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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Announcement of the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) 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. All MTOE and TDA Aviation, Aviation Training and Aviation Support battalions (or equivalent) of the Active Component, US Army Reserve (USAR), Army National Guard (ARNG), as well as separate companies (not under a battalion, i.e. Gray Eagle) are eligible. Deployed Aviation Task Forces may submit as a task force however, units may not submit as both a task force and a battalion.

3. The award guidelines and award nomination packet format are enclosed. The guidelines and nomination packet format may also be obtained from S1 Net as well as the Fort Novosel US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (AVCOE) G-1/4 website at https://home.army.mil/novosel/usaace/edpaward.

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 and not directly to the AVCOE G-1. **Packets with no ACOM endorsement will not be accepted by the AVCOE G-1.** 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 6. See enclosure 3 for the Army Command Structure ACOM/ASCC/DRU listing.

5. Units assigned to AVCOE, (1st Aviation Brigade, 110th Aviation Brigade, and 128th Aviation Brigade), will not submit packets directly to the AVCOE Commanding General for endorsement. AVCOE packets must go through AVCOE G-1, then sent to TRADOC G3 for review, endorsement, and submission.

6. Award process timeline: **Nomination packets received after the deadline will not be considered in the DA Evaluation Board**.

a. NLT 1 October 2025 – AVCOE Units submit their packets to AVCOE G-1, then G-1 forwards to TRADOC

b. NLT 1 November 2025 – All nomination packets endorsed by the ACOM due to AVCOE G-1, Awards Section.

c. 6 November 2025 – DA Evaluation Board convenes.

d. 14 November 2025 – DA Evaluation Board concludes.

e. TBD – Winners notified.

f. TBD – Award presentations at the discretion of the AVCOE CG.

7. **Recommended** timeline for submission.

a. NLT 4 August 2025 – Packet sent to Brigade level for endorsement.

b. NLT 15 August 2025 – Packet sent to Division level for endorsement.

c. NLT 5 September 2025 – Packet sent to the Corps level for endorsement.

d. NLT 1 October 2025 – Packet sent to the ACOM level for endorsement.

8. The point of contact is the AVCOE G-1 Operations Officer, CW2 Rhoebbie A. Bray at 334-255-0949 or usarmy.novosel.avncoe.list.cmd-G1-awards@army.mil.

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1. Award Guidelines
2. Nomination Packet Format