Draper Armor Leadership Award Winners Announced

The Draper Armor Leadership Award Program has proven over the years to be effective in enabling professional development in the leaders and Soldiers of implementing units. Professional organizations maintain a connection to the legacy of those who have gone before them and mentor their members through lessons-learned in past conflicts and world events. Recognition of excellence and positive competition further encourages leaders to develop their respective formations into more effective organizations.

The Draper Armor Leadership Award promotes combat leadership in Armor Branch units. The award is given annually to promote, sustain and recognize excellence in leadership in Armor and Cavalry units, and is presented to a deserving unit selected by the unit's division/regimental commander according to Draper standard operating procedure.

The program was established in 1924 as a means to competitively test the leadership of small Cavalry units.

The 2015 annual unit Draper Armor Leadership Award winners:

- Troop B, 2-14 Cavalry, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), 25th Infantry Division;
- Troop K, 4-3rd Cavalry Regiment;
- Troop A, 2-106 Cavalry, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), 35th Infantry Division, Illinois Army National Guard;
- Troop D, 1-509th, Operations Group, 509th Infantry Regiment;
- Troop B, 1-16 Cavalry, 316th Cavalry Brigade, U.S. Army Armor School;
- Troop A, 1-105 Cavalry, 32nd IBCT, 34th Infantry Division, Wisconsin Army National Guard;
- Troop A, 2-183rd Cavalry, 116th IBCT, 29th Infantry Division, Virginia Army National Guard;
- Troop A, 1-32nd Cavalry, 1st IBCT, 101st Airborne;
- Troop C, 6-1 Cavalry, 1st SBCT, 1st Armored Division;
- Company C, 1-35 Armor, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), 1st Armored Division;
- Company D, 2-7 Cavalry, 3rd ABCT, 1st Cavalry Division; and
- Troop B, 6-9 Cavalry, 3rd ABCT, 1st Cavalry Division.

For more information regarding the Draper Armor Leadership Award, contact the Office of the Chief of Armor (OCOA) at usarmy.benning.mcoe.mbx.armor-ocoa@mail.mil or visit the OCOA Website at http://www.benning.army.mil/armor/ocoa.

Acronym Quick-Scan

ABCT – armored brigade combat team
IBCT – infantry brigade combat team
OCOA – Office Chief of Armor
SBCT – Stryker brigade combat team