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U.S. ARMY EUROPE ANNOUNCES TOP PRINT, BROADCAST JOURNALISTS FOR 2007

HEIDELBERG, Germany -- U.S. Army Europe honors its outstanding print and broadcast journalists with the announcement today of winners in the USAREUR level of the Army's 2007 Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Journalism Awards Competition.

The competition salutes excellence among the Soldiers and civilian employees throughout USAREUR who produce print and broadcast programming, articles, photographs and art to inform and entertain the Army audience. The annual contest is named for a World War II Medal of Honor recipient and former Army Chief of Information who was killed in action in Vietnam.

First-place winners in each category of the USAREUR competition move forward to compete at Army level, and may later vie for Department of Defense-wide honors.

Two Soldiers earned top individual distinctions for their television and radio broadcasting expertise. Spc. Jonathan Pruett of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs Office in Kaiserslautern, Germany was named USAREUR Broadcast Journalist of the Year, and Sgt. Nathan Bowen of Italy's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team PAO earned honors as USAREUR's 2007 broadcast "Rising Star."

Bowen also garnered first-place wins in the television news report, TV feature report and radio news report categories, and Pruett added second- and third-place awards in the television promotional spot category to his top broadcaster title.

John Guerrero of Visual Information Systems Europe in Kaiserslautern earned first place in the TV promotional spot category.

The top honor in the print journalism categories went to the 5th Signal Command *Echo*, which was named USAREUR's best magazine for 2007. The Mannheim, Germany-based *Echo* editor, Kristopher Joseph, also earned an individual first-place award in the print feature articles category.

Another 5th Signal member, Sgt. Brandon Spragins, garnered the first- and second-place spots in the published art and graphics category.

Pfc. Crystal Abbott of Italy's Southern European Task Force PAO earned first-place honors in the print news articles category and second place in the print feature articles category.

Sgt. Brandon Aird of the 173rd PAO, earned a first-place win in the stand-alone photograph category and a second place spot in the print news articles category.

A third Italy-based print journalist, SETAF PAO's Staff Sgt. David Hopkins, garnered third place in the print feature articles category.

This year's winners were selected over a four-day judging period by a panel of six experienced military and civilian print and broadcast journalists from organizations across Europe.



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