NATIONAL AEROSPACE AWARDS

Award and Recipients

H. H. Arnold Award
Most significant contribution by a military member to national defense
Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, USAF (Ret.), Former Commander, US Southern Command

W. Stuart Symington Award
Most significant contribution by a civilian in the field of national defense
Honorable Michael B. Donley, Former Secretary of the Air Force

John R. Alison Award
Most outstanding contribution by industrial leadership to national defense
X-51A WaveRider Program

David C. Schilling Award
Outstanding contribution in advancing flight activity
93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild AFB, Wash.

Theodore von Karman Award
Outstanding contribution in science and engineering
The Aerospace Corp., El Segundo, Calif.

Gill Robb Wilson Award
Outstanding contribution in arts and letters
Richard P. Hallion

Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award
Outstanding contribution in aerospace education
The USA Science and Engineering Festival

Thomas P. Gerrity Award
Outstanding contribution in systems and logistics
Lt. Col. Eduardo A. Quero, 86th Logistics Readiness Sq., Ramstein AB, Germany

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year
Outstanding performance by VA employee
Lauren Incontrera, Women Veterans Program Manager, VA Hudson Valley Health Care System, Montrose, N.Y.

Gen. George C. Kenney Award
Outstanding contribution in lessons learned
Warhawk Team, 4th Air Support Operations Sq., Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany

Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award
Outstanding aerial warfare tactician
Capt. Beau E. Diers, 55th Fighter Sq., Shaw AFB, S.C.

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

CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award
Most outstanding crew chief in the Air Force
SSgt. Jason S. Williams, 4th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence
Outstanding contribution toward warfare capability

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

PROFESSIONAL, CIVILIAN, MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Award and Recipients

AFMC Management Award—Executive Division:
Janet Tremelling, ICBM Flight Systems Division, Hill AFB, Utah

AFMC Management Award—Junior Division*:
Capt. Jason S. Henderson, Medium Altitude UAS Division, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

AFMC Management Award—Middle Division*:
MAj. Jason D. Webb, Minuteman III SRM Modernization Program Manager, Hill AFB, Utah

AFROTC Cadet of the Year:
Cadet Justin M. Ignacio, Det. 028, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year:

Chaplain Corps Award:
Capt. Chad A. Belclamy, 421st Air Base Group, RAF Menwith Hill, UK

Civilian Program Manager of the Year*:
Casey D. Sherman, ICBM Fuze Replacement Program, Hill AFB, Utah

Civilian Program Specialist of the Year*:
Special Agent Ryan D. Schilcher, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, JB Andrews, Md.

Civilian Senior Manager of the Year:
Gina M. Lavender, Deputy Commander, 436th Civil Engineer Sq., Dover AFB, Del.

Civilian Wage Employee of the Year*:
Brandon J. Bozeman, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., JB Charleston, S.C.

Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Mgmt.*:
Not awarded

Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Tech.*:
Not awarded

Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year:
Sonya R. Cage, Naples, Italy

Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing:
1st Lt. Agnes F. Liem, 87th Medical Operations Sq., JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians:
Lt. Col. Chad M. Hivnor, Medical Specialties Sq., JBSA-Lackland, Tex.

Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers:

Verne Orr Award for Human Resources:

*Presented at recipient’s location
The Gen. H. H. Arnold Award for most significant contribution by a military member to national defense was presented to retired Gen. Douglas Fraser, a former commander of US Southern Command.

AFA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizing a lifetime of work in the advancement of aerospace.

Engle flew more than 185 different types of aircraft, logging nearly 15,000 flying hours. As an astronaut, he also accumulated 224 hours in space. He was the only person to have flown two different winged space vehicles—the X-15 and the space shuttle—when he retired from active service in 1986, after which he served in the Air National Guard.

Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Tex.)
Johnson ranks among the few members of Congress to have fought in combat. During 29 years in the Air Force, he flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, receiving two Silver Stars and one Bronze Star Medal with Valor, among numerous other awards. He endured nearly seven years as a POW in Hanoi. Following his military career, he established a home-building business in Dallas and served in the Texas State Legislature.

The Arlington Ladies
Established as the USAF Arlington Committee in 1948 by Gen. and Mrs. Hoyt S. Vandenberg and organized by the Air Force Officers’ Wives’ Club, The Arlington Ladies ensure no airman’s funeral at Arlington National Cemetery goes unattended.

Air Force Association Chairman of the Board George Muellner (left) presented the W. Stuart Symington Award for most significant contribution by a civilian in the field of national defense to former USAF Secretary Michael Donley.

