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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade team is 2015 Best Ranger

FORT BENNING, Georgia – A team from Fort Benning's Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade is the winner of the 32nd annual David E. Grange Jr. Best Ranger Competition. Team 38 – Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Lemma and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Briggs – will not only take home the title of Best Ranger, but also the Rippetoe Award for the best time on Friday night's unknown distance road march.

Capt. Robert Killian and Capt. Travis Cornwall, the Army National Guard's Team 10, are the second-place finishers and the winners of the Leandri Award, which is presented to the team who wins Saturday's overnight orienteering course.

Team 27, Staff Sgt. Philip Jewah and Sgt. Thomas Malphrus of the 75th Ranger Regiment, finished in third place.

Rangers have set the standard for extraordinary selfless service for more than 300 years. Their dedication is tested through their loyal service to the Nation and countless deployments. The leadership, discipline and skill sets Rangers bring to the battlefield cannot be replaced by sophisticated weaponry and advanced technologies.

Best Ranger competitors return to their units with a renewed sense of confidence, which inspires every Soldier they lead, improving combat effectiveness of units worldwide.

The winning team, and the teams that finished the competition, will be recognized at an award ceremony at 10 a.m. April 13 at Marshall Auditorium in McGinnis-Wickam Hall.

Of the 51 teams who started the event Friday morning, 24 finished the three-day event.

Photos of the competition can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/2015BestRanger>

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