NATIONAL AEROSPACE AWARDS

Award and Recipients

H. H. Arnold Award
For the most significant contribution by a military member to national defense

W. Stuart Symington Award
For the most significant contribution by a civilian in the field of national defense
Gen. James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), Former National Security Advisor and Former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

John R. Alison Award
For the most outstanding contribution by industrial leadership to national defense
The Boeing Company

David C. Schilling Award
Outstanding contribution in advancing flight activity
Advanced Extremely High Frequency Satellite Rescue Team

Theodore von Karman Award
Outstanding contribution in science and engineering
24th Air Force, JBSA-Lackland, Tex.

Gill Robb Wilson Award
Outstanding contribution in arts and letters
Gary Sinise, The Gary Sinise Foundation’s work with wounded veterans

Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award
Outstanding contribution in aerospace education
USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.

Thomas P. Gerrity Award
Outstanding contribution in systems and logistics

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year
Outstanding performance by VA employee
Maj. David F. Tharp, VISN 17 Center of Excellence for Research on Returning War Veterans, Waco, Tex.

Gen. George C. Kenney Award
Outstanding contribution in lessons learned
5th Air Force and 13th AF Det. 1 Lessons Learned Team, Hq. 5th AF, Yokota AB, Japan

Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award
Outstanding aerial warfare tactician

Gen. Larry D. Welch Award
Outstanding contribution toward the nuclear mission

CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award
Most outstanding crew chief in the Air Force

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence
Outstanding contribution toward warfighting capability
SMSgt. David A. Cox, 6th Communications Squadron, MacDill AFB, Fla.

AFA Chairman’s Aerospace Education Award
Long-term commitment to aerospace education, making a significant impact nationwide
The Military Channel

PROFESSIONAL, CIVILIAN, MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Award and Recipients


Verne Orr Award for Human Resources; 27th Special Operations Wing, Cannon AFB, N.M.

Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year; Amanda B. Chastain, McConnell AFB, Kan.

Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing; Capt. Brian L. Scott, 18th Aerospace Medicine Sq., Kadena AB, Japan


Chaplain Corps Award; SSgt. Andre Thomas, 61st Air Base Group, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

Civilian Wage Employee of the Year;* Anthony E. Hannula, 3rd Maintenance Sq., JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

Civilian Program Specialist of the Year;* Jason R. Haddock, 11th Civil Engineer Sq., JB Andrews, Md.

Civilian Program Manager of the Year;* Troy Andersen, 633rd Civil Engineer Sq., JB Langley-Eustis, Va.

Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Mgmt.; Not awarded

Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Tech.; Not awarded

AFROTCA Cadet of the Year; Cadet 2nd Lt. Margot C. Woltersberger, Det. 910, University of Washington


*Presented at recipient’s location
**CITATIONS OF HONOR**

For the outstanding contribution of an individual or organization to the development of aerospace power.

**Recipients and Achievements**

**Gen. Gary L. North, Former Commander, Pacific Air Forces**
Enlisted airmen inducted General North into the Order of the Sword because of his dedication and leadership, his improvements to the quality of life, and his fostering of commandwide Total Force integration. In his 35 years in the Air Force, he has personified “Mission First, People Always.”

**55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.**
The 55th ECG provided nonkinetic offensive strikes for Operations Enduring Freedom, Odyssey Dawn, and Unified Protector, surpassing 8,000 combat missions. The group has entered its eighth year of continuous combat operations.

**352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, UK**
The air commandos of the 352nd SOG responded courageously in the face of direct enemy fire during numerous missions supporting Operations New Dawn, Enduring Freedom, Odyssey Dawn, and Unified Protector. For one mission, they were the first US military boots on the ground during the crisis in Libya, secured the US ambassador, and surveyed infiltration zones.

