

CIA recognizes AIA squadron

25th IS receives citation for superior performance

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Seven members of the 25th Intelligence Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla., represented their unit at the Intelligence Community awards ceremony, held at the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters in Virginia.

The ceremony was presided over by Air Force Gen. John Gordon, deputy director of Central Intelligence.

The 25th IS was awarded the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation for collective superior performance from November 1996 through November 1997.

The squadron provided tactical and contingency intelligence support to Department of Defense Special Operations Forces and Air Force Special Operations Command elements worldwide.

Working with other tactical and national intelligence elements, the squadron authored, tested, executed, and implemented a new intelligence reporting architecture initiative. This will significantly increase the situational awareness of special operations forces responding to crisis and contingency situations spanning the globe.



From left, Tech. Sgt. Paul Headerer, Master Sgt. Chuck Rollman, Capt. Robert Hegedus, Lt. Col. Philip Riede, 1st Lt. Regan McClurkin, Staff Sgt. David Thompson, and Master Sgt. John Kubik.

Lt. Col. Philip Riede, former 25th IS commander, said while accepting on behalf of the squadron, "the special significance of this award was that the nomination came from two of our biggest customers, Air Force Special Operations Command and United States Special Operations Command, and that made receiving the award even more special for the men and women of the 25th IS."

The director of Central Intelli-

gence established the Intelligence Community awards to honor those who provide exceptional service on behalf of the United States Intelligence Community.

The National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citation is awarded for the collective performance of a unit or group that has resulted in accomplishments of a clearly superior nature and of significant benefit to the Intelligence Community. ■



And the 1999 Ambassadors are ...

Brig. Gen. John Baker, Air Intelligence Agency commander, is flanked by AIA's 1999 Ambassadors. The newly-named ambassadors are from left, Staff Sgt. Jeanetta Hall, Headquarters AIA; Tech. Sgt. Keith Reed, Headquarters AIA; Baker, 1st Lt. Jennifer Maceda, 67th Intelligence Wing; and Capt. Kevin Moberly, Air Force Information Warfare Center. Baker announced the ambassadors during a ceremony Dec. 15 at AIA headquarters. The ambassadors play an important part in educating people on the role AIA plays and will appear in more than 30 events throughout their tenure. Events include Fiesta, the biggest celebration in San Antonio, as well as parades, balls, receptions, speaking engagements, visits to veterans' hospitals and traveling with the AIA display board as the official briefer. The ambassadors will meet local officials, senior Air Force officials and many community members and leaders. ■