work well together and their processes are synced to accomplish all maintenance missions efficiently.

35. 301st Military Intelligence Battalion, Phoenix, Arizona

Army Reserve, MTOE Medium

The 301st Military Intelligence Battalion's additional emphasis on Environmental Management was evident during the evaluation. The environmental Standard Operating Procedure is well written and set the standard for other units to follow. The spill response program is second to none, with emphasis on Soldier environmental awareness training. The use of the Maintenance Management Information System in correlation with the tracking system made the most of the military work order process.

36. Forward Support Company, 527th Engineer Battalion, Ruston, Louisiana

Army National Guard, MTOE Small

Louisiana Army National Guard's 527th Engineer Battalion is one of the finest in the Army. It is supported by a strong chain of command that is truly involved with the unit's maintenance

program and constantly striving for perfection. Soldiers in this unit are unflinching in carrying out their motto of 'Anything, Anytime, Anywhere.

37. 1075th Medium Truck Company, 734th Transportation Battalion, Columbus, Nebraska
Army National Guard, MTOE Medium

The 1075th Medium Truck Company has amazing esprit de corps. Its teamwork attitude is infectious, and flows into the daily operations. With very few seasoned Soldiers, this unit manages to stay ahead of continuous maintenance and training requirements by leaning forward and looking for opportunities to excel. The command team of the 1075th Medium truck company has a maintenance program that is enforced and supported from the most senior member of the unit to the newest member.

38. Combined Support Maintenance Site Louisiana, Pineville, Louisiana
Army National Guard, TDA

Combined Support Maintenance Site Pineville stood out during the onsite evaluations with a quality assurance and quality control program that employed more than 125 years of combined service, backed up with a very thorough technical manual library. The quality assurance and quality control program matched with the teamwork and esprit de corps making this team an asset to customer units it supports.

39. Tank Automotive Command (TACOM)/Field Maintenance Expansion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
Active Army, All Others

This organization unmistakably demonstrates the ability to conduct sound maintenance operations across a wide spectrum of assigned equipment in a resource constrained environment. The maintenance Standard Operating Procedure is clear, concise, and adhered to throughout the organization. The Electronic Maintenance and Armament shops are going the extra mile to support their customers. Each has built mobile maintenance vehicles, complete with tools, and necessary repair parts supporting the fix forward maintenance concept. When a customer needs assistance, they provide a location and a system or piece of equipment that needs maintenance and the mobile maintenance support vehicle goes to them. During a maintenance inspection they discovered a damaged auxiliary starter relay, which potentially could have been a systemic problem. This led them to develop and publish an article in the PS magazine to alert the entire force.

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