

USAMMA WINS EXCALIBUR AWARD

On 01 February 2007, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Command, LTG Kevin C. Kiley awarded the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA) the Surgeon General's Excalibur Award in the Active Component, Non-MTF Category.

This award is presented to teams in recognition of benefits that have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the Army Medical Department. The Project was "Asset Visibility of the Centralized Medical Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense Material (MCDM) program utilizing the Shelf-Life Extension Program (SLEP)."

This award was accepted on behalf of the USAMMA Centralized Contingency Program Division, along with many individuals within the USAMMA, including the Director, Force Projection Directorate, and Division Chiefs within that Directorate who contributed to this project. Another major contributor to this project was the representative of Defense Medical Standardization Board's (DMSB) Assistant to the Program Manager, DOD/FDA, Shelf Life Extension Program.

The Centralized Contingency Program Division of the Force Projection Directorate, USAMMA, is directly responsible for providing U.S. Army Soldiers with Medical Chemical Defense Materiel (MCDM) assets as they deploy to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. These MCDM items include CANA, AATNA (formally known as the Mark I Kit), Doxycycline, and other items as directed.

In FY 2006 alone, the Centralized Contingency Program Division facilitated the issue of over \$9,000,000 in MCDM inventory to over 500 units, including over 100,000 U.S. Army Soldiers. MAJ Mark Dole, Chief, Centralized Contingency Program Division, and his program manager, Ms. Miggie Boyle work tirelessly with OTSG and the various Army medical activities across the world to ensure deploying Soldiers have the MCDM items on hand to combat a CBRNE incident in Theater.

The use of SLEP for the MCDM resulted in a cost avoidance of \$12,729,428.00 in procurement actions in the first year of the automated program by consolidating MCDM inventory sites, registering materiel in the Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP), and redistributing \$2,000,000 in assets across the Army MCDM program. These initiatives assisted the USAMMA in improving the management of the \$80 million MCDM program and ultimately our Soldiers deploying into combat.