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## **SECDEF RECOGNIZES COMBAT CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — The Secretary of the Defense Environmental Awards Program awarded the Combat Center the 2015 Environmental Award for Sustainability, Non-Industrial Installation, April 21. The Combat Center exceeded the Department of Defense's goals in energy reduction and water conservation and aggressively applied renewable energy solutions with an innovative and collaborative sustainability program.

The Environmental Awards Program recognizes individuals, teams, and installations that distinguish themselves in supporting mission readiness through environmental acumen.

“Their efforts strengthen the department's position as an environmental leader by integrating cost-effective environmental management with our national defense mission, thereby saving critical resources and helping to keep our country safe through sustained mission readiness,” said Frank Kendall, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics.

Since 1962, the DoD has honored individuals, teams, and installations for outstanding environmental achievements and innovative environmental practices and partnerships. Military services and defense agencies submit nominations for each of the nine award categories. A diverse panel of judges representing federal and state agencies, academia, and the private sector select the winners.

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