

Gates Presents TRANSCOM with Joint Meritorious Unit Award

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (APRIL 2, 2010)

Bob Fehringer

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.—Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates traveled here April 1 to personally present U.S. Transportation Command with the Joint Meritorious Unit Award. The award is granted to joint activities for meritorious achievement or service superior to that which is normally expected for actions in the following situations: combat with an armed enemy of the United States, a declared national emergency, or under extraordinary circumstances that involve national interests.

"I am glad to get the chance to be here today to have the opportunity to present the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to the men and women of the United States Transportation Command," Gates said. "You should know that this award is the first and only award that I have personally issued in my eight-plus years as Secretary of Defense."

Gates was joined by Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of U.S. Central Command, who oversees operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Air Force Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, commander of U.S. TRANSCOM, and other senior civilian and military officials.

"Mr. Secretary, I want to thank you for personally flying out to Scott Air Force Base today" to present the award to TRANSCOM, Petraeus said. "Nobody deserves this honor more."

Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell told Pentagon reporters March 30, "Secretary Gates believes the members of TRANSCOM are among the unsung heroes of our military efforts around the world, and this award allows him to personally thank this dedicated and unheralded team of professionals."

TRANSCOM also played an instrumental role in U.S. relief efforts in Haiti following the devastating earthquake, Morrell said.

"In responding to the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti, TRANSCOM has provided over 2 million meals, more than 5 million liters of water to the island, in ongoing humanitarian and disaster-relief operations," Morrell said.

According to the award citation, the command's three components—Air Mobility Command, Military Sealift Command, and Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command—carried over 5 million passengers, 25

thousand patients, and 7.5 million short tons in support of United States Central Command's two main operations. US-TRANSCOM expedited the delivery of thousands of sets of individual body armor, armored vehicles, and supplemental armor kits, in addition to supporting troop surges in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

McNabb thanked Gates and Petraeus and lauded the efforts of those under his command.

"You have honored us today by your presence and your words," McNabb said. "And we are humbled by the trust you have in us. We will strive to always, always be worthy of that trust."

Fehringer writes for U.S. Transportation Command.

DoD Announces Winners of the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 9, 2010)

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced today the winners of the 2010 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. The winners are:

- Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.
- Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, Calif.
- Naval Base San Diego, San Diego
- Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska
- Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, New Cumberland, Pa.

The Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence recognizes the outstanding and innovative efforts of the people who operate and maintain U.S. military installations. The five recipients of this highly competitive presidential award were selected for their exemplary support of Department of Defense missions.

Installation excellence enables better mission performance and enhances the quality of life for military men and women and their families. Each winning installation succeeded in providing excellent working, housing, and recreational conditions.

For more information about the winners and installation excellence award, go to <http://www.defense.gov/installationexcellence2010>.

DoD Announces Winners of the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 13, 2010)

The Department of Defense has announced the winners of the 2010 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards. A panel of judges representing federal and state agencies, academia, and the public has selected the following installations, teams, and individuals as the winners of this year's awards:

- Fort Custer Training Center, Michigan Army National Guard: Natural Resources Conservation—Small Installation
- Camp Guernsey, Wyoming Army National Guard: Cultural Resources Management—Installation
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Hawaii: Environmental Quality—Nonindustrial Installation
- Fleet Readiness Center Southwest, Calif.: Sustainability—Industrial Installation
- Hill Air Force Base, Utah: Environmental Restoration—Installation
- Stephen M. Sieber, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.: Natural Resources Conservation—Individual/Team
- Awni M. Almasri, Naval Support Activity Bahrain, Bahrain: Environmental Quality—Individual/Team
- Regina Dixon Butler, 45 SW Restoration Project Manager, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.: Environmental Restoration—Individual/Team
- Aeronautical Systems Center, 77th AESW, Acquisition Environmental and Occupational Health Risk Management Branch (ASC/ENVV), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio: Environmental Excellence in Weapons Systems Acquisition—Team

Each year since 1962 the secretary of defense has honored individuals, teams, and installations for their outstanding achievements to conserve and sustain the natural and cultural resources entrusted to the Department of Defense. For more information on the Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards and highlights of this year's winners and honorable mentions, visit <http://www.denix.osd.mil/portal/page/portal/Awards>.

