

USAREUR officer selected for DA-level MacArthur Leadership award

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U.S. Army Europe Commander Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling stands with USAREUR-level Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award recipient Capt. Craig Halstead with the 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team during the award ceremony here, Feb. 22. The GDMLA program was introduced in 1987 to recognize company-grade and junior warrant officers who demonstrate MacArthur's ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country," and have a proven record of extraordinary performance, leadership and achievement. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Brooks Fletcher, U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs)

HEIDELBERG, Germany --The Department of the Army will recognize a U.S. Army Europe Soldiers during the Army-level 2011 Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award ceremony in Washington, D.C., March 23.

Capt. Craig Halstead, a Sioux Falls, S.D., native, with the 172nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team will be among 28 officers from across the Army who will receive the award, which includes 15-pound bronze bust replica of Gen. MacArthur.

On Feb. 22, Halstead, commander of B Co., 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, was awarded the USAREUR-level GDMLA while on leave from his current deployment in Afghanistan, where he has been since July 2011.

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"It's an honor," Halstead said on receiving the award. "I stand here representing the [Soldiers] that I have served with."

Halstead said that seeing Soldiers today that have a desire and want to make a difference is the most rewarding aspect of leading.

"The generation that are serving today, they know that when they sign up they are going to [combat]," Halstead said. "When I see that selfless service of my Soldiers, that is the most rewarding thing."

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