**94th Intelligence Sq., 70th Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Wing, Fort Meade, Md.**
The 94th IS performed 1,751 operations supporting National Security Agency and Air Force missions worldwide. They supported 91 joint service capture/kill operations; led coalition forces to 184 improvised explosive device makers; tracked more than 960 targets; and worked to fuse the MC-12 and U-2 signals intelligence collection processes.

**747th Communications Sq., 15th Wing, 13th Air Force, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii**
The 747th CS provided a 99.9 percent network uptime rate, providing long-haul circuit management and integrated data, voice, and video services to more than 30,000 users in the Pacific theater. Among numerous accomplishments, the squadron shaped command and control operations with the Navy for Operation Tomodachi, ensuring uninterrupted service.

**Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii**
 JPAC continues its search for the more than 83,000 American military personnel still missing from past conflicts. To aid its efforts, JPAC personnel routinely conduct technical negotiations and talks with representatives of foreign governments. At any time, there are more than 1,000 active cases under investigation.

**Retired Maj. Gen. William Lyon (l), among those who accepted a Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of Korean War airmen, speaks with Gen. Norton Schwartz, retired USAF Chief of Staff and recipient of the H. H. Arnold Award.**

**Retired Marine Corps Gen. James Jones received the W. Stuart Symington Award for most significant contribution by a civilian in the field of national defense.**

**AFA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The award recognizes a lifetime of work in the advancement of aerospace.

**Gen. James P. McCarth, USAF (Ret.)**
After a 39-year USAF career, he continues to serve, including teaching at the Air Force Academy and leading several Defense Science Board task forces.

**Vietnam War POWs**

**Berlin Airlift Aircrews**
USAF aircrews flew more than 89,000 sorties, totaling more than 600,000 flying hours to help sustain Berliners against the 1948 Soviet Blockade.

**Korean War Airmen**
USAF airmen—on ground and in the air—were vital in holding the line against communist expansion at the opening of the Cold War.

**Fighter Pilots of WWII**
Army Air Forces airmen established the fundamentals of modern air superiority during World War II, exhibiting skill, bravery, and determination.

**CREW AND TEAM AWARDS**

**Airborne Battle Management Crew:** Combat Crew 2, 16th Airborne Command & Control Sq. (JSTARS), 461st Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga.

**Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award:** Crew of Blue 34, 34th Bomb Sq., 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

**Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award:** Crew of Bone 34, 34th Bomb Sq., 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

**Gen. Jerome F. O’Malley Award:** Crew of Olive 22, 38th Reconnaissance Sq., Offutt AFB, Neb.; 95th Reconnaissance Squadron Det. 1, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece; 488th Intelligence Sq., RAF Mildenhall, UK

**Gen. Thomas S. Power Award:** Capt. Andrew J. Stevens and 1st Lt. Ross V. Millard, 90th Missile Wing, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

**Best Space Operations Crew:** Charlie Crew, 2nd Space Warning Sq., Buckley AFB, Colo.


**Lt. Gen. Howard W. Leaf Award:** 846th Test Squadron Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) Test Team, Holloman AFB, N.M.
AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND AWARDS

Award and Recipients
CMSgt. Dick Red Award
Best ANG maintainer
CMSgt. Raymond J. Phillips, 163rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq., California ANG

Earl T. Ricks Award
Best ANG unit airmanship
Combat Crew One (JSTARS), 128th Airborne Command and Control Sq., Georgia ANG

Outstanding ANG Unit
Top ANG unit of the year
148th Fighter Wing, Minnesota ANG

George W. Bush Award, Officer
Outstanding civilian employer, Not awarded

George W. Bush Award, Enlisted
Outstanding civilian employer, Not awarded

President's Award for AFRC
Best AFRC flying unit of the year
Maj. David A. DeAngelis, 466th Fighter Sq., Hill AFB, Utah

AFRC Unit Award
Best AFRC unit of the year
910th Airlift Wing, Youngstown ARS, Ohio

AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Officer
Outstanding civilian employer
Lt. Col. Robert J. Sweet, 476th Fighter Group, Moody AFB, Ga., and Southwest Airlines Company

AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Enlisted
Outstanding civilian employer
SMSgt. Kenellias C. Smith, 301st Maintenance Sq., NAS Fort Worth JRB, Tex., and The Boeing Company

2012 AFA FIELD AWARDS

D. W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award
(AFA Unit of the Year: Hurlburt, Fla. - President Frederick Gross)

Frederick Gross, president of the Hurlburt, Fla., chapter, speaks at the National Convention. His chapter was named AFA Unit of the Year.