Army Battlefield Medical Records Program Director Earns Army's Highest Civilian Service Award

*MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR COMBAT CASUALTY CARE
(MC4) NEWS RELEASE (APRIL 27, 2010)*

FORT DETRICK, Md.—On April 14, Army Secretary John M. McHugh personally awarded Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) Program Management and Business Transformation Director William H. Weed with the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service (DECS) Award during a ceremony at the Pentagon. The DECS, comparable to the military's Distinguished Service Medal, is the highest award granted by the Secretary of the Army to Army civilian personnel.

The award citation states Weed's "leadership overseeing the deployment of an electronic health record system [MC4] worldwide in support of deployed servicemembers is unprecedented" and his "achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the Department of the Army." His leadership and multiple deployments to the combat zone helped MC4 successfully field systems to Southwest Asia two years ahead of schedule and established a worldwide fielding, training, and support infrastructure.

MC4 gives tactical medical units the ability to digitally document health care of service members, consistent with Title 10 requirements and congressional and presidential directives. The deployment of MC4 systems in the United States and abroad ensures every soldier will have an electronic medical record documenting care and provides commanders critical medical surveillance capabilities. From 2004 through 2009, Weed's service as MC4's director of operations spanned three product managers.

"Weed's contribution to the electronic medical record initiative goes beyond the scope of a typical operations lead in an acquisition program," MC4 Product Manager Lt. Col. William Geesey said. "He's helped transform deployed medical business practices from paper to the digital age, placing technology into the hands of medical units to improve the overall healthcare of our soldiers."

Weed has 23 years of federal government service and is a certified acquisition professional in program management. Prior to MC4, Weed spent 16 years with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) where he received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, comparable to the military's Legion of Merit.

With 10 years of experience managing the DoD's first and most comprehensive battlefield medical recording system, MC4 has enabled the capture of more than 13 million electronic patient encounters in the combat zone. MC4 has also trained 46,000 medical staff and commanders, and fielded 38,000 systems to 750 units with medical personnel, to include Army National Guard and Reserve units, and active component divisional units throughout 17 countries.

MC4 integrates, fields, and supports a comprehensive medical information system, enabling lifelong electronic medical records, streamlined medical logistics, and enhanced situational awareness for Army tactical forces. The Army's Program Executive Office, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS), Fort Belvoir, Va., oversees the MC4 Product Management Office headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md.

For more information on MC4, visit <www.mc4.army.mil>.

AMC Awarded Two Shingo Bronze Medallions

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (APRIL 30, 2010)

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—The Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence has recognized two U.S. Army Materiel Command programs with Shingo bronze medallions for their work in implementing Lean systems in support of the manufacturing, repair, overhaul, and maintenance of warfighter equipment.

The AMC recipients are Red River Army Depot, Texas, for its work on the Up-Armored High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV)/HMMWV Egress Army Trainer, and Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., for its work on the PATRIOT Missile System.

Established in 1988, the Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence is administered by Utah State University and has been referred to by *Business Week* magazine as the “Nobel prize of manufacturing.”

The Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence was previously split into a public sector category and a business category, but now the awards are given as one group. Several AMC organizations have been recipients of the Shingo Prize Public Sector Award.

Seven AFMC Civilians Receive Presidential Rank Award

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MAY 7, 2010)

Chandra Lloyd

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—Seven Air Force Materiel Command senior civilians received the prestigious Presidential Rank Award at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery April 30.

Each year the president awards the ranks of Distinguished Executive or Meritorious Executive to a select group of senior civilians who have demonstrated strength, integrity, industry, and a commitment to public service.

