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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Announcement of the Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Lieutenant General (LTG) Ellis D. Parker Award Nomination Process

1. The LTG Ellis D. Parker Award, a Department of the Army level award, recognizes excellence at the battalion level. The Parker Award is divided into four categories based on unit mission: Combat (C), Combat Support (CS), Combat Service Support (CSS), and Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA). One winner will be selected as the "Top Aviation Battalion" in each category. The winners of each category will compete for the title of "LTG Ellis D. Parker Top Aviation Battalion of the Year".
2. Aviation and Aviation Support battalions (or equivalent) of the Active Component, US Army Reserve (USAR), Army National Guard (ARNG), as well as TDA battalions are eligible. Deployed Aviation Task Forces may submit as a task force (units may not submit as both a task force and a battalion). In addition, separate companies (not under a battalion) may be nominated.
3. The award guidelines and award nomination packet format are enclosed. The guidelines and nomination packet format may also be obtained from the Fort Rucker US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) G-1/4 website at <http://www.rucker.army.mil/usaace/directorates/g1g4/awards/edp.html>.
4. Army Commands (ACOM)/Army Service Component Commands (ASCC) and Direct Reporting Units (DRU) may submit **ONLY ONE** nominee in each of the four award categories (C, CS, CSS, and TDA). **All aviation units, battalions, and task forces will submit their packets through their appropriate Army Command.** ACOM/ASCC/DRU nominees will then compete at the DA level Board. Each ACOM/ASCC/DRU must establish their own screening process to determine their nominee(s) and notify their subordinate commands of the internal processing procedures in order to meet the established suspense in paragraph 5a, below. Units assigned to the USAACE, (i.e, 1st Aviation Brigade, 110th Aviation Brigade, and 128th Aviation Brigade), will **not** submit packets directly to the USAACE Commanding General for endorsement. USAACE packets must go through TRADOC for review, endorsement and submission to USAACE G-1. See enclosure 3 for the Army Command Structure ACOM/ASCC/DRU listing.
5. Award process timeline:
 - a. **NLT 2 NOV 16** – Nomination packets due to USAACE G-1, Awards Section.

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- b. **9 NOV 16** – DA Evaluation Board convenes.
 - c. **8 DEC 16** – DA Evaluation Board concludes.
 - d. **NLT 9 JAN 17** – Winners notified.
 - e. **TBD** – Award presentations at the Aviation Senior Leader’s Conference or at the discretion of the Commanding General.
6. Points of contact and mailing address are as follows.
- a. Email all inquiries to USAACE G-1 Awards section at:
usarmy.rucker.avncoe.list.cmd-g1-awards@mail.mil, ATTN: LTG Ellis D. Parker Award Board
 - b. Mail hard copy of all nomination packets to: USAACE G-1, ATTN: Awards, Building 5700, Room 220, Fort Rucker, AL 36362