

Awards

McDonnell Douglas President and CEO Harry C. Stonecipher accepts congratulations from National President Gene Smith on receiving the John R. Allison Award, AFA's highest honor for industrial leadership.



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Crew Awards and Special Citations

Award	Recipient(s)	Achievement	Accepted by
Lt. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault Award	Maj. Robert J. Beletic, 31st Fighter Wing (4190th Provisional Wing), Aviano AB, Italy	Best aerial warfare tactician	Maj. Robert J. Beletic
Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award	An aircrew of the 384th Air Refueling Squadron (KC-135), McConnell AFB, Kan.	Best air refueling aircrew	Capt. Glenn M. Farrar
Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award	Crew R-70, 96th Bomb Squadron, Barksdale AFB, La.	Best bomber aircrew	Capt. Russell F. Mathers
Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award	RC-135 Cobra Ball crew, 45th Reconnaissance Squadron (Crews R-04/R-15) and 97th Intelligence Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb.	Best reconnaissance crew	Capt. John M. Harrison and TSgt. Robert T. Brandriff
Gen. Thomas S. Power Award	Crew S-121, 742d Missile Squadron, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, N. D.	Best missile combat crew	Capt. Paul B. McArthur
Space Operations Award	Titan IV/K-15 Launch Crew, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.	Best space operations crew	Lt. Col. Michael E. Hatch
Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award	An aircrew of the 1st Helicopter Squadron, 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews AFB, Md.	Best strategic airlift crew	Capt. Michael W. Harding
USAF Test and Evaluation Team of the Year	C-17 Initial Operational Test and Evaluation Team	Best test team	Col. Donald M. Dessert, Jr., USAF (Ret.)

National Aerospace Awards

Award	Recipient(s)	Achievement
H. H. Arnold Award <i>AFA's highest honor in national security to a member of the armed forces</i>	Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Staff, USAF	Dynamic leadership as Chief of Staff of the US Air Force; instilling stability and confidence within the force; initiating a revolutionary planning process that will lead the Air Force into the twenty-first century with powerful, new, and critically needed capabilities.
W. Stuart Symington Award <i>AFA's highest honor in national security to a civilian</i>	Sen. Ted Stevens	Longtime, strong support of the US military during twenty-eight years in the US Senate; tireless efforts in support of USAF and its members, both uniformed and civilian, significantly enhancing national security.
John R. Alison Award <i>AFA's highest honor for industrial leadership</i>	Harry C. Stonecipher, President and CEO, McDonnell Douglas Corp., Saint Louis, Mo.	Acknowledged leadership in the defense community, fostering an appreciation of the contributions of industry to national security; superb management and leadership in reengineering McDonnell Douglas's business and production techniques; intense focus on affordability, innovation, and partnership, leading his company to prominence in aerospace and enhancing defense industrial resources.
David C. Schilling Award <i>outstanding contribution in flight</i>	9th Bomb Squadron, Dyess AFB, Tex.	Outstanding leadership in global power-projection capability by successfully executing mission Coronet Bat, a circumnavigation of the globe by B-1Bs, in record time, exemplifying US resolve and power and contributing significantly to US security.
Theodore von Kármán Award <i>outstanding contribution in science and engineering</i>	Gene H. McCall, Ph.D. Scientific Advisory Board, Washington, D. C.	Brilliant direction of the "New World Vistas" technology study. In the tradition of Dr. Theodore von Kármán's landmark effort, "Toward New Horizons," that set the stage for a post-World War II Air Force, Dr. McCall's contribution will significantly improve aerospace industry, USAF, and the nation's security.
Gill Robb Wilson Award <i>outstanding contribution in arts and letters</i>	552d Air Control Wing, Public Affairs Team, Tinker AFB, Okla.	Effective communication of the Air Force message while expertly handling public affairs requirements for more than a dozen events of national and international significance, including the Oklahoma City bombing, while meeting normal requirements in an outstanding fashion.
Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award <i>outstanding contribution in aerospace education</i>	Harold C. Stuart, Jensen Beach, Fla.	Distinguished and inspirational leadership for almost fifty years in support of Air Force education, particularly in connection with the establishment, policy direction, and guidance of the US Air Force Academy; determined efforts that led the Academy to the forefront as the premier military service undergraduate educational institution.
Thomas P. Gerrity Award <i>outstanding contribution in logistics</i>	Col. Thomas L. Barr, Barksdale AFB, La.	Strong leadership, superior performance, and dedication to duty as commander, 2d Logistics Group, Barksdale AFB, La., which provided exemplary support to the 2d Bomb Wing and thirty-six associate units.
Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year Award	Dr. Paul A. Heath, VA Regional Office, Muskogee, Okla.	Consummate professional performance as a counseling psychologist for the Veterans Affairs Regional Office, Muskogee, Okla., with duty at Oklahoma City, Okla.; selfless actions and compassion following the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. After freeing himself from the rubble, he made numerous trips back into the building to help carry out his wounded friends and co-workers and within days resumed his normal caseload.

