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SD National Guard's Army Band named finalist for national supply award

MITCHELL, S.D. - The U.S. Army announced the South Dakota National Guard's 147th Army Band as one of two finalists for the Chief of Staff of the Army Supply Excellence Award.

The national award recognizes Army units who demonstrate excellence in supply operations, property accountability and resource management.

The Mitchell-based unit, whose primary purpose is to provide music throughout the spectrum of military operations, for Soldiers and civilians, will compete in the Army-wide modification table of organization and equipment unit supply category.

The 147th Army Band's submission packet, prepared by Staff Sgt. Timothy Storly, the unit supply NCO, was so well received that he was asked to allow it to be used as the standard for future Supply Excellence Award submissions.

"It's important to stress that this selection is for the unit as a whole, not an individual," said Storly, who also serves as a musician and leads the Music Performance Team: Black Ops. "It speaks to the quality of Soldiers in the Army Band, especially this unit. I have been fortunate enough to have top-notch leadership that makes it possible for me to do my job to a very high standard."

The next phase in determining the national winner is an onsite inspection by the SEA evaluation team. SEA program evaluators are scheduled to visit the unit in March and will then compare the supply operations of the band with one other National Guard MTOE unit, in order to select the top unit.

The national award winner is scheduled to be announced by September.

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