

## 2016 Sixth Region Awards

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**AWARD: General of the Armies John J. Pershing Distinguished Service Award**  
**Recipient: Colonel (Retired) Charles R. Grundy, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter**

State that this award will be given to the recipient at an upcoming Chapter event.

The General of the Armies John J. Pershing Award is conferred upon Colonel (Retired) Charles R. Grundy, for his exemplary service to the Association of the United States Army, as the Treasurer of the General William C. Westmoreland Chapter.

Joining the Association of the United States Army in 1984, life member Colonel Grundy became very active with the General William C. Westmoreland Chapter in Reno, Nevada - first as their Chapter President for six years, then as their Chapter Treasurer for the past 20 plus years.

Colonel Grundy provides great attention to detail and dedicates numerous hours to maintaining impeccable financial records and transaction ledgers to ensure the Chapter is always within current guidelines, regulations, and fiscal law. He has also leveraged technology and manages the Chapter PayPal account for point of sale transactions and various events' registration fees. Always timely with his annual report requirements, submissions for audits, and providing training for other Chapter and Region Treasurers, Colonel Grundy is an exemplary example of a Chapter Treasurer.

His activities go far beyond the Chapter Treasurer duties, as he participates in the Chapter's operations and manages attendance at all Chapter membership activities and special events.

Colonel Grundy believes in a cohesive and unified approach to our military concerns and supports such by being involved with many other organizations, including the Military Officer's Association of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Navy League of the United States, the Veteran's Guest House, and the National Security Forum.

He is also a strong and proud supporter of the Nevada National Guard, the University of Nevada Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps, and the Washoe County High Schools Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps programs. His motivation and drive is a significant contribution in the success of the Chapter.

Colonel Grundy's willingness to accept and accomplish tasks beyond his assigned duties reflects great credit upon himself, the General William C. Westmoreland Chapter, the Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

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**AWARD: Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award for Excellence**  
**Recipient: Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Daryl R. Thies, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Sergeant Major of the Army William G. Bainbridge Award for Excellence is conferred upon Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Daryl Thies of the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, for his exemplary 23 years of service as a Ranger Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer in the United States Army.

Command Sergeant Major Thies deployed to combat as a Ranger Soldier twelve times, and to strategic operations twice. He was decorated 25 times to include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, a Purple Heart Medal, and 17 other service medals.

Through his leadership, determination, and laser focus, he always accomplished the mission while maintaining the highest standards of Soldier performance.

Having already served as the 2nd Ranger Battalion's liaison, for the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, upon his retirement from active duty, Command Sergeant Major Thies continued to serve the Association of the United States Army as a volunteer leader, thus continuing his support to soldiers and their families without interruption.

Command Sergeant Major Thies' selfless service reflects great credit upon himself, the SGT Patrick Gass Subchapter of the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, the Sixth Region, and the Association of the United States Army.

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**AWARD: Sergeant Patrick Gass Award for Excellence**  
**Recipient: Staff Sergeant Justin Naylor, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Sergeant Patrick Gass Award for Excellence is conferred upon Staff Sergeant Justin Naylor for his superior performance of duty while serving as the Military Enlisted Liaison for 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Joint Base Lewis McChord, to the Lacey Subchapter, Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter, Association of the United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Naylor played a key role in delivering ethically sound support to his unit, to include the Northwest Harley Davidson 2014 and 2015 Big Bad Bike Shows and Freedom Rides, the 2014 and 2015 Operation Turkey Drop and Operation Ham Grenade, and the 2015 Lacey Subchapter hosted Military Appreciation Day.

Staff Sergeant Naylor's exemplary performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself, the 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

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**AWARD: First Lieutenant Erik S. McCrae Memorial Award**  
**Recipient: Captain Jamie Rorick Russell, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region First Lieutenant Erik S. McCrae Memorial Award is conferred upon Captain Jamie Rorick Russell, Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, in recognition of her superior selfless service to the United States Army.

