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Recognizing our star performers

Just like the television, film, and music industries, INSCOM has annual awards ceremonies to recognize star performers. These stars from the military and civilian workforce gather before their peers to receive honors, complete with plaques and other keepsakes, photo sessions, and rounds of applause from the audience.

The ceremonies are for the Noncommissioned Officer, Linguist, and Soldier of the Year, and 16 military or civilian individuals, teams, or organizations that have gone above and beyond in supporting the command and its communities.

These ceremonies occur every summer. The 2002 NCO, Soldier and Linguist of the Year—Staff Sgt. Michelle Baatz of the 501st MI Brigade, Spc. Gayla Scully of the 501st, and Staff Sgt.

Thomas Silberman of the 513th MI Brigade, respectively—were named a few weeks ago, and the other winners will be recognized next month during INSCOM Organization Day at Fort Belvoir. I extend a hearty congratulations and “well done” to all of this year’s winners and runners-up.

I urge everyone to carry out their professional duties and community lives in a way that is suitable for recognition through these award programs. You will benefit, the command will benefit, and the rewards are many.

Maj. Gen. Keith B. Alexander



25th Annual Command Award Winners

Albert W. Small Award: Raymond H. Walker, 66th MI Group

Colonel Richard F. Judge Military-Civilian Team Improvement Award:

Operational: John J. Jackson and the Latin America Team, National Ground Intelligence Center

Team: Linda F. Holland and Lloyd C. Roberts, G1, HQ INSCOM

Jackie Keith Action Officer of the Year Award: Kathryn A. Lenker, G3, HQ INSCOM

Virginia McDill Award: Sonia R. Brown, 116th MI Group

Equal Employment Opportunity Award:

Military: Sgt. 1st Class Edgar Weaver, Jr., 109th MI GP

Civilian: Timothy J. Edwards, NGIC

Annual Wage Grade Award: Clarence J. Rich, G4, HQ INSCOM

Local National Employee of the Year Award: Gudrun Bernal, 66th MI Group

Volunteer of the Year Award:

Unit/Organization: Community Support Center, 108th MI Group

Individual: Angie R. Jones, 902nd MI Group

NAF Employee of the Year Award: Robin France, 109th MI Group

Quality/Customer Service Award: Carlton France, 109th MI Group

Commander’s Plaque for Operational Achievement: James A. Johnson, 314th MI Battalion, 116th MI Group

Award recipients will be honored at INSCOM Organization Day activities Aug. 16 at Fort Belvoir.

Menwith Hill changes hands

After two years as the U.S. commander of Royal Air Force Menwith Hill, Col. Christine T. Marsh, U.S. Army, handed over command responsibility to her successor, Col. Randy D. Roberts, U.S. Air Force, in a formal ceremony at the base on July 19.

Marsh, a native of Woburn, Mass., served at the facility since July 2000. Prior to coming to Menwith, she served in various staff positions throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Marsh returns to the United States later this month to assume a senior appointment in Washington, D.C.

The new U.S. commander, Col. Randy D. Roberts, entered the Air Force in 1975. He has served in numerous positions worldwide including Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Roberts hails from Columbus, Ohio. He was appointed to RAF Menwith Hill in a move to bring the installation in line with other U.S. visiting forces facilities in the United Kingdom which are administered by the U.S. Air Force.

RAF Menwith Hill is a crown freehold site owned by the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense and made available to the U.S. Defense Department by Her Majesty's government under the 1951 NATO Status of Forces Agreement. The facility was opened in 1960.

22 years ago in INSCOM

From the pages of the INSCOM Journal, 1980

January

The Olympic torch for the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y., was escorted through Arlington, Va., by 2nd Lt. Deidre K. Webb of the Intelligence and Threat Analysis Center.

June

Four All-Army athletes were selected from Field Station San Antonio. Cheryl Faimon was a member of the All-Army Track and Field Team, Marlene Dameron a member of the basketball team, and Marcia Moore and Marci Borchelt were members of the volleyball team.

October

Field Station Kunia, INSCOM's newest facility, was activated in Oahu, Hawaii. The station now is known as the Kunia Regional Security Operations Center.



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Spy museum opens in Washington

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Washington, D.C., one of the world's hotbeds of intelligence gathering and sharing, is now home to the International Spy Museum.