There are two categories of rank awards for Senior Executive Service members: Distinguished and Meritorious Executive. Only 1 percent of career SES members are awarded Distinguished Executive for achieving extraordinary results. The Meritorious Executive is awarded for sustained accomplishments, with only 5 percent of career SES members being awarded in this category.

The Distinguished and Meritorious Senior Professional rank was amended in 2001 to extend eligibility to certain senior career employees who have maintained a record of exceptional professional, technical, and scientific achievement that has been recognized on a national or international level.

Specific categories and AFMC recipients include:

Distinguished Senior Professional

Dr. Siva S. Banda is a member of the scientific and professional cadre of senior executives. Currently, he is senior scientist, Control Theory at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Meritorious Senior Executive

- Gerald L. Freisthler, a member of the SES, is currently the executive director of engineering at the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- John J. Over III, a member of the SES, is currently the executive director at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Meritorious Senior Professional

- Theodore G. Fecke, a member of the SES, is currently technical advisor of propulsion, engineering directorate at the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- Dr. Brian M. Kent is a member of the scientific and professional cadre of senior executives. He is currently chief scientist, sensors directorate at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- Dr. Richard W. Linderman is a member of the scientific and professional cadre of senior executives. He is currently chief scientist, information directorate at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, N.Y.
- Curtis A. Rowland, a defense intelligence senior leader, is senior intelligence engineer, data exploitation directorate at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Chief Financial Officer Honored with Presidential Rank Award

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY NEWS RELEASE (MAY 12, 2010)

Sara Moore

Tony Poleo, during his tenure as the Defense Logistics Agency's director of financial operations and chief financial officer, has successfully managed a multi-billion dollar annual budget while also advocating financial stewardship and working with other agency leaders to transform DLA's business model. But when asked what he thinks his greatest accomplishment has been, he cites the leadership work he has done on an individual level.

"I think I'm most proud of the investment I have tried to make in mentoring and coaching others to bring them along like folks did for me when I was coming up in the ranks," said Poleo, who began his DLA career in 1981 as an undergraduate cooperative education student.

Poleo's commitment to leadership, along with his strong business acumen and excellence in helping DLA accomplish its mission recently earned him the Presidential Rank Award. The award recognizes leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service.

DLA Director Navy Adm. Alan Thompson called Poleo truly deserving of the prestigious Presidential Rank Award.

"Tony is continually looking at technology and process improvements to improve financial stewardship, streamline processes, improve confidence in financial data, and to reduce costs," he said.

As the agency's chief financial officer, Poleo is responsible for a host of financial services that ensure appropriate financial stewardship and management of DLA's budget. Poleo develops DLA's overall financial management strategy, leads efforts to apply new technology to financial management operations, and ensures metrics are available to customers that fully assess the financial health of the agency. He also works closely with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Comptroller and the federal Office of Management and Budget to advocate DLA's financial requirements.

Poleo was selected as the DLA CFO in January 2007. Since his selection, he has focused on financial stewardship and changing the DLA business model from a wholesale supplier to an end-to-end provider of supply chain services—from purchase of supplies to distribution to the disposal of unneeded material.

AMC Wins Three DoD Level Awards

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (MAY 12, 2010)

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—The Department of Defense announced the winners of the fiscal year, 2009 Value Engineering Achievement Awards, and the U.S. Army Materiel Command won three of the awards on behalf of the Army.

A ceremony was held May 12 at the Pentagon auditorium where the recipients' outstanding achievements through the application of Value Engineering were recognized.

AMC's winners are as follows:

- Karen Caudle (Individual)—U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center
- Logistics Engineering Operations Directorate (Team)—Value Concepts Office, U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command
- U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command (Organization)

Value Engineering (VE) is a function analysis process to identify actions that reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities across the entire DoD enterprise.

During fiscal 2009, 3,347 in-house VE proposals and 43 contractor-initiated VE change proposals were accepted with actual and projected savings/cost avoidance in excess of \$1.94 billion.