Citations of Honor

Recipient(s)	Achievement
Lt. Col. James P. Callahan, Hq. USAF, Washington, D. C.	Outstanding contribution to the nation's ability to project airpower in crucial regions of the world; created an integrated test and evaluation concept that allowed early fielding of the advanced End Game Countermeasures System (EGCMS) for the F-16 aircraft, which increases protection against surface-to-air missile attack; successful fielding of the EGCMS on F-16s supporting Operation Deliberate Force, which flew more than 350 sorties with no losses to SAMs.
Darleen A. Druyun, Hq. USAF, Washington, D. C.	Spearheading the successful Lightning Bolt acquisition reform initiatives that are revolutionizing Air Force business practices, producing billions of dollars in documented savings, and setting the standard for acquisition administration in the Department of Defense.
Hon. Richard C. Holbrooke, Washington, D. C.	Significant contribution to US security interests while assistant secretary of state for European and Canadian Affairs; decisive support of airpower as an instrument of foreign policy during his negotiation of peace accords for the Balkans; advocacy of precision air strikes and ability to capitalize on the conclusive military results, giving the Balkans a genuine opportunity for enduring peace.
Maj. Gen. Charles D. Link, Hq. USAF, Washington, D. C.	Outstanding support to the Commission on Roles and Missions while serving as assistant deputy chief of staff, Plans and Operations; driving enthusiasm and ability to energize his staff, leading to better understanding of airpower across all services, the Joint Staff, and the Department of Defense.
Robin E. Pozniakoff, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.	Inspirational and effective leadership in the development of a Global Positioning System training simulator; superior management and efficient acquisition approach, resulting in a highly capable system deployed ahead of schedule and contributing to greater operational effectiveness of USAF.
Spacebased Infrared System Program Office, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.	Leading a renaissance in the nation's infrared space surveillance program and significantly contributing to the revolution in the Department of Defense acquisition system—providing the US and its allies with state-of-the-art space surveillance well into the twenty-first century.
31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB, Italy	Meritorious service in leading the 5,000-strong multinational, multiservice force in enforcing the UN's mandated no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina; flew more than 9,000 combat and support missions, despite adverse weather, twenty-four-hour operations, a congested airfield, and continual enemy threats; reengineered the wing's intelligence facility into what Department of Defense leaders have called the future of all intelligence facilities, the Wing Tactical Integration Planning facility.
37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany	Outstanding contribution to national defense through extraordinary support of numerous and diverse operations, exercises, and rescue missions in the European theater, fostering friendships among nations, building international teamwork, and preserving human life.
89th Airlift Wing Andrews AFB, Md.	Excellence in its primary mission of transporting senior government officials; outstanding support of the requirements of Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke's diplomatic efforts in the Balkans.

Management and Environmental Achievement Awards

Award	Recipient
AFMC Management	
AFMC Executive Management Award	Col. James H. Russell, Kelly AFB, Tex.
AFMC Middle Management Award	Col. Alan W. Schoolcraft, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
AFMC Junior Management Award	Capt. Michelle C. Miller, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
Environmental Achievement	
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Management)	Capt. James F. Grant, Jr., Andersen AFB, Guam
Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award for Environmental Excellence (Technical)	SSgt. Jeffery S. Caudill, Hill AFB, Utah

