

# Army Combat Engineer Sergeants

**GENERAL:** The **Army Combat Engineer Sergeants (ACES)** award is a component of the U.S. Army Engineer Regimental Award Program and is administered by the **Army Engineer Association (AEA)**. This award is an annual recognition for an Engineer Squad Leader/Section Sergeant deemed to be the best in his/her Battalion, separate Company or Detachment. The units Command team determines its own selection procedure and performance criteria.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

The selected Soldier must hold Engineer PMOS Squad Leader/Section Sergeant (SGT/SSG) performing duty in an Engineer Unit. There will be only one award per Engineer Battalion, Separate Engineer Company/Detachment. The ACES program is open to Active Duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Engineer Battalions, Separate Engineer Companies/Detachments

**BACKGROUND:** The **ACES** award was conceived in concept and initiated in 1995 by COL(Ret) Leon "Moose" Albin. Colonel Albin started his Army career in 1932 in the National Guard. He was rapidly promoted to the grade of Master Sergeant. Receiving a commission as a Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers at the start of the Second World War, he served with distinction in the Pacific Theater of operations and was recognized as one of the most capable combat engineers to come out of that conflict. He has commanded the 1<sup>st</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 547<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalions. Impressive field and command experience led him to become one of the Corps of Engineers experts on doctrine and equipment development. Following his retirement from military service and then entry into Department of the Army Civilian service during the Vietnam War, his Army engineering achievements continued. Colonel Albin remained a tireless volunteer Director with the **AEA** until his death in October 1998. Colonel Albin's considerable time as an Engineer Commander convinced him that a unit's reputation and combat effectiveness will depend upon the abilities of the Squad Leaders to accomplish the mission and take care of the soldiers.

**AEA** sponsorship of the program has been supplemented by support from **OSKOSH TRUCK Corporation** starting in 1999.

Awardees will receive the following:

- **One-year complimentary membership in the AEA.**
- **Special Personalized Trophy with Official Engineer Regimental Coin.**
- **Special Award Certificate.**
- **World-wide recognition in the official AEA magazine, THE ARMY ENGINEER.**

**DEADLINE:** This form must be returned, with all requested items of information completed, to the AEA NLT 31 July of each year.

**ACES Award Winner's Personal & Unit Information (Print or Type) (Please Make Sure a Stranger Can Read It OK)**

<b><u>ACES Award Winner</u></b>
Name: _____
Rank: _____ PMOS: _____
Duty Position: _____
Soldier Lives in Bks: Yes / No
Company: _____ Bn: _____
Indicate below the exact address where soldier receives mail: _____ _____ _____

<b><u>Approving Authority Information</u></b>
The Winner Represents: _____
Component: ActDy / ARNG / USAR Date: _____
Bn/Det Cdr Name & Signature: _____
Bn CSM/1SG Name & Signature: _____
Indicate below the unit mailing address to which award should be mailed: _____ _____ _____ Phone: _____

**NOTE** This is a Command Team program and it is expected that this form will be signed and submitted by either the Cdr or the Bn/Bde/Gp CSM (preferably both) and **not** signed by Adjutants or other staff personnel. Award material will be sent to the Cdr/CSM at the address listed above.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: AEA; POB 634, FT LEONARD WOOD MO 65473. **NLT 31 July** – Faxes/Emails Accepted  
**AEA Form 6 (ACES) 28 Dec 2009** Information: Phone 573 329 6678 email flw@armyengineer.com