

DISA Makes Clean-Sweep at Web Awards Ceremony

Arlington, Va. - The Defense Information Systems Agency made a clean-sweep at last night's National Association of Government Communicators Gold Screen Awards Banquet in Orlando, Fla. DISA took both first and second place in a nationwide competition recognizing outstanding local, state, and federal government Web sites.

"These awards acknowledge the ability of a small, dedicated team to produce high-quality Web products," said Jason Schiavoni, the leader of the agency's three-person Web team. "While we strive for excellence in aesthetic design, we believe our focus on accurate, reliable content is what makes DISA Web products such valuable resources."

The prestigious panel of expert judges at NAGC judged both the content and design components of the competing Web sites, along with other factors including ease of navigation, organization of content, and accessibility requirements for users with disabilities.

First-place winner www.disa.mil's primary audiences are the military Services and other defense agencies, mission-related industry partners, and job-seekers. The site underwent a thorough re-design in 2008 in an effort to better serve the approximately 14,000 daily visitors.

Second-place winner www.disa.mil/brac is a new site designed to serve as the primary information source for agency employees and government contractors affected by DISA's planned move to Fort Meade, Md. starting in 2010 as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005.

Both sites have recently launched a new service, which allows visitors to sign up to receive email updates when site content is updated. This service will ensure users enjoy immediate access to new information based on the subscription topics they choose.

DISA is a Department of Defense combat support agency and provides real-time information technology and communications support to the President, Vice President, Secretary of Defense, the military Services, and the Combatant Commands. From its Arlington, Va., headquarters and through worldwide field activities, DISA offers IT services, capabilities and acquisition expertise that enable our nation's military to accomplish their missions.

NAGC is a national not-for-profit professional network of federal, state, and local government employees who disseminate information within and outside government. Its members are editors, writers, graphic artists, video professionals, broadcasters, photographers, information specialists, and agency spokespersons.