Professional, Civilian, and Educational Awards

Award	Recipient
CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award for Crew Chief of the Year	SSgt. Thomas G. Woller, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C ⁴ Excellence	Capt. Todd L. Glanzer, Ramstein AB, Germany
Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians	Lt. Col. J. Christopher Farmer, Lackland AFB, Tex.
Verne Orr Award for Human Resources	17th Training Wing, Goodfellow AFB, Tex.
Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing	Capt. Mona P. Mayrose, Pope AFB, N. C.
Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers	Douglas J. Heady, Hq. USAF, Washington, D. C.
Personnel Manager of the Year	A1C Michelle A. (Rieper) Brewer, Offutt AFB, Neb.
Civilian Wage Employee of the Year	Donald E. Wade, Luke AFB, Ariz.
Civilian Program Specialist of the Year	Sigrid J. Gobel, Rhein-Main AB, Germany
Civilian Program Manager of the Year	John Borodko, RAF Lakenheath, UK
Civilian Senior Manager of the Year	Diana Filliman, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.
AFROTC Cadet of the Year	Theodore R. Meek, Utah State University, Logan, Utah
CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year	Nicholas Kalair, Milan, Mich.
Diane O'Malley Angel of the Year	Mary Elizabeth Cardarette, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex.
Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year ...	Melissa R. Hagan, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award for Teachers	Susan L. Roche, Vernon, N. J.
Sam E. Keith, Jr., Aerospace Education Award of Excellence	General E. W. Rawlings Chapter, Minn.
George D. Hardy Award	Richard A. Ortega, Central Florida Chapter, Fla.
Outstanding Initiative in Visions of Exploration Program Award	Alamo Chapter, Tex.
Outstanding Visions of Exploration Chapter Award	Fort Worth Chapter, Tex.
Aerospace Education Foundation 1995-96 AFJROTC Winner	Del Campo High School, Fair Oaks, Calif.

Richard A. Ortega, winner of AEF's George D. Hardy Award, is all smiles as he receives thanks from AEF Board Chairman Thomas J. McKee (left) and applause from AEF President Walter E. Scott (right).



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Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Awards

Award	Recipient(s)	Achievement	Accepted by
Air National Guard Outstanding Unit	104th Fighter Wing, Barnes MAP, Mass.	Outstanding ANG unit of the year	Col. Thomas Astaldi
Air Force Reserve Outstanding Unit	419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah	Outstanding Reserve unit	Brig. Gen. David E. Tanzi
President's Award for the Air Force Reserve	A crew of the 64th Airlift Squadron, 928th Airlift Wing, O'Hare IAP/ARS, Ill.	Outstanding Reserve aircrew	MSgt. James F. Downey
Earl T. Ricks Award	A pararescue team of the 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett Federal Airfield, Calif.	Outstanding airmanship in the Air National Guard	CMSgt. Alan L. Williams
CMSgt. Dick Red Award	CMSgt. James H. Honeycutt McGhee Tyson Airport, Tenn.	Leadership and technical expertise in aircraft maintenance	CMSgt. James H. Honeycutt

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1996 Unit Activity Awards

Donald W. Steele, Sr., Memorial Award:
AFA Unit of the Year
Montgomery Chapter, Ala.

Outstanding State Organization
AFA Florida

Outstanding Chapters
Colorado Springs—Lance Sijan Chapter, Colo.
(more than 900 members)
Northeast Texas Chapter, Tex. (401–900 members)
On Wings of Eagles Chapter, Fla. (151–400 members)
Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Va. (20–150 members)

Exceptional Service Awards
Central Florida Chapter, Fla. (Aerospace Education)
Harry S. Truman Chapter, Mo. (Best Single Program)
Fort Worth Chapter, Tex. (Communications)
Ark-La-Tex Chapter, La. (Community Relations)
Cape Canaveral Chapter, Fla. (Overall Programming)
Maj. Gen. Oris B. Johnson Chapter, La. (Veterans' Affairs)



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Arthur C. Storz, Sr., Membership Awards

AFA's most prestigious membership awards are named for Arthur C. Storz, Sr., a former permanent AFA National Director, a Life Member, and a principal founder of the Ak-Sar-Ben (Neb.) Chapter. The Storz Membership Awards, made possible through a generous endowment to the Association by his son Art Storz, Jr., have been awarded for membership excellence based on criteria approved by AFA's Board of Directors for the year ending March 31, 1996.

Chapter Award

Presented to the AFA chapter that produces the highest number of new members during the twelve-month period ending March, 31, 1996, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of March 31, 1995. The chapter must also meet certain other minimum indicators of overall performance and excellence.

Long's Peak Chapter, Colo.

Individual Award

Presented to the AFA member who has done the most to promote AFA membership during 1995–96.

Col. Pharris "P. J." Johnson, USAF



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Opposite: Col. Pharris "P. J." Johnson, USAF (center), stands with President Smith (right) and AFA Chairman of the Board James M. McCoy after being presented with the Arthur C. Storz, Sr., Individual Membership Award. Above, Chapter President Roy A. Boudreaux thanks President Smith on behalf of the Montgomery (Ala.) Chapter, recipient of the Donald W. Steele, Sr., Memorial Award for being AFA's Unit of the Year.

