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C4ISR JOURNAL NAMES WINNERS FOR 2009 'TOP 5 AWARDS'

SPRINGFIELD, Va. – Army Times Publishing Company is pleased to announce the winners of the 2nd Annual *C4ISR Journal* Top 5 Awards, honoring outstanding innovations in intelligence gathering and networking.

Winners were selected from five categories: sensors, innovations, organizations, network systems and platforms. The pool of finalists for the awards comprise the Big 25, a round up of the best in the business, as selected by the editors of *C4ISR Journal*.

"Our Top 5 winners -- and the whole Big 25, in fact -- represent some of the most cutting-edge, game-changing work going on in defense technology today," said Ben Iannotta, editor of *C4ISR Journal*. "Some of these systems, technologies and organizations are making a difference on the field already. Others are still in development, but will reach the field soon. They didn't have to be perfect to make our list, but they had to be innovative and solve real problems."

The 2009 Top 5 winners, and the runners up, are:

SENSORS:

WINNER:

ITT: AN/PSQ-20 Enhanced Night Vision Goggles

RUNNERS UP:

Raytheon: Airborne Standoff Radar (ASTOR)
General Atomics Aeronautical Systems and U.S. Army Aerial Common Sensor Office: Highlighter
General Atomics Aeronautical Systems: Lynx Block 30 Radar
L-3 Wescam: MX15 HD

INNOVATIONS:

WINNER:

QinetiQ North America: Zephyr

RUNNERS UP:

Raytheon: Advanced Responsive Tactically Effective Military Imaging Spectrometer (ARTEMIS)

Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Air Combat Electronics: Digital Close Air Support System

Northrop Grumman: Fire Scout

Sierra Nevada Corp., with ITT, AdamWorks, Mercury Computer Systems, and General Atomics Aeronautical Systems: Gorgon Stare

ORGANIZATIONS:

WINNER:

U.S. Department of Defense ISR Task Force

RUNNERS UP:

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Technology and Public Policy Program: Commission on Cybersecurity for the 44th Presidency

U.S. Joint Forces Command: Empire Challenge Team

NATO's Consultation, Command and Control Agency (NC3A): Multi-sensor Aerospace-Ground Joint ISR Interoperability Coalition (MAJIIC)

U.S. Underground Facility Analysis Center

NETWORK SYSTEMS

WINNER:

Lockheed Martin: VUIT-2

RUNNERS UP:

Hewlett Packard's EDS Co.: Network Operations Common Operating Picture (NetOps COP)

L-3 Communications: ROVER 5

Ascend Intelligence and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA): Tactical Ground Reporting System (TIGR)

Sarnoff Corp.: TerraSight

PLATFORMS:

WINNER:

Insitu: ScanEagle

RUNNERS UP:

Lockheed Martin: Aegis Weapon System

GeoEye: GeoEye-1

iRobot: PackBot

Textron's AAI Corp.: Shadow

C4ISR Journal's editors selected the Big 25 based on nominations from industry, reporting from the Journal and reporting from sister Army Times Publishing Company publications, including Defense News and the Military Times newspapers. The Big 25 were then narrowed down by a team of editors from across the publications, along with two outside experts:

Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. John Douglass, former assistant secretary of the Navy for acquisition and a former president and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association

Loren Thompson, defense analyst for the Lexington Institute, an Arlington, Va.-based think tank.

"The choices we announced at our banquet were difficult," Iannotta said. "They were contentious. Those in the Big 25 are doing amazing things. But in the end, we believe we selected the five that are doing truly the most extraordinary things.

"Not everything had to go perfectly on a program or in an organization to be included in the Big 25 or the Top 5," he said. "It's how these teams attacked problems that mattered most. Our Top 5 have a singular focus on solving problems for those who are doing the work of keeping us all safe."

The winners were honored Oct. 19 during the 2nd Annual Big 25 Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with the 9th Annual C4ISR Journal Integration Conference at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington. The Top 5 will also be featured in the November/December 2009 issue of C4ISR Journal.

About C4ISR Journal

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