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Evans logistics civilians get awards

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Two Fort Carson employees were recognized for their outstanding commitment and performance in health facility management and quality assurance in construction efforts at Evans Army Community Hospital.

Rashad Rajab, Evans' facility manager, and Aaron Hicks, an engineer at the hospital, were presented U.S. Army Medical Command Facility Awards during the 53rd American Society of Health Engineers conference in July.

"It is really a testament to the quality of people we have at Evans," said Lt. Col. Donald Chapman, chief of Evans' Logistics Department. "The fact that our staff was recognized over all others in MEDCOM means that Evans has some of the best subject matter experts running our facility management program."

Rajab was recognized for his commitment and work ethic with the Barney Richmond Facility Management Award. Hicks received the R. B. Maynor Memorial Quality Assurance Evaluation Award for his role in ensuring high standards of quality for projects are being met at Evans Army Community Hospital.

"Part of my consideration for nominating these two was their efforts during our reaccreditation with The Joint Commission this year," Chapman said. "When JC looks at the environment of care they look at what are the interim life safety measures that are in place, is the construction, the renovation, the repairs that are ongoing being done safely, do they impact patient care."

"It was great to be recognized by our command for doing good for the facility," said Rajab.

Chapman said that Rajab was instrumental in Evans receiving a final report from the JC described as "exceptional". He said that the two awardees work tirelessly at keeping the 30-year facility operating efficiently.

"We have construction projects going on here all the time," said Chapman. "And unlike other buildings on post, the hospital has a 24/7 mission, so all the things that would normally be shut off during construction – the

electrical and water – has to stay on. And Rashad and Aaron are the ones who keep those things running.”

“It feels very rewarding and satisfying to be recognized for going above and beyond what’s required of you, expected of you on a day to day basis,” said Hicks.

For Hicks, getting the R.B. Maynor award has a special meaning. Hicks actually worked with Maynor on multiple construction projects at Evans to include getting the current fire alarm system installed and certified.

“He came out and helped us with some problematic projects here at Evans,” said Hicks. “RB was the go to guy. If you had a problem, he was the trouble shooter who could get the project back on track.

“Getting something that is associated with R.B. Maynor is very satisfying,” he added. “Knowing that this award was created in his spirit is very satisfying because it implies that I too am a trouble shooter.”



Rashad Rajab receives the Barney Richmond Facility Management Award from Lt. Col. Mike Williams, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Facilities/G9 during the 53rd American Society of Health Engineers conference.



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