The following chapters have qualified for these awards based on their recruitment of new members during the twelve-month period ending March 31, 1996.

Jack Gross Awards

These awards recognize 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 of ten is required.

- Small Chapter:** Northern Shenandoah Valley, Va.
- Medium Chapter:** Long's Peak, Colo.
- Large Chapter:** L. D. Bell Niagara Frontier, N. Y.
- Extra Large Chapter:** General B. A. Schriever Los Angeles, Calif.
- Chapter Larger than 1,500:** Tucson, Ariz.

Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment

These awards recognize chapters that have attained the quarterly new-member recruitment goal for three consecutive quarters, from October 1995 to June 1996.

- Anchorage, Alaska
- Ark-La-Tex, La.
- Boston, Mass.
- Cape Canaveral, Fla.
- Cape Fear, N. C.
- Central Florida, Fla.
- Central Missouri, Mo.
- Cochise, Ariz.
- Col. H. M. "Bud" West, Fla.
- Colorado Springs—Lance Sijan, Colo.
- Concho, Tex.
- Contrails, Kan.
- Eagle, Pa.
- Enid, Okla.
- Florida Highlands, Fla.
- Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Fresno, Calif.
- Gen. Charles L. Donnelly, Jr., Tex.
- General Robert E. Huyser, Colo.
- Greater Rockford, Ill.

- Grissom Memorial, Ind.
- Highpoint, N. J.
- Indian River, Fla.
- Kitty Hawk, N. C.
- Lawrence D. Bell Museum, Ind.
- L. D. Bell Niagara Frontier, N. Y.
- Leigh Wade, Va.
- Lloyd R. Leavitt, Jr., Mich.
- Lloyd Schloen Empire, N. Y.
- Long's Peak, Colo.
- Lufbery-Campbell, Germany
- Madison, Wis.
- Mel Harmon, Colo.
- Mercer County, N. J.
- Miami, Fla.
- Northeast Iowa, Iowa
- Northeast Texas, Tex.
- Northern Shenandoah Valley, Va.

- On Wings of Eagles, Fla.
- Ouachita, Ark.
- Panhandle AFA, Tex.
- Peace River, Fla.
- Permian Basin, Tex.
- Phoenix Sky Harbor, Ariz.
- Pioneer Valley, Mass.
- Richard Bong, Minn.
- Richard S. Reid, Ariz.
- Roanoke, Va.
- Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
- Sal Capriglione, N. J.
- Southern Indiana, Ind.
- Steel Valley, Ohio
- Thomas B. McGuire, Jr., N. J.
- Tri-County, N. J.
- Tucson, Ariz.
- Union Morris, N. J.
- William A. Jones III, Va.

Named in Memorial Tribute

USAF and AFA leaders and supporters and aviation pioneers who died during the past year