A camera carried by a pigeon, on display in the International Spy Museum, was an attempt to gather aerial photos in World War I. (Photo by Scott Andreae)

Opened on July 19, the museum in downtown Washington examines the historical, technological, personal, and cultural aspects of intelligence and counterintelligence from biblical times through the 21st century. In a bow to some of the forces in the equation, the museum was placed in a group of buildings a block away from FBI headquarters and that once housed the regional office of the Communist Party in the United States.

"The museum will contribute greatly to the public's understanding of the critical role of intelligence in the world throughout history," said E. Peter Earnest, a retired CIA officer who is the museum's executive director. "The museum has tremendous potential to contribute to future research, publication and public discussion about the world of intelligence including espionage, counterintelligence, tradecraft, covert action, counterterrorism, and the breakthrough

developments in science and technology which have so characterized our times."

Activities and settings familiar to Army intelligence organizations are at several places in the museum, starting with the oldest original artifact, a letter from Gen. George Washington creating a spy ring in New York, and ending with a recreated Berlin street scene that introduces the Cold War era. Arlington Hall Station, home of the Army Security Agency, is pictured in a display on World War II code breaking.

Real-life and fictional celebrities from the world of espionage are recognized, such as James Bond, Austin Powers, Julia Child, and Josephine Baker.

Upcoming education programs sponsored by the museum include:

- Sept. 17, "A Spy's Life: Where Fact and Fiction Collide," a panel discussion with several authors and former CIA and KGB officers; and
- Sept. 24, "Spy Dust: A Lecture, a Book Signing, and a Few Surprises," the story of an invisible powder that allowed KGB agents to keep tabs on anyone it touched.
- Dates will be set for October programs on the Cuban Missile Crisis and an examination of personal freedoms vs. security measures after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The International Spy Museum is at 800 F St., N.W., in Washington. Admission is charged. For more information, visit <http://www.spymuseum.org>.

Senior Staff Profile

An occasional series to introduce new leaders in INSCOM

By Tina Miles

902nd MI Group Public Affairs

Col. Michael Bisacre, new commander of the 902nd Military Intelligence Group at Fort George G. Meade, Md., is no stranger to the “Deuce,” as he previously served as battalion operations officer of the 310th MI Battalion and as commander of the now inactivated 716th MI Battalion.

The opportunity to command, as he has been afforded in the past at Fort Hood and again here at Fort Meade, is among his most treasured military events, Bisacre said. “It is always an honor and a privilege to command the superb soldiers and civilians in our Army.”

Other military highlights include his tour as G-2 for the 2nd Infantry Division, the senior intelligence officer for the “Freedom Frontier” in Korea, as well as his three-year tour in Hawaii as intelligence battle staff officer on CINCPAC Airborne, executive assistant to the J-3 at U.S. Pacific Command. “Why not? Who wouldn’t enjoy the opportunity to fly throughout the Pacific and then return back to your home in Hawaii?”

Bisacre brings a selfless command philosophy to the 902nd. His idea is to take what has already begun and move it to the next stage. His key and simple approach to day-to-day leadership is to keep a positive attitude and “do the hard right versus the easy wrong.”

“Doing things right isn’t always easy and getting things done the easy way often has long term effects that will eventually catch up with you.”

Another key is training and education for the military and civilians. “Everyone should be afforded the maximum opportunity to gain the skills, knowledge, and attributes needed to do what’s expected.”

Above all, mission accomplishment and staying focused is as important as understanding the group’s goals and objectives. As he takes command, Bisacre has more of what he calls “ideas” rather than any dictated “goals” for the 902nd.

He added, “It is important as a commander to realize that goals and objectives come not solely from the top but also from within the organization. Command climate must allow for everyone to have input in order to accomplish goals as a group. We will have to consider and take into context the 902nd’s mission and role in the Army and Department of Defense, as well as current global and national priorities. Right now combating terrorism and protecting our nation are top priority, and we are part of that national effort.”

Bisacre summarized his long association with the mission and people of the 902nd by identifying what he sees as core values of the group using its nickname, the “Deuce”:

D - duty, knowing what it is and doing it, daily and proudly.

E - experience, gaining it and using it to be the best at what you do.

U - unity, teamwork, unified, coordinated and collaborated, working together.

C - commitment, as a nation, Army, forces, and an individual.

E - excellence, strive for it and maintain it.