The DoD value engineering program continues to be an incentive for government and industry partners to improve the joint value proposition by promoting innovation and creativity. Innovative VE proposals seek best value solutions as part of a successful business relationship.

Award winners from each DoD component are eligible for selection in the following five categories: program/project, individual, team, organization, and contractor. Additional "special" awards are given to recognize innovative applications or approaches that expand the traditional scope of value engineering use.

The VE awards program is an acknowledgment of exemplary achievements and encourages additional projects to improve in-house and contractor productivity.

Agency Teams Excel in Value Engineering

DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY NEWS RELEASE (MAY 14, 2010)

Dianne Ryder

Five teams and one individual from various Defense Logistics Agency organizations received Defense Department awards this week for outstanding achievements in improving the quality of products and services, an application known as value engineering.

Each year, the Department of Defense presents value engineering awards to civilian, military, and contractor project teams, organizations, and individuals whose actions help reduce cost, increase quality, and improve mission capabilities across the entire spectrum of DoD systems, processes, and organizations.

The goal of DLA's Value Management Program is to reduce the cost of material while retaining the same or better qual-

ity, reliability, and function. During fiscal 2009, DLA exceeded \$199 million in savings through value engineering.

During a May 12 award ceremony at the Pentagon, Nicholas Torelli, the DoD deputy director for mission assurance within the systems engineering directorate, Office of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, spoke about the importance of the program.

"The Value Engineering Program is a critical component of our efforts to increase the value and reduce the life-cycle cost of defense systems," Torelli said, according to prepared remarks. "[The office of the under secretary of defense for] acquisition technology and logistics continues to champion initiatives to reduce and control life-cycle costs."

Award winners from each DoD component are eligible for selection in five categories: program/project, individual, team, organization, contractor, and special.

Defense Research and Engineering Director Zachary Lemnios presented the awards.

"The individuals, teams, and organizations receiving awards are a testament to the breadth of activity and successful partnerships, which the value engineering community employs in support of the department," Lemnios said.

"I am particularly happy to see that so many individuals are receiving special awards, which recognize innovative applications and approaches to expand the traditional scope of value engineering," he continued.

DLA recipients in each category are:

- Program/Project: Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles, Logistics Support Project, Supply Center Columbus
- Individual: Maximo Ayala, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia
- Team: Value Management Continuous Process Improvement Team, Defense Supply Center Columbus, Ohio
- Organization: Defense Supply Center Richmond, Va.
- Special: Subsistence Common Food Management System, Item Reduction/Value Engineering Team, Defense Supply Center Philadelphia
- Special: Value Management Team, Defense Supply Center Columbus

Overall DoD savings were achieved due to the recipients' diligent efforts in driving innovation, speed, and agility within the acquisition cycle, Lemnios said.

"I applaud you, your organizations, and your value engineering contributions to cost savings and innovation in practices within the department," he said. "Your development of sound acquisition practices ... help guard against inefficiency and waste while helping our warfighters remain competitive. This has been the goal of the Value Engineering Program since its inception."

Shaw Air Force Base Civilian Receives Gold Star Award

AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE (MAY 27, 2010)

WASHINGTON—A Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., civilian was honored at the 2010 Small Business Association National Small Business Week event here May 25.

Judith P. Croxton, the director of business operations, received the SBA Gold Star award on behalf of the 20th Contracting Squadron at Shaw AFB, which was recognized for numerous achievements, including awarding 96 percent of available dollars to small businesses.

The Gold Star award recognizes federal agencies with exemplary performance in pursuit of aggressive goals and strategic initiatives that help ensure increased small business participation in the federal marketplace.

In keeping with the "beyond goals" strategy of the Air Force Office of Small Business Programs, the 20th CONS achieved its results and surpassed statistical goals by aligning small business capabilities with customer requirements and mission success.

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the economic well-being of the United States. Croxton and other award winners were honored with a visit to the White House May 25, where they met with President Barack Obama.

"A healthy small business sector will give us vibrant communities, cutting edge technology, and an American economy that can compete and win in the 21st century," Obama said in a presidential proclamation.