Capt. Christopher J. Adams
Nicholas J. Agneta
Lt. Col. Larry Albers
SSgt. Gerald V. Aldrich II
Maj. Gen. Rollen H. Anthis, USAF (Ret.)
1st Lt. Carlos A. Arriaga
Col. James T. Ashworth, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Robert P. Baumann, USAF (Ret.)
Col. James C. Beam, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. John W. Bedenbaugh, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Gen. Rufus L. Billups, USAF (Ret.)
Thomas E. Blount
Brig. Gen. Charles L. Booth, USAF (Ret.)
Thomas C. Bounds
Col. William M. Bowden
TSgt. Mark A. Bramer
SSgt. Scott A. Bresson
Dwight Brooks
Lt. Col. Clifford E. Brown, USAF (Ret.)
Hon. Ronald H. Brown
Noel Buckner
Harold W. Buker, Jr.
TSgt. Daniel B. Cafourek
Mary Elizabeth Cain
Sgt. Millard D. Campbell
SrA. Earl F. Cartrette, Jr.
Maj. Gen. Robert F. Cocklin, USA (Ret.)
Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Coleman, USAF (Ret.)
TSgt. Mark A. Collins
Charles W. Corddy
Capt. Hugh Cox IV
Laura Cox
Philip J. Curran
Capt. Ashley J. Davis
Maj. Gen. Esker K. Davis, USAF (Ret.)
SrA. Lawrence E. DeFrancesco
CMSgt. William F. Doan, USAF (Ret.)
Col. John H. Dunn, USAF (Ret.)
David S. Dunwoodie
Ruth Apperson Eaker
Capt. Kevin N. Earnest
Lt. Col. John Elder, Jr.
Col. John M. Etchemendy, USAF (Ret.)
SSgt. Robert Farrington, Jr.
TSgt. Patrick P. Fenning
Lt. Col. Alexander C. Field, Jr., USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Gen. John Foster, USAF (Ret.)
Aldo E. Frascoia
Adolf Galland
Dennis Gereighy, Jr.
Lt. Gen. Otto J. Glasser, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Gen. John C. Giraud, USAF (Ret.)
Max R. Goldsberry
Lt. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, USA (Ret.)
2d Lt. Benjamin T. Hall
Fred M. Hannah
Lt. Col. Alexander E. Harris, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. Maurice Harris, USAF (Ret.)
Capt. Leland T. Haun
MSgt. Michael G. Heiser
Maj. Gen. Elbert Helton, USAF (Ret.)
Maj. Douglas Hendrickson
Lt. Col. Alfred C. Herrera, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Edward Hillding, USAF (Ret.)
G. F. Steedman Hinckley
Maj. Gen. Henry L. Hogan III, USAF (Ret.)
TSgt. Bart L. Holmes, Sr.
Col. George S. Howard, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Edwin C. Humphreys, Jr., USAF (Ret.)
Thomas J. Humphrey
Maj. Gen. John Paul Hyde, USAF (Ret.)
Edwin A. Jerome
SSgt. Kevin J. Johnson
George L. Jones
Col. John R. Kane, USAF (Ret.)
Anna Westbye Keeler
TSgt. Shelly E. Kelly
SSgt. Ronald L. King
MSgt. Kendall K. J. Kitson, Jr.
Lt. Col. Richard G. Leary
Master Cpl. Joseph Jean-Pierre Legault
A1C Christopher B. Lester
Maj. Gen. Robert E. Linhard
Capt. Robert J. Long
Lt. Col. Geraldine E. Lyons, USAF (Ret.)
SMSgt. Edwin R. Mansberger, USAF (Ret.)
Mary Marr
Col. James E. Marquis, USAF (Ret.)
A1C Brent E. Marthaler
Col. B. Frank Mattingly, USAF (Ret.)
Wanda P. McKellar
A1C Brian W. McVeigh
Brig. Gen. Joe F. Meis, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Frank Merritt, USAF (Ret.)
SrA. Rick L. Merritt
Mary M. Meyer
Bonnie C. Meyers
Ivonne Wright Miller
A1C Peter J. Morgera
Brig. Gen. Hugh S. Moseley, ANG
Brig. Gen. Harold L. Neely, Sr., USAF (Ret.)
TSgt. Thanh V. Nguyen
David C. Noerr
MSgt. Stephen C. O'Connell
SrA. Billy R. Ogston
William A. Olsen
Col. Robert Overmyer, USMC (Ret.)
Col. William W. Overton
Capt. Bradley W. Paakola
David Packard
TSgt. Ernest R. Parrish
Sgt. David Lindsay Pitcher
Joyce Poetzl
Capt. Raymond B. Rajski, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. William R. P. Ransom, Jr.
Brig. Gen. John W. Richardson, USAF (Ret.)
A1C Joseph E. Rimkus
Capt. Glenn J. Rogers, Jr.
Mina Rose
Hon. Grant Sawyer
Capt. Timothy W. Shafer
Col. Richard J. Simpson, USAF (Ret.)
Col. Peter Sloan, USAF (Ret.)
CMSgt. Everett L. Smart, USAF (Ret.)
Amn. Jeshua C. Smith
Howard W. Smith
Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, USAF (Ret.)
SSgt. Michael J. Smith, Jr.
1st Lt. Paul Jordan Smith III
Louis J. Snow, Jr.
SSgt. Raymond O. Spencer, Jr.
Dorothy Starbuck
Albert E. Steensland
Amn. Thomas A. Stevens
Maj. Richard P. Stewart II
Lt. Col. Frank R. Stich, USAF (Ret.)
SMSgt. John Straub, USAF (Ret.)
Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Benjamin A. Strickland, Jr., USAF (Ret.)
Stan Summer
Col. Richard Moody Suter, USAF (Ret.)
TSgt. Charles D. Sweet, Jr.
Virginia Lee Sweetser
SrA. Jeremy A. Taylor
Maj. Marlon R. Thomas
TSgt. Timothy B. Thomas
Col. Sam P. Triffy
TSgt. Cheryl A. Turnage
Maj. Steven A. Tuttle
Edgar Ulsamer
TSgt. Brian K. Van Leer
Lt. Col. Allen "Jack" Warfield, Jr.
Amn. Darien F. Watson
William N. Webb
SrA. Joshua N. Weter
Sir Frank Whittle
Capt. Kimberly Jo Wielhouwer
A1C Justin R. Wood
A1C Joshua E. Woody
Maj. Gen. William B. Yancey, USAF (Ret.)
SSgt. Michael R. York
Col. (Dr.) George W. Young
Fred Zabatosky