During her tenure as commander, Captain Russell refined the management of the joint base Soldier newcomer's integration program, as well as simplified procedures to facilitate the rotation of Soldiers semi-annually through the Borrowed Military Manpower Program, to better manage base operations and post services.

She was instrumental in innovating the HHC JBLM Thanksgiving Dinner in 2014 for approximately 125 soldiers and in 2015 for approximately 60 soldiers; this is where new arrivals, currently undergoing in processing at JBLM, were hosted to a complete Thanksgiving Dinner at Pacific Lutheran University, during their first few days of assignment.

Captain Jamie Russell's personal initiative, drive, and determination reflect great credit upon herself, her unit, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and the United States Army.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Presidents Medal**  
**Recipient: Colonel (Retired) Daniel E. Furtado, Silicon Valley Chapter**

The Sixth Region President's Medal is presented to Colonel (Retired) Daniel E. Furtado, of the Silicon Valley Chapter, for his distinguished and selfless service to the Association of the United States Army and to Soldiers and Veterans of all military services. An United States Army Reserve Ambassador, Colonel Furtado has served with great distinction on the Silicon Valley Executive Committee for more than ten years and is tireless in his efforts to support our Army. He is instrumental in the planning and execution

of their annual Golf Tournament fundraiser, which benefits the war-wounded being treated at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Poly Trauma facility, and their Families. Additionally, he is the liaison for assisting enrolled Veterans at three local two-year Colleges and for San Jose State University.

**AWARD: Sixth Region President's Medal**

**Recipient: Major (Retired) Douglas W. Miller, MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region President's Medal is presented to Major (Retired) Douglas W. Miller, in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments during the period June 2011 through March 2016, when he served as Vice President for Membership and functioning as a key member of the MG William F. Dean Chapter Executive Committee, in support of Active and Reserve Army Units, Soldiers, and their Families. Major Miller is also active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he served as Post Commander, and in numerous other Veterans' organizations and activities.

**AWARD: Sixth Region President's Medal**

**Recipient: Mr. Bernie Stolzman, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter**

The Sixth Region Presidents Medal is presented to Mr. Bernie Stolzman who, over a six year period, has distinguished himself by outstanding service to the Association of the United States Army and to the General William C. Westmoreland Chapter, as a member and officer of the Chapter's Executive Committee. During this time, Mr. Stolzman has served as Chapter Director, Secretary, Vice President for Membership, and Executive Vice President. He also designed and produced the Chapter Newsletter, and played a leading role in the planning and execution of the very successful 2015 Sixth Region Spring Meeting, held in Reno, during April 2015.

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**AWARD: Major General (CA) Ronald H. Markarian Award for Outstanding Cooperative Success**

**Recipient: Paul and Cathy Rotes, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter**

The Sixth Region Major General (California) Ronald H. Markarian Award for Outstanding Cooperative Success is presented to Paul and Cathy Rotes in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to the General William C. Westmoreland Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, where they have played key roles in virtually all of the Chapter's many activities, while also serving the Military Officers Association of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Navy League, the Veterans Guest House, the Veterans Hospital, and the National Security Forum. While neither of them has ever been in the military, they are strong and proud supporters of all military components and activities, including the Nevada National Guard, the University of Nevada, Reno, Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps program and the Washoe County Schools Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Family of the Year Award**

**Recipients: Family of First Sergeant Jesse Galbraith, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Family of the Year Award is presented to the Family of First Sergeant Jesse Galbraith, A/4-160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), for their superior volunteer service in support of Soldiers, Families, and the greater Joint Base Lewis-McChord community. Their selfless volunteer service is a tribute to their resiliency as a military family, in this era of continuous conflict which disrupts normal day-to-day family life. Whether it is supporting Family Readiness group activities, unit Soldier and Family programs, or youth school academic and sports programs, the Galbraith family is there to provide their enthusiasm, energy, and initiative in service to others. Their superior performance as a resilient military family reflects great credit upon their entire family, the 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), and Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Family of the Year Award**

