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SD Soldier awarded the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award

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HURON, S.D. – Capt. Lance Nolz, a member of Headquarters Company, 153rd Engineer Battalion, was selected as one of the Army National Guard recipients of the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for 2019.

Nolz, of Sioux Falls, was nominated as a South Dakota Army National Guard junior officer for his exemplary performance and service throughout the year. As an engineer officer, his abilities in AutoCAD assisted the unit's survey and design team in being able to produce exceptional products that Camp Guernsey, Wyoming, and the SDARNG can use to produce construction plans.

Junior officers and warrant officers are nominated by their chain of command for demonstrating the ideals shown by General MacArthur including: duty, honor and country. Nominees for the award come from the active duty, National Guard and Reserve components. More than 100,000 officers were eligible for the award with less than .03 percent being nominated.

“Capt. Nolz is a true professional and an expert in his trade,” said Lt. Col. Jason Thompson, commander of the 153rd Engineer Battalion. “His exceptional leadership, initiative, and technical and tactical proficiency were evident throughout the year.”

Thompson also said Nolz's was able to provide unique solutions and products to allow quick transitions from command posts.

Nolz joined the military in 2008 achieving the rank of specialist before joining the Simultaneous Membership Program in 2011. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 2014 after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering and Management from the South Dakota School of Mines.

In his civilian career, Nolz is employed by DGR Engineering as a design engineer and is also an active member of the Tea Legion Post 266.

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