Since 1986, AEF has honored the Teacher of the Year with the Christa McAuliffe Memorial Award. Here, 1996 winner Susan L. Roche of New Jersey accepts the award from Board Chairman McKee (left) and President Scott.



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Member of the Year

Tommy G. Harrison, Fla.

Gold Life Membership Card

John O. Gray, Washington, D. C.

Special Award

Hon. Rudy de Leon, Washington, D. C.
 Martin H. Harris, Fla.
 Gen. Robert T. Marsh, USAF (Ret.),
 Alexandria, Va.
 Richard A. Peterson, Washington,
 D. C.
 Hon. Barbara F. Vucanovich,
 Washington, D. C.

Presidential Citations

Christopher G. Bailey, Fla.
 James E. Callahan, N. Y.
 George H. Chabbott, Del.
 William D. Croom, Jr., Colo.
 Eugene B. Goldenberg, Pa.
 Alton V. Jones, N. C.
 Charlotte Loos, Tex.
 Craig R. McKinley, Fla.
 Bryan B. Paul, Fla.
 William L. Sparks, Fla.

Jack B. Flaig Communications Award

Kenneth D. Kelly, Fla.

Central East Region

Medal of Merit

Albert L. Barbero, Washington, D. C.
 Brig. Gen. Robert J. Boots, Del.
 Bill Fedor, Va.
 Sandra G. Grese, Washington, D. C.
 James T. Hannam, Va.

David S. Lutz, Va.
 Capt. Sam H. Montgomery, Jr., Va.
 Al Myers, Va.
 Herman N. Nicely II, W. Va.
 Fred W. O'Nions, Del.
 Susan Lynn Sanchez, Va.
 Gary L. Shanafelt, Va.
 Joel D. Thorvaldson, Va.
 Brig. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, Md.
 Harry Van Den Heuvel, Del.

Exceptional Service Award

William L. Anderson, Va.
 Sara J. Bonilla, Va.
 Mason S. Botts, Va.
 Brig. Gen. John A. Bradley, Va.
 CMSAF David J. Campanale, Md.
 Dale A. Green, Va.
 Kevin Jackson, Va.
 SMSgt. Gail Paich, Md.
 Richard F. Phillips, Va.
 John F. Ree, Va.
 Cathy B. Sparks, Washington, D. C.
 Donna Tinsley, Va.
 William A. Williams, Va.

Special Citations

130th Airlift Wing (ANG), W. Va.
 Jack G. Anderson, Del.
 Charles G. Durazo, Va.
 Robert J. Hill, W. Va.
 Elizabeth B. Kelley, Va.
 Richard E. Kyle, Del.
 Preston A. Leap, Del.
 Ronald H. Love, Del.
 Ellen H. Merilic, Va.
 Maureen Sealund, Del.
 Charles X. Suraci, Jr., Md.
 Emmett Venett, Jr., Del.
 Steve W. Welde, Del.
 Karen E. Wright, Md.

Far West Region

Medal of Merit

Richard Benoit, Nev.
 Russ P. Braudis, Hawaii
 Dr. Phillip Brieske, Hawaii
 Hector F. Evans, Ariz.
 Warren Gorman, Ariz.
 Bob Hancock, Hawaii
 Robert W. Hazlett, Ariz.
 Roger L. Jacks, Nev.
 Michael A. Johnson, Nev.
 Richard E. Jonas, Ariz.
 George L. King, Calif.
 Bones Marshall, Hawaii
 Jeff Okazaki, Hawaii
 Edwin W. Peura, Calif.
 Col. Kenneth R. Pribyla, Calif.
 Arvid "Schnack" Schnackenberg, Nev.
 John F. Wickman, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award

Bruce F. Bauer, Calif.
 Dr. Annie Jeter, Calif.
 Brig. Gen. Michael J. Peters, Calif.
 John R. Ransome, Calif.
 Don L. Schwartz, Nev.
 James I. Wheeler, Ariz.

