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### Get your packets in

I know there are units and individuals in our branch who are worthy of these awards, but they cannot be recognized unless a packet is sent forward detailing their accomplishments to the Field Artillery Proponent Office by the deadline. All packets must include a letter of endorsement by both a Battalion, DIVARTY and Brigade commander.

These awards are designed to promote, sustain and recognize excellence across the U.S. Army Field Artillery community. When gathering information to pen the narrative on your unit make sure to include details on how the battery fulfilled its mission based on its mission-essential task list (METL) in an outstanding manner. Field Artillery firing batteries and headquarters batteries, target acquisition, administrative and training batteries are eligible to participate.

The Gruber Award is open to all Artilleryman who have been recognized by their leaders for their contributions to the enhancement of the Field Artillery's war fighting capabilities.

Once all the packets have been received, each submission will be graded on its own merit by a six-member panel consisting of a mixture of Colonels and Sergeants Major.

Each Knox and Hamilton nomination will be graded on excellence in mission execution, while each Gruber nomination will be graded on the following criteria: innovation of Field Artillery doctrine, training, materiel, or personnel solutions, or tactics, techniques, and procedures enabling the accomplishment of the mission.

Don't let your units or outstanding FA individuals go unnoticed. Get your packets together and submitted today. The eligibility criteria for the Knox and Hamilton Awards are outlined in a memorandum of instruction (MOI) that can be found online at <http://sill-www.army.mil/USAFAS/index.html>. Click on the photo of the "Number One Man" on the home page.



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### History of the Henry A. Knox Award

The Henry A. Knox Award is named after the first Chief of Artillery, and first Secretary of War, Major General Henry A. Knox. The award recognizes the most outstanding Active Component battery. Originally called the Knox Trophy and Medal, the awards were established in 1924 by the Chief of Field Artillery and presented annually.

They recognized the best artillery battery (Trophy) and best enlisted Artillery Soldier (Medal) based on performance, excellence, leadership and proficiency. The awards recognized hard work, talent and determination that resulted in performance of the highest of standards. The awards were halted during World War I and were not re-initiated until 2002.



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## History of the Alexander Hamilton Award

The Alexander Hamilton Award recognizes the best Army National Guard (ARNG) Battery. It was created in 2002 and is named after American Statesman and Continental Army Artilleryman Alexander Hamilton.

Hamilton was an outstanding Artillery battery commander and a skilled cohort of General George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Hamilton helped write the U.S. Constitution and also served as the Nation's first Secretary of the Treasury.

## History of the Edmund L. Gruber Award

The Edmund L. Gruber Award is named after Brigadier General Edmund L. Gruber, a noted Field Artillery Officer, who as a First Lieutenant in 1908 composed the "Caisson Song," which the Army adopted as "The Army Song" (The Army Goes Rolling Along) in 1952. The Gruber Award was established in 2002 to recognize the most outstanding individual Artillery Soldier in thought and innovation that resulted in significant contributions to, or the enhancement of the Field Artillery's war fighting capabilities, morale, readiness or maintenance.

## Proud to Serve

Again in closing, I'm proud to have this opportunity to serve you as the 11th CSM of the FA and USAFAS. I look forward to circulating around the globe meeting with as many units and FA Soldiers as possible.

## King of Battle!

*CSM Robert G. Lehtonen 99*



*The 2014 Field Artillery Henry A. Knox Award was awarded to: B Battery, 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery (Fort Bliss, Texas). All photos U.S. Army released.*



*The winner of the 2014 Field Artillery Edmund L. Gruber Award is: SFC Daniel King, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment (Fort Campbell, KY).*



*The 2014 Field Artillery Alexander Hamilton Award has been awarded to: A Battery, 1st Battalion, 181st Field Artillery Regiment (Tennessee Army National Guard).*