**Recipients: Family of Sergeant First Class Benjamin Pagni, GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter**

The Sixth Region Family of the Year Award is presented to the Family of Sergeant First Class Benjamin Pagni, Nevada Army National Guard, for their six years of extraordinary service to homeless and unfortunate Veterans and military families in Reno, Nevada and the surrounding area. From providing meals to some 200 men, women and children every Sunday morning; to collecting and distributing jackets, hats and gloves in the winter; and pants, shirts and sneakers in the summer; to working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans Hospital, the Pagni Family is constantly striving to serve others. Their extraordinary efforts reflect great credit upon themselves, the GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, the Nevada National Guard, and the United States Army.

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**AWARD: Brigadier General Alex R. Cunningham Memorial Award**

**Recipients: See below**

Based on National's final standing, for performance and achievement, for the business year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the Sixth Region Brigadier General Alex R. Cunningham Memorial Awards are presented to -

The CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter, for Category 2

The Columbia River Chapter, for Category 3

The MG William F. Dean Chapter, for Category 4

The GEN William C. Westmoreland Chapter, for Category 5

The MG William F. Dean Chapter also earned the title of Most Improved Chapter in Sixth Region for this time frame.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Distinguished Unit Commendation**

**Recipient: 4<sup>TH</sup> Battalion 160<sup>TH</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne)**

The Sixth Region Distinguished Unit Commendation is presented to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 160<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, for exceptional performance of combat and civic duty, while activated from December 2006 through December 2015, in defense of our Nation. The superior performance of the Soldiers and leaders of this distinguished unit is unparalleled.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation**

**Recipient: Mount Diablo High School Army JROTC "Red Devil" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation is presented to the Mount Diablo High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps "Red Devil Battalion" of Concord, California, in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of its Cadets and Cadre during the period of February 2015 through January 2016. Through community service, school support, and the active promotion of teamwork, discipline, physical fitness, academic excellence, and patriotic values, the Mount Diablo High School JROTC program has far exceeded its mission of motivating young people to be better citizens, while making its community a better place in which to live.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation**

**Recipient: University of California, Berkeley, Army ROTC "Golden Bear" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation is presented to the Golden Bear Battalion, University of California, Berkeley, Reserve Officers' Training Corps, in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of their Cadets, during the period of April 2015 through February 2016, with and through the tireless work of their Cadre, achieving above average accessions and lateral-entry contract conversions, and for their outstanding support of University of California campus activities.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation**

**Recipient: Western Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center, MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region Meritorious Unit Commendation is conferred upon the Western Army Reserve Support Center, Parks Reserve Forces Training Area, in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of their Soldiers during the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. By providing intelligence support to multiple combatant commands and training Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force personnel, in a wide variety of intelligence specialties, it has strengthened the Nation and provided it with an enhanced Military Intelligence Community.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award**

**Recipient: Hawks Prairie Restaurant and Casino of Lacey, Washington, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award is presented to the Hawks Prairie Restaurant and Casino of Lacey, Washington in recognition of its meritorious contributions and extraordinary partnership in support of members of the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter and the Joint Base Lewis McChord community. The Hawks Prairie Restaurant and Casino has contributed tens of thousands of dollars worth of goods and services for Chapter programs supporting 1-2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Soldiers and Families, and Operations Turkey Drop and Ham Grenade, all while enhancing essential community partnerships and communication.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award**

**Recipient: PKMM Inc., Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Exceptional Contributions Award is presented to PKMM Incorporated, Lacey, Washington office, in recognition of the exceptional level of support provided to the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter. PKMM regularly donates materials, awards, and volunteers in support of Association of the United States Army events which benefit Soldiers and their Families. In addition, this small business generously allows employees to commit time and skills for the betterment of the Lacey Subchapter, which included numerous events and activities in support of 1<sup>st</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to Army and Nation**