Special Citations

Raymond D. Chuvala, Ariz.
 Glenn O. Plaumann, Ariz.

Great Lakes Region

Medal of Merit

Dr. Charles E. Hassel, Ind.
 Benjamin H. Hunter, Ill.
 Maj. Mark E. Israelitt, Ill.
 Capt. Sharon Johnson, Ohio
 Christine Kress, Ill.
 Joseph R. Lesniok, Jr., Ohio

Lyle W. Marschand, Ind.
Jennifer Ann May, Ill.
Linda McCullers, Ill.
Kim Olson, Ill.
George W. Simons, Ohio
Dana N. Willis, Ill.
Sandra Wolpert, Ohio

Exceptional Service Award

Charles E. Dougan, Sr., Ind.
Theodore O. Eaton, Ind.
Jennifer M. Frye, Ill.
Stephen B. Frye, Ill.
Fred Kubli, Jr., Ohio
John W. McCance, Ohio
Don McKellar, Ind.
Marcus R. Oliphant, Ind.
William L. Wilhelm, Ind.

Midwest Region

Medal of Merit

Frank P. Gonzales, Iowa
William M. Klein, Iowa
Michael F. Lacey, Jr., Iowa
Richard M. Snowden, Neb.
Roger A. Stolen, Iowa

Exceptional Service Award

Ronald Lenz, Iowa

Special Citations

Col. Ron Dardis, Iowa
Samuel M. Gardner, Kan.

New England Region

Medal of Merit

John J. Brooks, Jr., N. H.
John Calve, Conn.
John M. Franco, Mass.
James P. Joyce, Mass.
Brig. Gen. Dave Ladd, Vt.
Purnell Fred Ross, Jr., N. H.
Ralph "Wil" Williams, Mass.

Exceptional Service Award

James E. Anderson, Mass.
C. O. Bost, Jr., Mass.
Joseph Gosselin, Conn.
Robert B. Kennedy, Mass.

North Central Region

Medal of Merit

Ronald L. Garcia, N. D.
George E. Masters, N. D.
Cliff Sjolund, Jr., Minn.

Exceptional Service Award

Daniel McDowell, Minn.

Northeast Region

Medal of Merit

Robert C. Bienvenue, N. Y.
Harry B. Chamberlain, Jr., N. J.
Robert E. Grisnik, N. Y.
David F. Jaquish, Pa.
Sandy L. Sandlin, N. J.
J. Herbert Webb, N. J.
Zygmunt "Ziggie" Wozniak, N. J.

Exceptional Service Award

Alma A. Cannon, Pa.
Martin T. Capriglione, N. J.
Merritt E. Derr, Pa.
Vincent S. Fairlie, N. J.
William A. Mann, Jr., N. J.
Br. Leo Merriman, N. Y.
William W. Ramsay, N. J.

Northwest Region

Medal of Merit

Robert E. Baltzell, Wash.
Phil Giambri, Wash.
Bob Holloway, Wash.
Carl D. McIntyre, Mont.
Dale E. Seiber, Mont.
Richard A. Seiber, Wash.

Rocky Mountain Region

Medal of Merit

CMSgt. Rodney E. Ellison, Colo.
Michael Jackson, Utah
Irene Johnigan, Wyo.
Gay E. Hoervers, Colo.
Susan G. Schankel, Utah
James S. Strickland, Colo.
Howard Vasina, Colo.
Mark J. Worrick, Colo.

Exceptional Service Award

Debbie Canjar, Colo.
Irene Johnigan, Wyo.
Bob Rowland, Wyo.
Rick Schankel, Utah
Chuck Zimkas, Colo.

South Central Region

Medal of Merit

Thomas K. Albrecht, Ala.
Carl Bell, Tenn.
William A. Blanchard, Tenn.
John W. Glass III, Tenn.
Lew Hall, Tenn.
James E. Huggins, La.
T. L. Keal, La.
Joseph H. Nix, Jr., Ala.
John P. Sullivan, Ark.
George Vitzthum, Tenn.

Exceptional Service Award

Roy Boudreaux, Ala.
Dan F. Callahan III, Tenn.
Marleen Eddlemon, Ark.
Frank M. Lugo, Ala.

