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SD Guard unit named superior unit 4 consecutive years

MADISON, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard’s 211th Engineer Company, of Madison and De Smet, was awarded the National Guard Bureau’s Superior Unit Award for outstanding meritorious performance during training year 2015.

To receive this award, the unit must display outstanding superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, setting themselves above other units with similar missions.

“Leadership dedicated countless hours in the preparation and training of Soldiers to ensure unit readiness,” said Capt. Chris Schimke, who commanded the unit since September 2014 before changing command Sept. 9.

“Strive for excellence each year and continue to be one of the best units in the state,” Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese, SDARNG assistant adjutant general, told the unit after presenting the award and congratulating the Soldiers on their accomplishments.

With the 211th receiving the SUA award for the fourth consecutive year, they lead all other SDARNG units in number of consecutive awards.

“It’s a unit award and it takes a ‘unit’ of personnel committed to the task,” said Griese. “At the end of the training weekend and the end of the fiscal year, you are put under a microscope with attaining key goals that make up the award.”

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160909-ZZ999-144: The South Dakota Army National Guard’s 211th Engineer Company, of Madison and De Smet, was awarded the National Guard Bureau’s Superior Unit Award for outstanding meritorious performance during the 2015 training year at a ceremony in Madison, S.D., Sept 9, 2016. To receive this award, the unit must display outstanding superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, setting themselves above other units with similar missions. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Austin Slaughter)



160909-ZZ999-144: U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese, left, assistant adjutant general of the South Dakota Army National Guard, presents the National Guard Bureau's Superior Unit Award to the 211th Engineer Company's Capt. Chris Schimke during a ceremony in Madison, S.D., Sept 9, 2016. To receive this award, the unit must display outstanding superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks, setting themselves above other units with similar missions. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Austin Slaughter)

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