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## **U.S. Army Detroit Arsenal Honored in Superior Unit Award Ceremony**

U.S. ARMY DETROIT ARSENAL, WARREN, MI – On Sept. 20, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) Commanding General MG Nick Justice honored the Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) with an Army Superior Unit (ASU) Award streamer in a ceremony at the Detroit Arsenal.

A crowd of more than 1,000 people gathered organization-wide, including employees who were instrumental in garnering the award for RDECOM-TARDEC, to watch as Justice and RDECOM CSM Hector Marin attached the Superior Unit Award streamer to TARDEC's colors. In accordance with Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) policy, all TARDEC civilian employees will receive and have the honor of wearing the distinctive red and green lapel pin that signifies award of the ASU.

The awards citation recognized RDECOM and its subordinate research, development and engineering centers (RDECs) and laboratories for developing and accelerating innovative technology and sound engineering solutions that provided U.S. forces with decisive and dominant capability where they needed it and when they needed it most. As a result, U.S. forces were enabled with the best technology available, which saved countless lives on the battlefield.

The Army Superior Unit Award was established by the Secretary of the Army in 1985 to recognize outstanding meritorious performance of a unit or organization during peacetime, or of a difficult and challenging mission under extraordinary circumstances. The organization must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from, and above, other organizations with similar missions.

“The history of our country is wrapped up in those streamers ... If you understand those streamers, what you understand is the history of our country. That's a powerful statement and it's a reminder for us — who support those combat formations — what the price of liberty really, truly is,” exclaimed Justice during the ceremony.

The HQDA citation also recognized RDECOM's 17,000 scientists, engineers and technicians for their exceptionally meritorious devotion while accomplishing unique and highly complex tasks during the period Jan. 1, 2007, to Dec. 31, 2007, and for developing nine of the Army's Top 10 Greatest Inventions for 2007.

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“We have a passion, a love and a loyalty to deliver capabilities to our Soldiers and warfighters,” explained Bochenek. “It doesn’t happen without the extension into the TACOM Life Cycle Management Command [LCMC]. Especially in terms of the ground systems that we help support. That battle rhythm is so critical — technology for technology’s sake makes no difference — but when we are able to hand it off and support it and sustain it, well that’s that part that makes a world of difference.”

## **ABOUT RDECOM**

RDECOM is the Army's technology leader and largest technology developer. RDECOM ensures the dominance of Army capabilities by creating, integrating and delivering technology-enabled solutions to Soldiers. To meet this commitment to the Army, RDECOM develops technologies in its eight major laboratories and RDECs. It also integrates technologies developed in partnership with an extensive network of academic, industry and international partners. RDECOM provides the Army with an organic research and development (R&D) capability. More than 17,000 Soldiers, civilian employees and direct contractors form this world-class team. As part of that team, there are 11,000 engineers and scientists, many of whom are the Army's leading experts in their fields. A fundamental characteristic of this workforce is the focus on the Soldier. Whether providing technology solutions to meet current operational needs or developing break-through technologies for the next generation, RDECOM stands at the forefront of what the Soldier eats, wears, fires, flies or drives.

## **ABOUT TARDEC**

Headquartered at the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI, TARDEC is the Nation’s laboratory for advanced military automotive technology and serves as the Ground Systems Integrator for all Department of Defense (DOD) manned and unmanned ground vehicle systems. With roots dating back to the World War II era, TARDEC is a full life-cycle, systems engineering support provider-of-first-choice for all DOD ground combat and combat support weapons, equipment and vehicle systems. TARDEC develops and integrates the right technology solutions to improve Current Force effectiveness and provides superior capabilities for Future Force integration. TARDEC’s technical, scientific and engineering staff lead cutting-edge R&D in Ground Systems Survivability; Power and Mobility; Intelligent Ground Systems; Force Projection; and Vehicle Electronics and Architecture. TARDEC is a major RDEC for RDECOM and an enterprise partner in the TACOM LCMC.

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