Southeast Region

Medal of Merit

Leland L. Adams, N. C.
Deborah Drazdowski, Ga.
Lewis M. Epperson, N. C.
Col. Pharris "P. J." Johnson, Ga.
Roderick Lenahan, S. C.
June G. Lowe, Ga.
Milt Markowitz, Fla.
John W. McDunnough, Fla.
Molly K. Moon, Fla.
Frank W. Morris, Fla.
David L. Pennoyer, Fla.
Joe Schroeder, Fla.
John M. Settle, S. C.
Raymond Trusz, Ga.
Lynn R. Wolfe, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award

Jeannie Austin, Fla.
Bobby E. Bates, Ga.
Robert E. Ceruti, Fla.
James L. DeRose, Fla.
Kenneth A. Frey, Fla.
Esther B. Gill, Fla.
Robert M. Grover, N. C.
Victoria Wilson Hunnicutt, Ga.
Jim Shipman, Fla.
John W. White, N. C.

Special Citations

Dave Grana, N. C.
Joseph Hardman, N. C.
Steven M. Sliwa, Fla.

Southwest Region

Medal of Merit

Capt. Lisa DeDecker, Tex.
1st Lt. David Goldstein, Okla.
1st Lt. Paige Howard, Okla.
Col. Marty Jubelt, Okla.
1st Lt. Deric V. Kraxberger, Okla.
Charles G. Kucera, Tex.
James C. Lloyd, Tex.
Capt. Ken McKellar, Tex.
Sandra A. Nichols, Okla.
Zyvonne D. Powell, Okla.
Capt. Joe Rector, Tex.
Kevin Sluss, Tex.
Jo Smith, Okla.
Arthur Valero, Tex.
Ed Vokes, Tex.

Exceptional Service Award

Capt. James R. Beamon, Tex.
Kaye Biggar, Tex.
Kenneth Calhoun, Okla.
Glenda Drake, Okla.
Norbert Gonzales, Sr., Tex.
Heidi Heilhecker, Okla.
Edward Kirkham, Jr., Tex.
Jan LaMotte, Okla.
Dennis Mathis, Tex.
Ron Stephen, Tex.

Special Citations

Sandra Gifford, Tex.

1996 Community Partner Membership Awards

These awards are presented to chapters with significant community outreach and are based on March 31, 1996, chapter membership totals.

President's Award

This award recognizes the chapter that has recruited the greatest percentage of Community Partners (in terms of chapter membership). Chapters must have a minimum of fifteen Community Partners to qualify.

Lloyd R. Leavitt, Jr., Mich.

Gold Awards

These awards recognize chapters that have a total number of Community Partners equal to or greater than six percent of overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners to qualify. The minimum number is determined by the chapter size.

Altus, Okla.
Cape Canaveral, Fla.
Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.
Col. H. M. "Bud" West, Fla.
Contrails, Kan.
Eagle, Pa.
Enid, Okla.
Florida Highlands, Fla.
Gen. Charles L. Donnelly, Jr., Tex.
General David C. Jones, N. D.
Jackson, Miss.
John W. DeMilly, Jr., Fla.
Llano Estacado, N. M.
Lloyd R. Leavitt, Jr., Mich.
Long's Peak, Colo.
Lubbock, Tex.
Northeast Texas, Tex.
On Wings of Eagles, Fla.
Peace River, Fla.
Pope, N. C.
Richard D. Kisling, Iowa

Richard S. Reid, Ariz.
Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
Scott Berkeley, N. C.
Total Force, Pa.

Achievement Awards

(Presented in the field)

These awards recognize chapters that have a total number of Community Partners equal to or greater than three percent of their overall chapter membership, with a minimum number of Community Partners to qualify. The minimum number is determined by the chapter size.

Ak-Sar-Ben, Neb.
Albuquerque, N. M.
Anchorage, Alaska
Ark-La-Tex, La.
Central Oklahoma (Gerrity), Okla.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
Concho, Tex.
Dacotah, S. D.
David D. Terry, Jr., Ark.
Delaware Galaxy, Del.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
Fort Wayne, Ind.
General B. A. Schriever Los Angeles, Calif.
Golden Triangle, Miss.
Inland Empire, Wash.
Langley, Va.
Montgomery, Ala.
Morgan S. Tyler, Fla.
Roanoke, Va.
South Georgia, Ga.
Suffolk County, N. Y.
Swamp Fox, S. C.
Thunderbird, Nev.
Tucson, Ariz.
Wright Memorial, Ohio

Former astronaut Joseph P. Allen IV (center), who flew on space shuttles Columbia and Discovery in the 1980s and is now chairman of Calspan SRL Corp., talks with children from Mantua Elementary School in Fairfax, Va. The students led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Convention.



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