Outstanding State Organization
Florida - President Michael H. Emig

Outstanding Chapters by Size
Small Chapter
Mel Harmon, Colo.
President Richard A. Follmar

Medium Chapter
Lincoln, Neb.
President Mary A. McGahan

Large Chapter
Not awarded in 2012

Extra Large Chapter
Wright Memorial, Ohio
President Shiela Wallace

Unit Exceptional Service Awards
Best Single Program
Central Florida, Fla.
President Mike Liquori

Communications
Hurlburt, Fla.
President Frederick Gross

Community Partners
Enid, Okla.
President Scott Northcutt

Veterans Affairs
Paul Revere, Mass.
President Keith M. Taylor

Aerospace Education Achievement Award
Presented to chapters for outstanding achievement in aerospace education programming.
Albuquerque, N.M.
Blue Ridge, N.C.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
Gen. E. W. Rawlings, Minn.
Hurlburt, Fla.
Langley, Va.
L. D. Bell Museum, Ind.
Lincoln, Neb.
Montgomery, Ala.
Scott Berkeley, N.C.
Thomas W. Anthony, Md.
Tidewater, Va.
Wright Memorial, Ohio

Aerospace Education Excellence Award
Presented to one chapter in each of the AFA size categories annually for excellence in aerospace education programming. To qualify, a chapter must have received the Aerospace Education Achievement Award this year.

Small Chapter
Fort Dodge, Iowa - President Deann Faiferlick

Medium Chapter
Tidewater, Va. - President William M. Cuthriell

Large Chapter
Blue Ridge, N.C. - President Alicia Hughes

Extra Large Chapter
C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif. - President Paul H. Bonnier
Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award
Presented to the AFA chapter or individual member producing the highest number of new members during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2012, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of July 1, 2011. This award is based on both the quantity of new members as well as sustained new member recruitment.

Individual Award
2011-12 Membership Committee
Chairman Stephen G. Wood and Vice Chairman Tim Brock

Chapter Award
MiG Alley, South Korea
Vice President Donald Button

Jack Gross Awards
Presented to the chapter in each size category with the highest number of new members as a percentage of chapter size at the beginning of the membership year. A minimum number of 10 is required.

Small Chapter
MiG Alley, South Korea
Vice President Donald Button

Medium Chapter
Dacotah, S.D.
President David E. Holman

Large Chapter
John C. Stennis, Miss.
President Bradley McAlpine

Member of the Year
S. Sanford “Sandy” Schlitt

Distinguished Sustained Aerospace Education Award
Gregory Bruce White, Texoma Region

Central East Region
Medal of Merit
Kevin Fucella, Va.
Harley Hammond, Va.
James Higginbotham, Md.
David Koontz, Md.
Gary Metzinger, Va.
John Tagnesi, Va.

Exceptional Service Award
Gina Giles, Va.
Cheryl A. Nagel, Md.
Ken Rizer, Md.
Kenneth Spencer, Va.

Far West Region
Medal of Merit
David L. Fields, Calif.
Dennis Keohokalole, Hawaii
William G. McCarroll, Calif.
John F. Murphy, Hawaii
Harry Talbot, Calif.
Glen Walder, Calif.
Kenneth Wilce, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award
Phil Barger, Calif.
Randolph Kelly, Calif.
Don Vanhook, Calif.

