

416th ENCOM ASSOCIATION PERSON OF THE YEAR

AWARD PRESENTATION FOR 2007 BG (R) JACK KOTTER



It is my pleasure to present this years' ENCOM Association "Person of the Year" Award. But before I announce the Recipient, I would like to give you a little background on the award itself. Bill Lake needs to be given credit for coming up with the concept and presenting it to the rest of the board in August of 2006. In September, 2006 the Person of the Year Award was officially established and subsequently criteria for the selection process were developed.

The first recipient of the award was LTC (R) Ted Winters, who is with us this evening.

This year's recipient is no stranger to the 416th, the Association, and the USAR community at large. He has been a member of the Association since his retirement as a USAR General Officer in 1996. This year's recipient has served as Secretary of the Association for the past 6 years. Over that period of time he has been responsible for taking leadership on a number of Association sponsored programs one of which is the Military Retirement Benefits Seminar. This year's seminar was the third such seminar our recipient has been responsible for planning, organizing, and directing over the past four years. All have received outstanding critiques from attendees.

Our Person of the Year is one of only two USAR Ambassadors for the State of Illinois, representing the Chief of Army Reserves at a variety of activities ranging from military funerals to deploying unit return ceremonies. His donation of time and talent to his church and community is well documented. He has served as Elder, Board President, and Financial Secretary for the Friendswood Christian Church in Bourbonnais, Illinois, as well as Board Vice Chairman for the Prairie States Christian Camp, Board Vice Chairman for TRIAD and Seniors and Law Enforcement Together, and finally, Committee Chairman for Pause for Patriotism.

I would like to introduce our ENCOM Association "Person of the Year", not only a fellow engineer, but a good friend, BG (R) Jack Kotter.

Presentation by COL (R) James Martin
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