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## 2006 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence



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

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**Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld announced today the winners of the 2006 Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence. They are:**

- » Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Air Field, Hinesville, Ga.
- » Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Yuma, Ariz.
- » Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.
- » Ramstein Air Base, Germany
- » Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Harrisburg, Penn.

**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.**

**Excellent installations enable better mission performance and enhance the quality of life for military men and women and their families. Each winning installation succeeded in providing excellent working, housing and recreational conditions.**

**The 2006 Commander in Chief's Annual Award ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 5, 2006, at 2 p.m. EDT, in the Pentagon Auditorium, BH650.**



# Army

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## **Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Air Field, Hinesville, Georgia**

This is the third consecutive year that Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has demonstrated a sound, systematic approach to managing the organization that is well deployed and integrated through all levels of the organization and its customers. Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield was considered to be a key role model of the principles, values, and processes contained in the Army Performance Improvement Criteria (APIC). These key role model criteria were especially demonstrated in the following areas: The Performance Management and Measurement System (PMMS); their focus on governance and social responsibility; the effective, systematic process in place to determine design, to manage and to improve key value creation processes.



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The term “suddenly military” doesn’t just apply to Reservists and National Guard members called to active duty. It also applies to our children. Fort Stewart/HAAF has many agencies such as Army Community of Service, Installation Religious Support Office, Family Readiness Groups and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation staffed with trained and caring individuals, ready and willing to provide our families with the best programs and services to enhance well being. This includes providing our youngest family members with someone who can understand what it’s like when Mom or Dad is deployed.

# Marine Corps

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## Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Arizona

MCAS Yuma has established a premier national reputation for exceeding installation excellence and customer service in Aviation Training and has served as a superior model site for multiple other DoD and Marine Corps installation management initiatives. A winner of the DON Energy Conservation Award three years in row, MCAS Yuma reduced energy consumption by 37 percent, as well as implemented solar powered lights in the inset. In addition, MCAS Yuma reduced safety and hazards mishaps by half for both on- and off-duty accidents. Messhall 710 was awarded the prestigious General W. P. T. Hill Memorial Award for an unprecedented third consecutive year as the “Best Full Service Mess Hall in the Marine Corps”. Multiple other accomplishments were realized as this installation excelled in providing excellence and customer service at all levels of the installation and the surrounding community. Yuma’s ongoing commitment to installation excellence exemplifies the high standards set forth by the President of the United States.



# Marine Corps



Family housing assets and management were transitioned to a Public Private Venture in October 2004. Depicted here is the 1st of four communities to be reconstructed by the partner as part of a \$68 million recapitalization strategy. The project includes new amenities including two swimming pools, a clubhouse, cabana, tot lots and playgrounds. The PPV partner has demonstrated their willingness to "Go the Extra Mile" to deliver a superior quality of life to our Marines, Sailors, and their families.

# Navy

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## **Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington**

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island was selected as the winner of the Navy's 2006 Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award due to its strategic initiatives including "One Stop Resource" for community support, and Community Planning Liaison Office to combine local community and neighboring installation quality of life resources. These initiatives promoted fleet support by encouraging stakeholders to rely upon internal and external sources from around the Whidbey Island Community. A few of these award-winning programs have been nationally recognized by various high level agencies including SECNAV, the American Petroleum Institute, and the U.S. Composting Council. NAS Whidbey Island maintains an extremely progressive commitment towards innovation and development in support of our warfighters.



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**Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington**



# Air Force

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## Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Team Ramstein significantly improved the productivity, mission processes, environment, and quality of life for over 53,000 Americans and their North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies while precisely executing its wartime and humanitarian missions throughout Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia. As the largest American community outside the Continental United States, Team Ramstein deployed nearly 100,000 United States, alliance and coalition partner Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines forward on over 2,100 combat, security and stability, and humanitarian efforts on three continents. Team Ramstein leads the Air Force in fighting the Global War on Terrorism, forging strong relationships with our allied partners in Europe, and fostering a family-friendly installation for our Kaiserslautern Military Community.



# Air Force



**Team effort from five NATO nations enabled quick turn of 100 packages and 400 short tons of cargo to Hurricane Katrina victims.**



# Defense Logistics Agency

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## **Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

The Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pennsylvania (DDSP) is the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA) eastern Strategic Distribution Platform and employs nearly 2,700 personnel, which is the highest within the Defense Distribution Command center. DDSP provides Department of Defense (DOD) owned commodities to all branches of the armed forces and other agencies of the Federal government in the eastern half of the United States, Central and South America, Europe, North Africa, and Southwest Asia. DDSP created a team to deal with customer service inquiries only so that the depot's core operators can concentrate on daily work challenges. In addition, DDSP responded rapidly to humanitarian customer requirements for Hurricane Katrina through 24/7 shipment operations and firefighters' participation in first responder teams. Their strategies and on-going efforts in the areas of customer support, workforce improvements, environmental compliance, and support services position them as the front runner for the 2006 Commander-in-Chief's Award for Installation Excellence.



# Defense Logistics Agency



DDSP's newly formed Training Office recently developed comprehensive individual development plans for the workforce, coordinated with supervisors, employees, and the DLA Training Center. The Office reviewed position descriptions, depot standard operating procedures, and existing training guides. Planned and systematic training is developing our workforce to enhance job performance and worker potential. DDSP has developed an 80 hour orientation course for new hires including a day's worth of depot orientation, several days of safety emphasized MHE operator training, and 40 hours of DSS system familiarized training. Armed with this training our new employees have become more productive workers than previous hires. This new employee training was so successful that our DDC HQ exported the training program and booklets to its other depots.