

Proudly holding the Meritorious Achievement Citation received from Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defense, for the installation's outstanding conservation program, are Col. Arthur L. Knipp, Jr., Post Commander, Picatinny Arsenal and Frank Ferry, his deputy. Joining them are those who directly supervised work that brought award to Picatinny. Left to right, Michael George, grounds maintenance foreman; Joseph Bozzuffi, agronomist; and Alfred (Red) MacKinnon, chief, bldgs, roads & grounds branch.

## Defense Conservation Award Won By Picatinny Arsenal

For the fourth time in the last five years, Picatinny Arsenal has won a Department of Defense conservation award.

With the Meritorious Achievement Citation, which was for the installation's 1970 conservation program and which complements similar awards for 1966, 1968 and 1969, came expressions of appreciation and congratulations from several highplaced officials, including Melvin R. Laird, Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Laird noted that the Arsenal's outstanding conservation program "reflects great credit upon the installation, the personnel thereof, the Army and the Department of Defense."

Lt. Gen Joseph M. Heiser Jr., the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, said the citation attests to "the vigorous efforts made by the installation to promote fish and wildlife activity, create new recreational opportunity, and further the application of conservation and management principles."

Each year, Defense Department installations throughout the United States submit reports with accompanying photographs of their achievements in land, forest, wild-life and select the winners based on accomplishments in woodland improvement and protection, wildlife management, weed control, grass, tree and shrub planting, soil improvement, safety and insect control.

The arsenal maintains close liaison with county, state and federal agencies having related responsibilities in the field of natural resources conservation, including the Morris County Extension Service, the Mosquito Control and Soil Conservation District, the New Jersey State Departments of Environmental Protection and Agriculture and the U. S. Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

Picatinny Arsenal covers 6491 acres of land including 3793 acres of woodland, 1462 acres of improved grounds, 308 acres of lakes and ponds and the balance on other uses.

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