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## **2CR Stryker Inn recognized as garrison's best**

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**ROSE BARRACKS, Germany** – The 2nd Cavalry Regiment Stryker Inn dining facility earned this year's United States Army Garrison, Grafenwoehr, Philip A. Connelly Award Oct. 1 at Rose Barracks.

The USAG Philip A. Connelly Award is given to dining facilities for being among the best in customer service, food preparation and serving. The competition allows for food service personnel to refine their skills and show they have what it takes to be the best in garrison.

“The Philip A. Connelly Award encompasses excellence in food service,” said Warrant Officer Kenneth Robertson, food advisor for the Regiment. “It promotes quality assurance in food service and has the soldiers go back to the basics of learning key tasks they need to perform during day-to-day operations like nutrition and proper measurements. They worked non-stop trying to develop and hone their skills”

The competition gave the dining facility personnel a chance to show the quality of their organization and dedication to maintaining high standards.

“The importance of winning this award is to show the food service program we can put out an excellent meal and have a dining facility on the same caliber as a civilian restaurant,”

said Staff Sgt. Rodney Jordan, a shift leader at the Stryker Inn. “ We work on our job everyday and try to keep the standard high.”

Personnel who work at the Stryker Inn set themselves above the rest by showing they prepare food differently than most dining facilities.

“We prepared a lot of our products from scratch, we didn’t do a lot of boxed products or anything that was pre-made,” Jordan said. “What makes us better is not just our customer service, but a lot of our fresh foods and the way we prepare it.”

Three Soldiers were recognized from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment and one civilian. These personnel were awarded with a certificate of appreciation and a coin.

“I really believe every single one of them should have been awarded because they all had an important part in the success of Stryker Inn,” Robertson said. “I compare it to the Olympics, you can be the best in the world, but if you don’t perform that day nothing else matters. The judging was fair across the board and the standards were high. It was very important because I believe it brought a little more attention to food service. I felt my guys worked real hard leading up to the evaluation and it was well deserved.”