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2CR Soldier earns USAG Grafenwoehr environmental award

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ROSE BARRACKS, Germany – A 2nd Cavalry Regiment Soldier earned the 2012 United States Garrison Grafenwoehr Environmental Officer of the Year at Grafenwoehr, Germany, Jan, 29.

Capt. Hang Li, who is currently serving as the executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd CR, earned the award while serving as the 4th Squadron, 2nd CR environmental officer from Aug 2012 to Aug 2013. He was responsible for the storage and handling of hazardous material and waste in compliance with U.S. and German environmental laws.

“This is a prestigious award that I know was hard-earned. There is a lot work involved to keep his unit in compliance,” said Col. James E. Saenz, Bavaria Military Community and USAG Grafenwoehr commander.

The award is given for the most outstanding contributions to the garrison environmental program.

“I got a lot of support from the squadron and my Soldiers. This really is about a team,” said Li, “We worked hard to enforce the standard throughout the unit.”

The award was given to the unit with the best environmental program on USAG Grafenwoehr. Both Vilseck and Grafenwoehr are included in this competition. The environmental program in Germany is made stricter because the Army doesn't just follow U.S laws but German ones as well.

“We had the best program of all the units on Grafenwoehr, which says a lot, The Soldiers should be proud. The Soldiers of 4th squadron and the combat repair team were the ones that did all of the work every day, said Li. “The motor sergeant, Staff Sgt. Michael Sieber, was my go-to man. He managed all of the issues and set us on the right path.”

Maintaining a good environmental program is important to the Army and Germany. The Army uses a lot of chemicals that need to be contained and disposed of properly. Having a strong environmental program is the way to succeed in keeping in compliance.

“I think that I can speak for all of us when I say that we are proud of the work Capt. Li has done for the community and I think this is a hard earned recognition,” said Saenz.