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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Announcement of the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) 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 Rucker US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) G-1/4 website at <https://home.army.mil/rucker/index.php/about/usaace/usaace-g1g4/ellis-d-parker-award>.
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 USAACE G1. 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 USAACE, (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 G3 for review, endorsement and submission to USAACE G-1. See enclosure 3 for the Army Command Structure ACOM/ASCC/DRU listing.

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

- a. NLT 01 NOV 21 – Nomination packets due to USAACE G-1, Awards Section.
- b. 08 NOV 21 – DA Evaluation Board convenes.
- c. 23 NOV 21 – DA Evaluation Board concludes.
- d. TBD – Winners notified.
- e. TBD – Award presentations at the discretion of the USAACE CG.

6. Points of contact are as follows.

a. If hard copies, mail nomination packets to: USAACE G-1, ATTN: Awards, Building 5700, Room 220, Fort Rucker, AL 36362.

b. If digital copies, email nomination packets to: USAACE G-1 Awards section, usarmy.rucker.avncoe.list.cmd-g1-awards@mail.mil.

3 Encls

- 1. FY21 Award Guidelines
- 2. FY21 Nomination Packet Format
- 3. Army Command Structure

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