Muellner presented an AFA Lifetime Achievement Award to retired Maj. Gen. Joe Engle, a former astronaut who flew in more than 185 different types of aircraft during his career.

Honored as a group with an AFA Lifetime Achievement Award was the “The Arlington Ladies,” founded in 1948 by Gen. and Mrs. Hoyt Vandenberg and organized by the Air Force Officers’ Wives’ Club to assure that no airman’s funeral at Arlington National Cemetery goes unattended.

Rep. Sam Johnson (R-Tex.) was presented with an AFA Lifetime Achievement Award. Johnson served in both Korea and Vietnam, receiving two Silver Medals and one Bronze Star Medal with Valor device.
CITATIONS OF HONOR

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

Recipients and Achievements

Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, USAF (Ret.), NASA Astronaut and Former Commander of USSTRATCOM
With more than 34 years of distinguished service, Chilton’s accomplishments include being a reconnaissance pilot, an astronaut, and concluding his career as the Commander of US Strategic Command. As USSTRATCOM head, he oversaw not only the national strategic deterrence mission but also space and cyberspace missions. Chilton is a powerful and credible proponent of US nuclear modernization and a key figure in the reforming of the Air Force’s nuclear weapons management policy and procedures.

As Superintendent of the US Air Force Academy, Gould has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in his service to our country. This pilot, turned instructor pilot, turned military commander, has enabled those around him to develop and use their strengths to the best of their ability. His style of leadership is about empowerment, and in turn, those many airmen influenced by him have become better cadets, better pilots, and better Air Force leaders.

Lt. Gen. Larry D. James, USAF (Ret.), Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR)
Under James’ outstanding leadership, Air Force ISR accomplished an amazing transformation, removing the prohibitive stovepipe systems to enable the ISR community to deliver intelligence directly to combatant commanders. USAF ISR assets can now network to handle the incredibly large amounts of data going through tools that process, exploit, and disseminate that battlefield information. Achieving this most challenging mission objective of networking sets the US Air Force apart from others.


9th Bomb Squadron, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Tex.
While deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom, the 9th Bomb Squadron demonstrated outstanding combat effectiveness. The squadron executed 772 combat missions supporting coalition ground forces in more than 50 named operations. The unit’s actions resulted in a 99 percent air tasking order effectiveness rate and the most B-1 combat sorties on a single deployment in more than 10 years of sustained conflict. The squadron responded to more than 500 troops-in-contact situations with the enemy as close as 330 yards from friendly forces and delivered more than 400 weapons on 225 targets.

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President’s Award for AFRC
Best AFRC flying unit of the year
Maj. Mark J. Crowder and MSgt. Nicholas A. Alessandri, Det. 1, 926th Group, Creech AFB, Nev.

AFRC Unit Award
Best AFRC unit of the year
442nd Fighter Wing, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

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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
Leigh Wade, Va.
President Gary D. Metzinger

Medium Chapter
Lincoln, Neb.
President Mary A. McGahan

Large Chapter
Swamp Fox, S.C.
President David T. Hanson

Extra Large Chapter
Paul Revere, Mass.
President Keith M. Taylor

Outstanding State Organization
Virginia—President Peter E. Jones

Outstanding Chapters by Size

Small Chapter
Leigh Wade, Va.
President Gary D. Metzinger

Medium Chapter
Lincoln, Neb.
President Mary A. McGahan

Large Chapter
Swamp Fox, S.C.
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Unit Exceptional Service Awards

Best Single Program
Leigh Wade, Va.
President Gary D. Metzinger

Communications
Paul Revere, Mass.
President Keith M. Taylor

Community Partners
Meridian, Miss.
President Langford Knight

Community Relations
Leigh Wade, Va.
President Gary D. Metzinger

Overall Programming
Central Florida, Fla.
President Mike Liquori

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.
Central Florida, Fla.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, Tenn.
John C. Stennis, Miss.
Leigh Wade, Va.
Lincoln, Neb.
Montgomery, Ala.
Northern Shenandoah Valley, Va.
Paul Revere, Mass.
Swamp Fox, S.C.
Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
Wright Memorial, Ohio

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, 2013, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of July 1, 2012. This award is based on both the quantity of new members as well as sustained new member recruitment.

