

Deputy PM CCS selected for AUSA award

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The Association of the United States Army's First Region recently selected Picatinny's deputy project manager for Close Combat Systems as the 2008 First Region recipient of the AUSA Exceptional Service Award.

Patricia Felth, who has served the U.S. Army and its Soldiers in an outstanding manner throughout her 30-year government career, is a respected leader both on the job as well as in a variety of social and community support endeavors serving both the military and civilian communities. Additionally, her leadership as the deputy project manager for Close Combat Systems has directly impacted the urgent materiel release of items, including the Self-Protective Adaptive Roller Kit, known as SPARK, and the Vehicle Optical Sensor System, known as VOSS, to Soldiers in Iraq. For both her professional and personal commitment to the Army and its Soldiers, Felth has earned the recognition of her peers within the Army and the Department of Defense, and is an outstanding selection for the award.

The Exceptional Service Award is a public-service award presented to individuals making significant contributions to AUSA, the Army or to national defense. The award is based on the nominee's outstanding duty performance as well as outstanding contributions made in the community where they work.

Criteria for the award:

- Nominee must display exemplary service to the Army and the local community – exemplary performance of normal duties will not alone justify the award.
- Nominee must be a Department of the Army civilian or retired DA civilian.
- There is no limitation on grade; outstanding nominee should not automatically be assumed to be those with the highest grade and most responsibility. AUSA's goal is to recognize deserving individuals that truly represent the cross-section of high quality people in the workforce.

The Association of the United States Army consists of 125 Chapters which are grouped into nine regions around the world. Each year, AUSA solicits nominations from each of its nine regions for the Army Civilians Exceptional Service Award; chapters may nominate one civilian to the regional president. The nine regional award selectees are presented with the award at the Department of the Army Civilian Luncheon held during the AUSA annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in October.