Florida Region
Medal of Merit
Larry Beige, Fla.
Howard Burke, Fla.
Shannon Farrell, Fla.
Robert Hicks, Fla.
Michael Richardson, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award
Mark Chapman, Fla.
Michael J. Liquori, Fla.
Glenn Rutland, Fla.

Great Lakes Region
Medal of Merit
Jessica Derr, Ohio

Northwest Region
Medal of Merit
Eileen Heller, Mass.
Diane James-Poole, Mass.
Fred Webster, Mass.

Exceptional Service Award
Heidi Aronofsky, Mass.
Daniel Caron, N.H.

North Central Region
Medal of Merit
Ken Fox, N.D.
Joyce Goodvin, N.D.
Thomas P. Schellinger, Minn.
April D. Spiciacchi, N.D.
Thomas W. C. Wilson, Minn.
Carol J. Wolosz, Minn.

Exceptional Service Award
Bonnie Goldschmidt, N.D.

Northeast Region
Medal of Merit
Richard F. Ball, N.J.
Ron Campbell, N.Y.
John H. Householder, N.Y.

Southeast Region
Medal of Merit
Lacy Bizios, Utah
Andrew Clark, Utah
Kathi Dysert, Utah
Stephen Gourley, Colo.
Christopher Hassett, Colo.
Michael Peterson, Colo.

Exceptional Service Award
Brian Andrew Binn, Colo.
R. J. Schultz, Colo.
Leslie Swidecki, Wyo.

South Central Region
Medal of Merit
Charles Bowker, Tenn.
Sue Glass, Tenn.
Patrick J. McCoy, Iowa
Donna Haines, Wash.

Exceptional Service Award
Mary Feighnter, Okla.
John Murray, Tex.*

*Denotes posthumous award.

Fred DiFabio, N.Y.
Louis A. Emond, N.C.*
Joseph B. Magnone, Mass.
Charles W. Myers, S.C.
Richard M. Stultz, Calif.
Richard Taubinger, Calif.

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Patrick J. McCoy, Iowa
Donna Haines, Wash.

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John Murray, Tex.*

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Community Partner Membership Awards

GOLD AWARD
Presented to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least six percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.

Cheyenne, Wyo.  Mel Harmon, Colo.
Col. H. M. “Bud” West, Fla.  Mercer County, N.J.
Enid, Okla.  Meridian, Miss.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska  MiG Alley, South Korea
Fort Wayne, Ind.  Montgomery, Ala.
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.  Swamp Fox, S. C.
Leigh Wade, Va.  Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Presented in the field to chapters whose Community Partners represent at least three percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners. The minimum number is determined by chapter size.

Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.  Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.
Dacotah, S.D.  Steel Valley, Ohio
Fort Dodge, Iowa  Shooting Star, N.J.
Frank P. Lahm, Ohio  Tennessee Valley, Ala.
Hurlburt, Fla.  Wright Memorial, Ohio
Iron Gate, N.Y.  Happy Hooligan, N.D.
John C. Stennis, Miss.  John C. Stennis, Miss.
Leigh Wade, Va.  Swamp Fox, S. C.

Special Recognition

SUSTAINED NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT
These chapters have attained the quarterly new member recruitment goal for three consecutive quarters, extending from October 2011 to June 2012.

David D. Terry Jr., Ark.  Mel Harmon, Colo.
Fort Dodge, Iowa  Miami-Homestead, Fla.
Frank Luke, Ariz.  MiG Alley, South Korea
Hurlburt, Fla.  Northeast Texas, Tex.
Iron Gate, N.Y.  Paul Revere, Mass.
John C. Stennis, Miss.  Shooting Star, N.J.
Langley, Va.  Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
Leigh Wade, Va.  Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah

STATE GROWTH
These states have realized a growth in total membership from June 2011 to June 2012.