**Recipient: City of Lacey, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to Army and Nation is presented to the City of Lacey in recognition of their continuous superior support for Soldiers, Veterans, their Families, and the Association of the United States Army. At great expense, the City of Lacey opened a local Veterans Center, supplied resources to help transitioning Soldiers start businesses, find meaningful employment, and partnered with other communities to help make Lacey a great place for Soldiers to live. The city hosts numerous events in support of Soldiers and their Families, including the September 2015 festivities marking the reflagging of the 3-2 SBCT to the 1-2 SBCT, in conjunction with the Lacey Subchapter, in

hosting over 2500 Soldiers and Family members at the Regional Athletic Complex, to enjoy a myriad of sports tournaments and Family activities.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to Army and Nation**  
**Recipient: Denise Dhane, DuPont Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to Army and Nation is presented to Denise Dhane, Vice President DuPont Subchapter, of the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter for her continuous love and devotion for the Army and Soldiers who serve this great Nation. Mrs. Dhane, with the love and support of her husband, established a grassroots program in 2005 called "Make a Soldier Smile" which transformed into the AUSA Single Soldier Program in 2010, under the DuPont Subchapter. Through her grit and personal determination, Mrs. Dhane and her supporters have resourced, produced, and delivered over 16,000 Welcome Home Baskets for units returning from deployment to Joint Base Lewis McChord.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to Association**  
**Recipient: Dave Edger, Silicon Valley Chapter**

The Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to the Association is presented to Dave Edger, of Iron Construction, for his distinguished service to the current war-wounded from Afghanistan and Iraq, who are being treated at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Poly Trauma Unit, and to their Families. Seeing the work that the AUSA Silicon Valley Chapter was doing to support our wounded, he provided his companies significant resources to manage and execute a charity golf tournament which raised \$20,000 for the wounded. His staff worked with our golf committee members to plan the event and gather players, sponsors, auction, and raffle prizes. The check we provided to the Trauma Unit was the single largest donation they received for the year.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to Association**  
**Recipient: Claudia Folzman, Silicon Valley Chapter**

The Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to the Association is presented to Claudia Folzman, of Iron Construction, for her distinguished service to the current war-wounded from Afghanistan and Iraq, who are being treated at the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Poly Trauma Unit, and to their Families. Claudia recognized the important fundraising efforts the AUSA Silicon Valley Chapter was doing to support our current war-wounded, and she initiated a discussion that offered her company's significant resources to manage and execute an AUSA charity golf tournament which raised \$20,000 for the wounded. Her staff worked with our golf committee members to plan the event and gather players, sponsors, auction and raffle prizes. The check we provided to the Trauma Unit was the single largest donation they received for the year.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to the Association**  
**Recipient: Patrick Lewis, DuPont Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Special Award for Extraordinary Services to the Association is presented to Patrick Lewis, DuPont Subchapter of the Captain Meriwether Lewis Chapter for his superior contributions and support of food and services throughout the Chapter footprint, in support of Soldiers stationed at Joint Base Lewis McChord. Mr. Lewis' "what can I do to support you" community spirit, coupled with his care and compassion for Soldiers, directly enhanced the Chapter and its Subchapters ability to deliver superior events and activities to the Soldiers of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, to include the DuPont Subchapter Pancake Breakfast, the Puyallup Subchapter All-American Salute to the Troops, and the providing of over \$200,000 in free food coupons for welcome baskets for Soldiers returning from deployment.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation**  
**Recipient: Silicon Valley Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation is presented to the Silicon Valley Chapter in recognition for distinguished service in providing \$20,000, raised during their charity golf tournament, to the Afghanistan and Iraq war-wounded and their Families. The presentation to the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Poly Trauma Unit provided the single largest donation of the year. Your Chapter's dedication to the Army and improving the lives of the war-wounded Soldiers and their Families is admirable.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation**  
**Recipient: Sandi Lewis, Eastside Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation is presented to Sandi Lewis. Upon volunteering to serve as a member at large on the Executive Council of the Eastside Subchapter, Sandi Lewis worked tirelessly on a myriad of projects, to include supporting the 555<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, Headquarters and Headquarters Company Joint Base Lewis-McChord, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Artillery, 3<sup>rd</sup> Explosive Ordnance Battalion, and the 110<sup>th</sup> Chemical Battalion. She has been instrumental in working with the planning and coordination committees and in directly influencing positive outcomes for the units. Ms. Lewis's superior volunteerism is a cornerstone of devotion for Soldier and Family events.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation**  
**Recipient: Ms. Barbara Morgan, San Francisco Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation is presented to Ms. Barbara Morgan. In 1981, Ms. Morgan accepted a request to temporarily act as the San Francisco Chapter Treasurer. For thirty-four uninterrupted years of service, Ms. Morgan continued in this position, working for every Chapter President, until retiring in September 2015. She has distinguished herself by sustained outstanding service to the Chapter, often during challenging circumstances, and requiring personal sacrifice. Her always friendly and cheerful spirit, dedication, and professional performance make her richly deserving of this recognition.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation**  
**Recipient: Stephanie Prosser, PKMM Incorporated, Lacey Subchapter, CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation is presented to Stephanie Prosser of PKMM, Incorporated. Over the past three years, Mrs. Prosser has successfully contributed to raising thousands of dollars for the CPT Meriwether Lewis Chapter programs, such as Operations Turkey Drop and Ham Grenade, and by supporting the 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Soldier support activities. Her meritorious contributions and exemplary dedication in enhancing essential partnerships and communication in the Joint Base Lewis McChord community are unparalleled. Mrs. Prosser has proven she sets an excellence standard far beyond comparison.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation**  
**Recipient: Captain Pearle Surface, SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Commendation is presented to Captain Pearle Surface, of the SGM Jon R. Cavaiani Chapter. Captain Surface's exceptional service as the Operations Officer for the Sacramento Recruiting Battalion, and her tireless work as a member of the executive board of the Cavaiani Chapter, has contributed to many activities in the greater Sacramento area. Excellence in mission accomplishment is her only goal. Her dedication to duty and superior performance allow for her consistent achievements.

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**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation**

**Recipient: Faz Restaurant, Faz Poursohi, Owner, Faz Management, Inc., MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation is presented to the Faz Restaurant, Faz Poursohi, Owner, in grateful appreciation for your outstanding contribution in making the Sixth Region Annual Spring Meeting a success. We appreciate your flexibility and willingness to work with us, as we planned and executed our event. Your organization is to be commended for your comfortable facilities, appealing catering services, and the professionalism of your staff.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation**

**Recipient: Four Points by Sheraton, Tom Buckley, Hotel Manager, MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation is presented to the Four Points by Sheraton, Tom Buckley, Hotel Manager, in grateful appreciation for your outstanding contribution in making the Sixth Region Annual Spring Meeting a success. We appreciate your flexibility and willingness to work with us, as we planned and executed our event. Your organization is to be commended for your comfortable facilities and the professionalism of your staff.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation**

**Recipient: 191st Army Band Jazz Combo, MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation is presented to the 191st Army Band Jazz Combo in grateful appreciation for your outstanding contribution in making the Sixth Region Annual Spring Meeting a success. We appreciate the dedication and support of these fine Soldiers and the professionalism in their conduct.

**AWARD: Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation**

**Recipient: Mount Diablo High School Army JROTC "Red Devil" Battalion, MG William F. Dean Chapter**

The Sixth Region Certificate of Appreciation is presented to the Mount Diablo High School Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps "Red Devil" Battalion in grateful appreciation for your outstanding contribution in making the Sixth Region Annual Spring Meeting a success. We appreciate the dedication and support by the Cadets of the "Red Devil" Battalion and the professionalism and military bearing in the way they conduct themselves.

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