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SD Air and Army Guard units receive NGAUS awards

BALTIMORE – South Dakota Air and Army National Guard units continued to earn top honors for performance excellence during the 2016 National Guard Association of the United States annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland, Sept. 9-12.

For the second year in a row, the Air Guard’s 114th Fighter Wing of Sioux Falls was the recipient of a Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque, which recognizes the five most outstanding Air National Guard flying units in the nation. This is the sixth time the 114th has received the honor, which was previously awarded in 1980, 1985, 1988, 2008 and 2015.

For the second year in a row, Army Guard units received awards in all three of the Army categories.

The 153rd Engineer Battalion of Huron received the Major General Milton A. Reckord Trophy for the third straight year as the most outstanding Army National Guard battalion in the nation for achieving the highest standards in training and readiness.

Rapid City’s 82nd Civil Support Team received the General John J. Pershing Plaque for weapons marksmanship. The unit attained the highest figure of merit (highest percentage of assigned members qualified) during annual weapons qualification firing with assigned individual weapons.

Rapid City’s Company C, 1-189th Aviation Regiment received the Certificate of Victory for having the highest overall figure of merit in the nation. The 1-189th was also the recipient of the Pershing Plaque during last year’s conference.

“The state of readiness and overall quality of our units is unmatched by any other state as evidenced by the selection for these prestigious awards,” said Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general. “I couldn’t be more proud of the Soldiers and Airmen of the South Dakota National Guard!”

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160912-Z-ZZ999-001: U.S. Army Lt. Col. Trent Bruce, middle, 153rd Engineer Battalion commander, South Dakota Army National Guard, is presented with the Major General Milton A. Reckord Trophy by Retired Brig. Gen. Roy Robinson, right, vice-chair, Army, National Guard Association of the United States and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general, during the 2016 National Guard Association of the United States annual conference in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 12, 2016. (Courtesy photo)



160912-Z-ZZ999-002: U.S. Army Lt. Col. Pete Jerzak, middle, 82nd Civil Support Team commander, South Dakota Army National Guard, is presented with the General John J. Pershing Plaque by Retired Brig. Gen. Roy Robinson, right, vice-chair, Army, National Guard Association of the United States and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general, during the 2016 National Guard Association of the United States annual conference in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 12, 2016. (Courtesy photo)



160912-Z-ZZ999-003: U.S. Army Capt. Brandon Frerichs, middle, platoon leader for Company C, 1-189th Aviation Regiment, South Dakota Army National Guard, is presented with the Certificate of Victory by Retired Brig. Gen. Roy Robinson, right, vice-chair, Army, National Guard Association of the United States and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general, during the 2016 National Guard Association of the United States annual conference in Baltimore, Md., Sept. 12, 2016. (Courtesy photo)

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