

*This is a new column to spotlight NCOs who have made significant achievements or contributions to their unit, the Army and the NCO Corps. Send us information on your notable NCOs for publication in this column. Ed.*

**INSCOM Soldier and NCO of the Year**

The U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command named its NCO and Soldier of the Year for 1994. They are SGT Thane C. St. Clair, 704th Military Intelligence Bde, Hawaii and SPC Jonathan W. Hughes, HQ, INSCOM, INSCOM Support Bn, Ft. Belvoir, VA.

The competition included three NCOs and three soldiers representing the American Region, Pacific Region and the European Region.

*CSM James A. Johnson*



SGT Thane C. St. Clair



SPC Jonathan W. Hughes

**Medal of Honor Series....**

The first Army Medals of Honor were awarded "in the name of Congress of the United States," on March 25, 1863. This medal is presented to recipients by the president or a high official, in the name of congress. It's for this reason that it's often called the Congressional Medal of Honor—the highest award for bravery give to any individual in the U.S.

*How it Began.* 1861—a bill introduced to create a Navy medal; passed by President Abraham Lincoln Dec. 21, 1861, for Medal of Honor for enlisted men of Navy and Marine Corps.

1862—February 17, resolution introduced to Senate providing for Medals of Honor to enlisted men of Army and Voluntary Forces. Passed July 12, 1862. Extended to include officers on March 3, 1863 and retroactive to beginning of the Civil War.

In judging whether or not a person is entitled to the Medal of Honor, each armed service has set up regulations so as to eliminate margin of doubt or error.

It's interesting to note that a great many of the acts awarded the Medal of Honor have involved a man knowingly laying down his life for his fellow man.

(Each edition of *The NCO Journal* will feature an NCO Medal of Honor recipient; see inside back cover. This new feature won't necessarily appear on the inside covers. Ed.)

**RIP-ping Through Ranger School**

Normally a unit will graduate about 35 percent of the students they send to Ranger School. But, the 3-5 Cavalry of the 1st Armored Division achieved a 100 percent graduation rate when all seven of its students returned wearing the coveted black and gold Ranger Tab.

The mechanized infantry battalion stationed in Kirchgoens, Germany, prepares its potential students through their own Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP). RIP also serves as a selection program to determine which soldiers are best qualified to attend one of the most difficult Army schools and one of the toughest rites of passage in the world. Of those who make it, some view it as the single-most difficult time in their life.

Rangers already assigned to the battalion devote many hours to run the RIP program. RIP instructor, SGT James Lynch, of Chicago, IL, said, "I remember what it was like...the trainup, being smoked and tired. The most satisfying part is when you train a candidate and he comes back with the Tab." The new Ranger-qualified soldiers are: 1LT

Douglas Galuszka, SSG Vincent Phillips, SGT Aric Gray, CPL Eric Emde, PFC Chad James, PFC Adrian Ramirez and SGT Shane Austen.

*LTC L. C. Rush, Jr.*

**Still Jumping and Jumping and Jumping...**

Serving a tour in Vietnam in 1966-67 gave Clyde "Bud" Leonard, of Woodstock, GA, an opportunity to earn jump wings in the middle of a war zone. That was 27 years ago and Leonard, now age 50, is still jumping.

A break in service from 1980-88 kept Leonard out of a parachute. He joined an airborne reserve unit in '88 and completed his "refresher training" with 20th Special Forces Group of the Alabama National Guard, Ft. McClellan, AL. At the age of 46 he completed a night jump, thereby marking his return to jump status.

Today, this master sergeant with 19 years of service, serves as the senior staff NCOIC of training and operations for Co A, 337th Military Intelligence Bn (Tactical)(Airborne), Atlanta, GA.

When will Leonard stop jumping?

"I don't know. I guess I'll stop when I don't feel like I can physically do it anymore...but I haven't really reached that point yet."

*CPT Italia A. Carson-Davis*

4th Special Operations Group Management and Control (ASOG)		
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