



Citation for the 2018 Maryland National Guard Unit of the Year

It is with great honor that the Maryland Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America presents to the Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination Team, 629th Military Intelligence Battalion (Expeditionary) the MOAA award as the Maryland National Guard Unit of the Year.

During 2018, this team made history by being the first Reserve Component (National Guard or Reserve) PED team called to active duty to support forward combat operations. The PED Team provided geospatial aerial intelligence analysis to all the forces operating under Operation Freedom Sentinel. Maryland soldiers led this historic forty-man team comprised of other National Guard and Reserve Soldiers from Florida, Texas and California.

The PED team conducted this historical mission with outstanding professionalism and represented the Army National Guard with distinction by conducting over 15,700 hours of analysis leading to actionable intelligence and producing over 29,000 intelligence products. These products were crucial to the decision-making and actions of the forces and organizations operating in and supporting theater operations.

The 629th EMI Bn PED team has set a high standard for all National Guard and Reserve teams of this type that will deploy in the future.

For this demonstrated high level of performance and achievement, and at the recommendation of the Maryland Adjutant General, the MOAA Maryland Council is proud to present this Outstanding Unit of the Year award to the Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination Team, of the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion (Expeditionary).