20th CONS initiatives, events, and acquisitions include awarding \$169 million to small businesses and leading the Air Combat Command in goal achievement by achieving a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business goal of 17.2 percent and producing critical quality-of-life projects for Shaw AFB airmen.

The 20th CONS also coordinated with firms to execute 285 construction projects valued at \$29 million, and received national recognition as a "champion" in the AbilityOne program that provides employment opportunities for people who are blind or severely disabled.

PEO-IWS Releases Open Architecture Contract Guidebook Update

PROGRAM EXECUTIVE OFFICE-INTEGRATED WARFARE SYSTEMS PUBLIC AFFAIRS (MAY 27, 2010)

WASHINGTON (NNS)—Program Executive Office-Integrated Warfare Systems (PEO-IWS), as chair of the Naval Open Architecture Enterprise Team (OAET), released version 2.0 of the *Naval Open Architecture (NOA) Contract Guidebook for Program Managers* May 27.

"The *Naval Open Architecture Contract Guidebook* is a valuable resource available to program managers and contracting officers across the Naval Enterprise as they seek to implement Open Architecture [OA] principles in national security systems," said Chris Deegan, executive director, PEO-IWS.

"This new version is particularly timely because it supports the Navy's redoubled efforts to reduce total ownership cost by encouraging software reuse and increased competition in source selection, as well as promoting the prudent use of open source software."

The initial *Naval Open Architecture Contract Guidebook for Program Managers* was released by the OAET in July 2006 as a compendium of contracting best practices and lessons learned from across the Naval Enterprise. It was first updated in October 2007.

This latest version of the guidebook contains new information and contract clauses, including a new H clause, requiring contractor identification of open source software in deliverables; statement of work (SOW) language on using integrated development environments; SOW language on software code walkthroughs; product re-use demonstrations; and references to Naval Air Systems Command's Key Open Sub-Systems tool.

A publicly released version of the *Naval Open Architecture Contract Guidebook for Program Managers* is available for download as a PDF file under the "tools" section of the Naval Open Architecture website at <<https://acc.dau.mil/oa>>.

For more news from Naval Sea Systems Command, visit <www.navy.mil/local/navsea/>.

AMC Announces Its Top 10 Employees of 2009

ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS RELEASE (MAY 27, 2010)

Melissa Bohan

FORT BELVOIR, Va.—The U.S. Army Materiel Command has selected the 10 winners of its 2009 "Louis Dellamonica Award for Outstanding AMC Personnel." The winners, who beat out 29 other nominated employees, were selected for the significant contributions they made to AMC's mission and overarching goals and objectives. The nominees are judged on how their initiatives measurably improve their work environment, how they motivate and inspire fellow employees to improve or increase the quality of their own work, and how well they are viewed by peers, subordinates, and superiors.

"These 10 employees stand out as model employees and are truly the best of the best," said William Marriott, deputy chief of staff, G-1.

This award, formerly called the "10 Outstanding Personnel of the Year," was renamed in honor of Louis Dellamonica, a general engineer with AMC's Hawthorne Army Depot, Hawthorne, Nev. Dellamonica was both the oldest and longest serving Department of Defense employee before retiring in January 2007, at the age of 94 with more than 65 years of service.

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, AMC's commanding general, will present a certificate of achievement, four-star note, and plaque to each recipient at an awards ceremony at AMC's forward headquarters at Redstone Arsenal on June 25.

The 2009 recipients are:

- Thomas J. Buechler, U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command
- Colin A. Christie, U.S. Army Sustainment Command
- Stanley R. Citron, headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command
- Raoul C. Cordeaux, U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command
- Lt. Col. Christopher L. Day, U.S. Army Joint Munitions Command
- Dr. C. Patrick Dunne, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command
- Michele M. Fairservice, U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command
- Catherine A. Fisher, U.S. Army CECOM Life Cycle Management Command
- Jan W. Moren, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command
- Lori S. Reynolds, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command

Bohan is with Army Materiel Command.

