

2017 CCO Excellence Award Recipient

The recipient of the 2017 Richard “Dick” Ginman Contingency Contracting Officer Excellence Award is Staff Sergeant Jason Bufkin, United States Army, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. Staff Sergeant Bufkin provided exceptional contracting support for Special Operations Forces (SOF) in combat operations during Operation Inherent Resolve. While in theater, SSG Bufkin supported all USSOCOM forces and several Task Forces which spanned five countries, two continents and roughly 4,000 Service Members, Civilians and Contractors. SSG Bufkin overcame many challenges and was able to expand contractor support to locations all over theater despite nonexistent contractor pools, fractured economies, and absent banking systems. Frequently traveling with SOF teams, SSG Bufkin met face-to-face with contractors and often conducted business on negotiated schedules with cash payments. As a direct result of his work, US Forces were immediately able to expand its range and lethality. Staff Sergeant Bufkin showed extreme professionalism in the field, guaranteeing the success of U.S. Forces during Operation Inherent Resolve. These accomplishments reflect great credit on himself, the United States Army, U.S. Special Operations Command, and the Department of Defense. Congratulations to Staff Sergeant Bufkin!