

# Small Arms Readiness and Training Team competes in championship at Fort Benning, Georgia

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**SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois National Guard Joint Force Headquarters Small Arms Readiness and Training Team (SARTS)**, competed from March 12 through March 19 in the 2016 United States Army Small Arms Championship at Fort Benning, Georgia. The team consisted of 5 members total. The team competed in individual and team matches. Below are their names and placing's/awards from the competition.

Team Awards:

1. U.S. Army Overall Team Champions
2. U.S. Army Rifle Team Champions
3. 2nd Place Multi-gun Champions

Individual Awards:

1. Staff Sgt. Brandon Hornung, of **Mendota**, Illinois - 1st place novice overall champion and 1st place novice Multi-gun and Gold Medal for Excellence in Rifle Competition
2. Sgt. 1st Class David Perdew, of **Rushville**, Illinois - Gold Medal in Pistol Match 3 and 5 along with a Bronze Medal for Excellence in Rifle Competition
3. Sgt. 1st Class Shelby Stockton, of **Petersburg**, Illinois – Silver Medal in National Match for Excellence in Competition
4. Staff Sgt. Jacob Blount, of **St. Louis**, Missouri – 1st place in novice service rifle match and 4th overall placing in the novice class
5. Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle Gleason, of **Lincoln**, Illinois – Gold Medal in Rifle Match 7



During the competition Soldiers competed in separate classes: cadet, novice, open and professional. The classes were determined on the Soldiers' previous competition experience. Competitors fired at targets ranging from 10 yards to 500 yards with a service rifle and pistol using iron sights and rifle combat optics. There were approximately 43 teams and 229 individuals that competed in the Army Wide Competition.

Photo Cutline 1: Pictured here top row (left to right): Sgt. 1st Class David Perdew of Rushville, Illinois, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle Gleason of Lincoln, Illinois and Staff Sergeant Brian Hornung of Mendota, Illinois

Bottom row (left to right): Staff Sgt. Jacob Blount of St. Louis, Missouri, Sgt. 1st Class Shelby Stockton of Petersburg, Illinois and Brig. Gen. Michael Zerbonia, Assistant Adjutant General - Army for the Illinois National Guard

Photo Cutline 2: Pictured here (left to right): Sgt. 1st Class David Perdew of Rushville, Illinois, Sgt. 1st Class Shelby Stockton of Petersburg, Illinois Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle Gleason of Lincoln, Illinois, Staff Sgt. Jacob Blount of St. Louis, Missouri, and Staff Sergeant Brian Hornung of Mendota, Illinois