



## FOX COMPANY, 1-44 ADA RECEIVES SUPPLY EXCELLENCE AWARD

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*Sgt. 1st Class Kerry Walker, a Platoon Sergeant assigned to Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery (F/1-44 ADA) Regiment, observes operations as the Supply Support Activities (SSA) receives parts and turn-in order. Recently, F/1-44 ADA's SSA received the Department of the Army Supply Excellence Award.*

**Kuwait, Southwest Asia** – The Supply Support Activities (SSA) Platoon of Foxtrot Company, 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery (F/1-44 ADA) Regiment, 69<sup>th</sup> ADA Brigade, was awarded the prestigious Department of the Army Supply Excellence Award for fiscal year 2013. The Department of the Army Supply Excellence Award is presented annually to the best and most qualified SSA in the entire Army.

The SSA's accomplishments stood out above all others competing for the award. The most notable achievement was earning the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) Supply Excellence Award for fiscal year 2012. The SSA installed a "Help Desk" and created a library containing pictures and National Stock Numbers (NSN) to assist customers when ordering supplies.

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kerry Walker, material control supervisor and SSA platoon sergeant for F/1-44 ADA stated, "I feel this is an excellent achievement for the Soldiers and I will continue to expect great things from them."

The SSA Platoon exceeded all performance standards set at unit level and by higher commands including the Department of the Army for fiscal year 2013. The platoon has maintained the highest standards while concurrently providing support for major battalion training events such as Table VII and VIII Certification, deep and enhanced maintenance, a convoy live fire exercise, and a battalion mission readiness exercise all in preparation for deployment.

Lt. Col. Maurice Barnett, 1-44 ADA battalion commander, remarked, "I am proud of all the Soldiers in the SSA. They have done an outstanding job earning the Department of the Army Service Excellence Award."

The 1-44 ADA SSA receives, processes, ships and accounts for over \$30 million dollars worth of supplies. The most important factor is the level of skilled noncommissioned officers (NCOs) and junior enlisted Soldiers all of whom are considered subject matter experts.

Pfc. Joseph Green, an F/1-44 ADA storage worker for the SSA, commented, "Some days we had to put in some long hours, work very hard, and help out the other sections to get the job done. It's a good feeling knowing that all of our hard work was recognized by the Department of the Army."

Another contributing factor to the long hours and hard work required by the Soldiers and NCOs of the SSA was being staffed at 80 percent strength. However, as a testament to their dedication, these Soldiers were still able to exceed all the Army standards.

When asked about winning the award, the Turn-In and Stock Control NCO-in-charge (NCOIC), Sgt. Tramika Williams said, "I was very proud of my Soldiers for accomplishing a feat that every SSA across the country hopes to win."

The SSA has set a high standard for all to follow. The "Strike First" Battalion as well as the Department of the Army will continue to expect great things from F Company's SSA.



*At left, Pfc. Joseph Jones operates a forklift to transport parts from a flatbed trailer to a resting site inside the SSA warehouse. The parts will remain in storage at the warehouse until picked up by the designated requestor. At right, Sgt. Monica Maciel directs the workflow as a shipment of goods arrives at the SSA warehouse. Both Jones and Maciel are members of F/1-44 ADA's SSA Platoon which recently received the Department of the Army Supply Excellence Award. The watermark behind the text is a photo of an F/1-44 ADA's forklift in operation.*