Alabama  New Hampshire
Arizona  New Jersey
California  New Mexico
Colorado  New York
Connecticut  North Carolina
Florida  Ohio
Georgia  Oklahoma
Illinois  Pennsylvania
Indiana  South Carolina
Iowa  South Dakota
Kentucky  Tennessee
Louisiana  Texas
Maryland  Utah
Massachusetts  Vermont
Michigan  Virginia
Minnesota  Washington
Missouri  West Virginia
Montana  Wyoming
Nevada

REGION GROWTH
These regions have realized a growth in total membership from June 2011 to June 2012.

Central East  Northeast
Europe  Northwest
Far West  Pacific
Florida  Rocky Mountain
Great Lakes  South Central
Midwest  Southeast
New England  Southwest
North Central  Texoma

CHAPTER GROWTH
These chapters have realized a growth in total membership from June 2011 to June 2012.

Aggieland, Tex.  Eglin, Fla.
Alamo, Tex.  Everett R. Cook, Tenn.
Albany-Hudson Valley, N.Y.  Falcon, Fla.
Albuquerque, N.M.  Flying Yankees/Kenney, Conn.
Austin, Tex.  Fort Worth, Tex.
Baltimore, Md.  Frank P. Lahm, Ohio
Cape Fear, N.C.  Gen. E. W. Rawlings, Minn.
Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.  Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, Ohio
Charlemagne, Germany  Gen. Robert E. Huyser, Colo.
Chattanooga, Tenn.  Gold Coast, Fla.
Cheyenne, Wyo.  Golden Gate, Calif.
Columbus-Bakalar, Ind.  Green Mountain, Vt.
Concho, Tex.  Grissom Memorial, Ind.
Dacotah, S.D.  Hangar One, N.J.
Denton, Tex.  Harry S. Truman, Mo.
Dobbin's, Ga.  Heart of Illinois, Ill.
Egglin, Fla.  Inland Empire, Wash.
Eglin, Fla.  Keystone, Pacific
Eglin, Fla.  Long Island, N.Y.
Eglin, Fla.  Lufbery-Campbell, Germany
Eglin, Fla.  McChord Field, Wash.
Eglin, Fla.  M. H. Harmon, Colo.
Eglin, Fla.  M. H. Johnson, La.
Eglin, Fla.  MiG Alley, South Korea
Eglin, Fla.  Mile High, Colo.
Eglin, Fla.  Minuteman, Mass.
Eglin, Fla.  Mount Clemens, Mich.
Eglin, Fla.  Northeast Iowa, Iowa
Eglin, Fla.  Northeast Texas, Tex.
Eglin, Fla.  Olmstead, Pa.
Eglin, Fla.  Orange County/LeMay, Calif.
Eglin, Fla.  Palm Springs, Calif.
Eglin, Fla.  Red Tail Memorial, Fla.
Eglin, Fla.  Richard D. Kissing, Iowa
Eglin, Fla.  Richmond, Va.
Eglin, Fla.  Roanoke, Va.
Eglin, Fla.  Sal Capriglione, N.J.
Eglin, Fla.  Salt Lake City, Utah
Eglin, Fla.  San Diego, Calif.
Eglin, Fla.  Sarasota-Manatee, Fla.
Eglin, Fla.  Savannah, Ga
Eglin, Fla.  Scott Memorial, Ill.
Eglin, Fla.  Seidel, Tex.
Eglin, Fla.  Steel Valley, Ohio
Eglin, Fla.  Strom Thurmond, S.C.
Eglin, Fla.  Tarheel, N.C.
Eglin, Fla.  Tennessee Valley, Ala.
Eglin, Fla.  Thomas W. Anthony, Md.
Eglin, Fla.  Thunderbird, Nev.
Eglin, Fla.  Tidewater, Va.
Eglin, Fla.  Tucson, Ariz.
Eglin, Fla.  Tulsa, Okla.
Eglin, Fla.  United Kingdom, UK
Eglin, Fla.  Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
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