

24 Warrior-Soldiers, representing 12 U.S. Army major commands, faced off this year at the Army's Best Warrior Competition.

During a grueling three days, they tested their Soldier skills, knowledge and abilities in every aspect. At Fort Lee, Va., the contenders took the Army Physical Fitness Test consisting of push-ups, sit-ups and a two mile-run; completed a written examination on general military topics and a graded essay on an assigned topic; fire weapons for qualification; negotiated a strenuous land navigation course; demonstrated a number of critical Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills; and reacted to Mystery Events.

On the last day, Sergeant Major of the Army Ray Chandler presided over both the Soldier and NCO selection boards, comprised of six Senior Command Sergeants Major from across the Army. The boards evaluated competitors' appearance, military bearing and knowledge in a number of key areas.

In the end, there can be only one NCO of the Year and one Soldier of the Year. Who was honored as this year's BEST WARRIOR for AMERICA'S ARMY?