Letterkenny Army Depot Wins Award for its Efforts in Ensuring Sustainability

ARMY NEWS SERVICE (MAY 24, 2010)

Nick Karoglou

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.—The Letterkenny Army Depot (LEAD) won the FY 2009 Secretary of the Army award for industrial sustainability on an installation.

As the center of industrial and technical excellence for air defense and tactical missile systems, LEAD's primary mission is to provide the U.S. Army and other Services with worldwide, reliable, responsive, and cost-effective depot-level maintenance. Additionally, LEAD provides field support, systems integration, and product support integration for weapon systems, components, and supplementary equipment to ensure the readiness, sustainability, and safety in the full spectrum of operational environments.

LEAD's sustainability plan guides the depot's environmental goals for the next 25 years and beyond. LEAD's plan consists of three overarching goals: water conservation, energy conservation, and solid waste reduction. Under the plan, by the year 2033 the depot will subsist solely on renewable energy and self-sustaining water and other natural resources with no waste discharge into the local landfill. The depot's sustainability plan is an integral part of the commander's strategic objective to become the Army's premier "Sustainable Green Depot."

To achieve its sustainability goals, the depot must uncover and track what had previously been hidden energy and water use and their associated costs. The depot has had metered water use at all of its buildings since the 1990s, and all new construction has also been metered. The depot has installed an additional 26 electric meters and five gas meters in 12 buildings, with a monitoring system to track and shift the demand for electricity to off-peak, lower cost hours. The advanced metering system tracks 75 percent of the electricity used at the depot. As of September 2009, the depot had 88 meters tracking 90 percent of electric costs and is on track to meet the Army's goal of having all buildings metered by the end of September 2013.

"Letterkenny developed the most comprehensive sustainability program in the Army by installing meters to monitor electricity consumption, driving electric vehicles, adding solar panels and geothermal heating, replacing inefficient boilers, and making a host of other improvements. Letterkenny is a model for sustainability," said Tom Lillie, the consulting fellow of the Army Environmental Policy Institute.

The depot continuously feeds its pipeline of long-term sustainability projects. For example, in the last two years the depot has initiated steps toward installing passive solar and geothermal heating and cooling using Energy Conservation Investment Program funding. Additionally, the depot has partnered with the National Defense Center for Energy and Environment to demonstrate emerging technologies in waste-to-energy conversion and methane gas recovery.

An independent panel of judges made up of professionals from federal, state, and Army organizations recommended LEAD for the award. The Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards represent the highest honor in the field of environmental science and sustainability conferred by the Army.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health Tad Davis recognized LEAD and the winners of the other eight categories as the best examples of how environmental stewardship and sustainability play a crucial role in the Army's mission readiness.

"In simplistic terms the Army—our Army, your Army—is building green, buying green, and going green," said Davis. These winning environmental programs make the Army sustainable, thereby impacting generations to come."

For details about the Secretary of the Army Environmental Award recipients, visit aec.army.mil/usaec/newsroom/awards00.html.

New Memorandum for Defense Acquisition Board Members and Advisors

A memorandum has been issued by the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Frank Kendall regarding preparation for Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) meetings, DAB Readiness meetings (DRM), and DAB Planning meetings (DPM). The memorandum provides guidance for and will only apply to those programs under USD(AT&L) cognizance. The memorandum states in part, "The USD(AT&L) has tasked me to review our internal processes including those associated with DAB preparation and how DABs are conducted. My goal is to ensure that programs are adequately reviewed far enough before a DAB so that all issues associated with the desired DAB decision can be identified and hopefully resolved prior to the DAB."

Read the memorandum in its entirety at [https://dap.dau.mil/policy/Documents/Policy/DAB%20DRM%20DPM%20\(Kendall%20signed%2023%20Apr%202010\).pdf](https://dap.dau.mil/policy/Documents/Policy/DAB%20DRM%20DPM%20(Kendall%20signed%2023%20Apr%202010).pdf).