

Recognizing the traditions of excellence

Distinguished Members of the Regiment are prestigious or notable military or civilian persons who are recognized for their accomplishments. They must be current or former members of the Signal Corps Regiment. Nominees may be active, U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard or Signal Regiment Department of the Army civilians (active or retired status).

The designation as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment is largely ceremonial and serves to perpetuate the history and traditions of the Regiment, thereby enhancing unit morale and esprit.

Since Regimental activation, the Signal Regiment has had a program for recognizing people who have made a special contribution or who have distinguished themselves in service to the Regiment.

There are no limits on the number of Distinguished Members, and their tenure is permanent. The positions are designed to promote and enhance the history and traditions of the Regiment and foster cohesion among members of the Regiment.

Criteria and nomination submission procedures for Distinguished Members of the Regiment:

Persons who are recommending an individual for the Distinguished Member appointment, will prepare a justification consisting of a double spaced document of no more than two pages in length.

This justification should cover the entire period of service to the Regiment. If the candidate is then selected, a citation will be prepared by the Office Chief of Signal based on this justification. Reviewing existing citations at the OCOS

website will provide the nominator with the type of subject matter and level of achievement that is required. This justification, using a signed memorandum should be mailed to:

•Office Chief of Signal
Attn: ATZH-PO
506 Chamberlain Ave.
Fort Gordon, GA 30905-5735

•or send e-mail to
SIGCOECOS@conus.army.mil.

This memorandum must contain contact information for both the nominee and the nominator to include physical address, e-mail address, and telephone numbers. These are used for the purposes of acquiring additional information or notification. These nominations will be reviewed by a Regimental board as convened by the Chief of Signal.

Eligibility

Eligibility is as follows: Any military personnel who served as a member of the Signal Corps; any functional area 24 or 53 officer who has officially affiliated with

the Signal Regiment; any civilian employee who is affiliated with the Signal Regiment. For civilians, this is defined as either any Department of the Army civilian employee who has been employed within the CP34 career field or a civilian from any civilian career field who has worked for a Signal Organization for over ten years. Meeting either of these qualifications results in automatic affiliation with the Signal Regiment.

Criteria

Service rendered to the Signal Regiment is of such significance with Regimental-wide impact to clearly place this individual head and shoulders above his or her peers. Although there are no specific time requirements for this award, a nominee is to have long term and continuous service to the Regiment. Each nominee must have spent virtually an entire career in service to the Regiment. It is not necessary for the individual to have served within the Signal Regiment as a military member if subsequent service as a civilian is considered to be long term.

There are no grade requirements for this award. In meeting the time element of the criteria, however, all but our most senior members will normally be excluded. For military members, that may also mean that the nominee continued to serve the Regiment in some capacity as a civilian. Regardless of time served or rank obtained, the board shall be empowered to nominate to the Chief of Signal any individual whose accomplishments are of such magnitude that he or she must be considered for appointment as a Distinguished Member.



The centerpiece on the head table at the Signal Regimental Ball displayed the Regiment's motto proclaiming eternal watchfulness for the country.

Distinguished members inducted

MG (Ret) John L. Scott

MG (Ret) John L. Scott served the U.S. of America and the Signal Regiment with great distinction as a Soldier and a professional civil servant for more than 35 years.

He came to the Signal Regiment as a civilian in 1986 and quickly became a moving force and visionary behind the regiment's "Echelon Above Corps" Signal Force evolution; ensuring that the Regiment kept pace with the changing technologies and demands of war fighting commanders.

The extensive force design and signal operations which MG Scott personally envisioned, planned and executed set the conditions for the global network enterprise and

for Signal forces to be relevant and successful in today's environment of sustained military operations.

Further, his extensive knowledge of the Reserves and dual role as both a civilian employee and a Reservist enabled him to propose partnerships and enhance capstone programs, improving the war planning process and pre/post mobilization capabilities of expeditionary Signal units.

Some of his many accomplishments include:

--Implemented the transfer of air traffic control mission from information systems, command to the major Army commands in 1987.

--Oversaw the fielding of mobile subscriber equipment—enabling for the first time in Army history, the communications interoperability of units down to the division level in 1990.

--Led the creation, design and resourcing efforts for the Army's first tactical V-I combat camera T-O-E companies in both the Active and Reserve components in 1993.

--Envisioned, designed, developed and obtained funding for prototype data packages, which eventually became type classified/PM products that are today's light weight, rapidly deployable data package concepts.

--These are only a few of the significant accomplishments of MG Scott's military career.

He also has a stellar civilian career demonstrating that he was able to balance family, his successful Reserve career that culminated in rising to the level of major general and an accomplished civilian career where he served up to the GS-15 level.

MG John Scott demonstrated a complete commitment to serving his country and accomplished the most difficult and challenging assignments in such a manner as to bring great distinction to the Signal Corps.

In tribute for a career of commitment and excellence MG LaWarren V. Patterson, Chief of Signal, recognized MG John L. Scott as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.



Although he was unable to attend the ceremony, MG (Ret) John L. Scott was inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment during the 153rd Signal Regiment Ball held at the Augusta Marriott, June 22, 2013.