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2010 MATERIEL READINESS AWARDS

AVIATION LOGISTICS AWARD - 277th AVIATION SUPPORT BATTALION

The soldiers of the 277th aviation support battalion, 10th combat aviation brigade served with great distinction during a twelve month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-11 from 24 October 2008 to 14 October 2009, providing unsurpassed combat sustainment to the 25th infantry division and multi-national division-north. The battalion consisted of 760 soldiers with 91 different military occupational specialties. During operation Iraq freedom, battalion soldiers performed over 15,000 aircraft refuel and re-armament missions, completed over 9,000 aviation maintenance work orders, participated in over 160 phase maintenance inspections, dispensed over 2.5 million gallons of fuel, delivered over 1,000 tons of ammunition to over seven locations in Iraq, conducted more than 300 mounted patrols with a land-based quick reaction force, and operated the first and third top-rated supply support activities in U.S. Central Command. Their efforts enabled 10th combat aviation brigade aircraft to defeat over 60 improvised explosive devices, transport dozens of critically-wounded patients, move thousands of tons of equipment, and fly over 140,000 flight hours. The outstanding performance of the 277th ASB clearly identifies it as the 2009 AAAA Outstanding Logistics Unit of the Year.

EVENING PROGRAM

Invocation
Chaplain Ed Adl

DINNER IS SERVED

CHAPTER WELCOME
William Weaver
President, Tennessee Valley Chapter AAAA

CITATIONS READ BY
Mr. Joe Pisano

AWARDS PRESENTATION

MG James Myles
Commanding General
US Army Aviation and Missile Command
&

LTG James Pillsbury
Deputy Commanding General
US Army Materiel Command

EVENING SPEAKER
LTG James Pillsbury

CLOSING REMARKS
William Weaver
President, Tennessee Valley Chapter AAAA

MAJOR CONTRACTOR - VT Group

VT Group technical services employees provide outstanding contributions to the materiel readiness of army aviation. VT Group's exceptional performance has directly resulted in increased operational readiness of army aviation. From front line units supporting operations enduring freedom and Iraqi freedom to support staff within the aviation and missile command and program executive office aviation, every aviation asset benefited from VT Group's professional logisticians and management staff. VT Group has a major impact on sustaining army aviation readiness within the central command area of operations by providing logistical support services under the theater aviation maintenance program. The VT Group support team takes great pride in solving non-standard logistical problems through innovative resourcing and in-theater expertise. Working long hours under very difficult combat conditions in severe climates, the VT Group is dedicated to maximizing operational readiness in a historically high operational tempo and hostile environment. This unwavering dedication identifies them as deserving of the 2009 AAAA Materiel Readiness Award for a Contribution by a Major Contractor.

INDUSTRY TEAM - VT Group and Dale Technical Services

Team VT-Group/Dale Technical Service made outstanding contributions to U.S. Army Materiel Command, Aviation and Missile Command, Logistics Support Agency and the Army Oil Analysis Program in support of the war fighter and the worldwide AOAP mission. Team VT-Group/DTS' centralized management plan proved to be instrumental in the successful restructuring and standardization of the army oil analysis program. In CONUS, the team identified numerous areas of improvement, initiated corrective actions, and was able to bring all laboratories in line with standardized AOAP procedures. These improvements resulted in increased testing capabilities of aviation oil samples, reduced sample turn around, and provided the customer with real-time results. OCONUS, VT-Group/DTS's AOAP expertise and extensive laboratory equipment maintenance training resulted in significantly reduced maintenance cost. VT-Group/DTS also increased laboratory efficiency through cross-level training and increased equipment maintenance training resulting in a reduction in staffing. These collective achievements identify the VT-Group/DTS team as the winner of the 2009 AAAA Army Aviation Materiel Readiness Award for Contribution by an Industry Team.

SMALL BUSINESS - Hontek Corporation

The Hontek Corporation, led by Mr. Shek C. Hong, made significant and lasting contributions to army aviation by providing a solution to the severe and expensive damage caused by sand and debris erosion to rotor blades. Hontek developed and fielded to combat a heat conductive, de-icing capable, sprayable coating that is easily repairable on wing at the field level with no operational limitations, to include flight in rain and icing conditions. Gone are: blade tape, daily blade maintenance and extensive down time based on out of tolerance blades. Hontek-coated blades have established a solid track record of zero main rotor blade replacements in Iraq and Afghanistan. These results are truly historic as they demonstrate the potential to provide unlimited blade life against erosion damage with proper maintenance with Hontek repair kits. Mr. Hong and Hontek's actions assisted with rapid technical solutions, reduced production timelines and avoided duplicative costs. Hontek and Mr. Hong championed solutions used to support fielding and sustainment from factory to flight-line. These achievements have changed Army Aviation's direction and identify Shek C. Hong and Hontek as truly deserving of the 2009 AAAA Army Aviation Materiel Readiness Award for Contribution by a Small Business.