



CERL Branch Chief Cited for Academic Excellence

Dr. Kirankumar Topudurti has won three awards from the Department of the Army for his achievements while attending the Army Management Staff College (AMSC). A Certificate of Achievement recognized the top student in each of six seminars. The Achievement Medal for Civilian Service was presented for his winning article, "The Leadership Wheel: A Tangible, Conceptual Model for Developing Emerging Leaders." He also received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for his exemplary academic achievement, initiative, and leadership. Topudurti is chief of the Environmental Processes branch at CERL. He attended the 3-month resident college in Washington, D.C., earlier this year.

In addition to his academic achievements, Topudurti participated in several extracurricular activities. He served the Seminar Deputy President, stepping in on several occasions to fill the role of President. He also led six community service projects, including:

- Collected donations to the Scholarship Fund for the Children of Parents Killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Supported Children and Youth Services activities on the National Kids' Day
- Secured donations to renovate INSCOM dayroom (carpeting, lighting, and sporting equipment/supplies)
- Volunteered for duty at a Casino Night for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home in Washington, D.C.
- Collected donations for the Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter to purchase much needed supplies
- Assisted the Post Chaplain by clearing, cleaning, and organizing the church's warehouse
- Secured a sizable donation from the AMSC Alumni Association for AMSC.