Chapter Award
John C. Stennis, Miss.
President Michael E. Bullington

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
South Alabama, Ala.
President Steven D. Carey

Medium Chapter
Golden Triangle, Miss.
President Richard T. Johnson

Large Chapter
John C. Stennis, Miss.
President Michael E. Bullington

Extra Large Chapter
David A. Terry Jr., Ark.
President Jerry Reichenbach

Chapter Larger Than 1,100
Langley, Va.
President Vincent P. Wisniewski

2013 AFA FIELD AWARDS

Board Chairman George Muellner and Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations Scott Van Cleef (fourth from right) present the Unit of the Year Award to Paul Revere Chapter President Keith Taylor and other members of the Massachusetts chapter.

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AFA Gold Life Membership
James M. McCoy

Member of the Year
Tim Brock

Distinguished Sustained Aerospace Education Award
Bonnie B. Callahan

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.

Presented in the field 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.

Exceptional Service Award
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.

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.

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Special Recognition

SUSTAINED NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT
These chapters have attained the quarterly new member recruitment goal for three consecutive quarters, extending from October 2012 to June 2013.

David D. Terry Jr, Ark.
Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial, Va.
Gen. E. W. Rawlings, Minn.
John C. Stennis, Miss.
Langley, Va.
Miami-Homestead, Fla.
Montgomery, Ala.
Paul Revere, Mass.
Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
South Alabama, Ala.
SUSTAINED NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT
These states have realized a growth in total membership from June 2012 to June 2013.

Alabama
Arkansas
Georgia
Idaho
Louisiana
Michigan
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Tennessee
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin

STATE GROWTH
These states have realized a growth in total membership from June 2012 to June 2013.

Alabama
Arkansas
Georgia
Idaho
Louisiana
Michigan
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Tennessee
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin

REGION GROWTH
These regions have realized a growth in total membership from June 2012 to June 2013.

North Central
Northeast
Northwest
Pacific

CHAPTER GROWTH
These chapters have realized a growth in total membership from June 2012 to June 2013.

Abilene, Tex.
Albany-Hudson Valley, N.Y.
Altoona, Pa.
Aitus, Okla.
Austin, Tex.
Big Sky, Mont.
Billy Mitchell, Va.
Birmingham, Ala.
Blue Ridge, N.C.
Bozeman, Mont.
Brig. Gen. F. W. Castle, N.J.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Chautauqua, N.Y.
Chuck Yeager, W.Va.
Columbia Palmetto, S.C.
Del Rio, Tex.
Dolomiti, Italy
Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial, Va.
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Fran Parker, N.M.
Genesee Valley, N.Y.
Hangar One, N.J.
Inland Empire, Wash.
Iron Gate, N.Y.
John C. Stennis, Miss.
Lewis E. Lyle, Ark.
Mel Harmon, Colo.
Mercer County, N.J.
Meridian, Miss.
Mifflin County, Pa.
Mount Clemens, Mich.
Pocono Northeast, Pa.
Pope, N.C.
Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
Sal Capriglione, N.J.
Sarasota-Manatee, Fla.
Snake River Valley, Idaho
South Alabama, Ala.
South Georgia, Ga.
Southwest
Total Force, Pa.

Chapter Retention Awards

Overall Retention Award

Small Chapter
Altoona, Pa.
President Thomas G. Baker

Medium Chapter
Total Force, Pa.
President Lee W. Niehaus

Large Chapter
Thomas B. McGuire, N.J.
President Maritza N. Mendoza

Extra Large Chapter
Ak-Sar-Ben, Neb.
President Timothy Adam

Chapter Larger than 1,100
Thunderbird, Nev.
President Robert Cunningham

First Year Retention Award

Small Chapter
Mifflin County, Pa.
President George Rheam

Medium Chapter
Total Force, Pa.
President Lee W. Niehaus

Large Chapter
Pope, N.C.
President Brian Wilson

Extra Large Chapter
Mount Clemens, Mich.
President Bill Day

Chapter Larger than 1,100
Mile High, Colo.
President Jennifer Clinkscales

Community Partner Challenge Award

Montgomery, Ala.
President James Harris

Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.
President Jerry McMahan

Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah
President Lacy Bizios

Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
President Juan Cruz

McChord Field, Wash.
President William Striegel

Eglin, Fla.
President Shannon Farrell

Northeast Texas, Tex.
President Vance Clarke

CyberPatriot Coach and Mentor of the Year

Open Division Coach
Joan Ozdogan
Chantilly Academy, Chantilly, Va.

Open Division Mentor
Ryan Walters
Falls Church, Va.

All Service Division Coach
William Beckman
Marine Military Academy MCJROTC, Harlingen, Tex.

All Service Division Mentor
Mitchell Thomas
San Antonio