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## **SD National Guard's Army Band wins national supply award**

MITCHELL, S.D. - The U.S. Army announced the South Dakota National Guard's 147th Army Band as a recipient of a 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, won first place in the Modified Table of Organization and Equipment, or MTOE, unit category.

"It's quite an honor for the 147th to receive this award," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Terry Beckler, unit commander. "For me, it's validation that we are doing things right and to the Army standard. As a longtime member of this unit, I understand that it has taken us years to get to this point."

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

"Staff Sgt. Storly was the driving force behind the unit achieving this award," said Beckler. "He put in an enormous amount of time just to submit the packet. Once the packet was nominated, I know that he put in even more time to make sure our portion of the armory was in the best shape possible."

According to Beckler, what really impressed the inspectors was his knowledge in the supply area.

"Staff Sgt. Storly really studies the regulations and knows what he's talking about," he said. "If he hadn't, the extensive inspection with rapid-fire questions would not have gone as well. In short, this award happened due to his efforts."

The Supply Excellence Award Program was established in 1984 by the Chief of Staff of the Army to recognize excellence in supply operations at various unit and organizational levels. The program's objectives are to enhance logistics readiness of all Army units, enforce the Command Supply Discipline Program and provide a structure for official recognition of group and individual initiatives.

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