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TOP NCO, SOLDIER SELECTED

to represent USASMDC/ARSTRAT at DA Best Warrior Competition

CSM Ralph Borja, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, returns SPC Matthew R. McLeod's dog tags after checking to see if they included the Army Values during the NCO/Soldier of the Year board June 7 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. *Photo by Carrie E. David Ford, USASMDC/ARSTRAT*

By Dottie White, USASMDC/ARSTRAT

SPC Matthew R. McLeod, a Freemont, Calif., native, works hard to complete as many push-ups as he can in two minutes for the Army Physical Fitness Test at the competition. *Photo by Dottie White, USASMDC/ARSTRAT*

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. - U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command held the Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year competition June 7-11 on Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., and Fort Carson, Colo.

After the weeklong competition, SSG James Harris was selected as the 2010 USASMDC/ARSTRAT Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, and SPC Matthew R. McLeod was selected as the 2010 USASMDC/ARSTRAT Soldier of the Year.

Harris, who is stationed at Delta Detachment, 1st Space Company, Misawa Air Base, Japan, represented the Pacific Region, and McLeod, who is with Delta Company, 53rd Signal Battalion, Camp Roberts, Calif., represented the Western Region.

The competition was comprised of an administrative board, a written exam, a strenuous Situational Awareness Training Exercise, an Army Physical Fitness Test, day and night urban orienteering, and M-4 weapons qualification.

The other competitors were Western Region NCO of the Year - SSG Jeremy Cutshall, 1st Space Battalion, 2nd Space Company (first runner up); European Region NCO of the Year - SGT Melinda Saltzmann, Alpha Detachment, 1st Space Company; Eastern Region NCO of the Year - SGT Andrew Knife, Bravo Company, 53rd Signal Battalion; Pacific Region Soldier of the Year - SPC Daniel L. Flores, Delta Detachment, 1st Space Company, Misawa Air Base, Japan (first runner up); and European Region Soldier of the Year - SPC Samuel A. Coker, Alpha Detachment, 1st Space Company.

Harris and McLeod will represent USASMDC/ARSTRAT Oct. 17-22 at the 2010 Department of the Army Best Warrior Competition at Fort Lee, Va.

SSG James Harris stands at parade rest while following a series of commands from the Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year board president, CSM Ralph Borja, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, while Harris' sponsor, SFC Mario Russo, takes notes. *Photo by Carrie E. David Ford, USASMDC/ARSTRAT*

SSG James Harris checks his accuracy during the marksmanship portion of the competition. *Photo by Dottie White, USASMDC/ARSTRAT*

SSG James Harris checks his map as he starts the land navigation portion of the competition *Photo by Dottie White, USASMDC/ARSTRAT*

SPC Matthew R. McLeod zeros his weapon during the marksmanship portion competition. *Photo by Carrie E. David Ford, USASMDC/ARSTRAT*

After a weeklong competition, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command 2010 Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the year were announced during a ceremony, June 11. From left to right, USASMDC/ARSTRAT CSM Ralph C. Borja, 2010 USASMDC/ARSTRAT Noncommissioned Officer of the Year - SSG James Harris, 2010 USASMDC/ARSTRAT Soldier of the Year - SPC Matthew R. McLeod, and USASMDC/ARSTRAT Deputy Commanding General, BG Kurt S. Story. *Photo by Dottie White, USASMDC/ARSTRAT*