



Air Force Association **National Awards 2011**

National Aerospace Awards

Award and Recipients

H. H. Arnold Award

For the most significant contribution by a military member to national defense

Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, US Transportation Command

W. Stuart Symington Award

For the most significant contribution by a civilian in the field of national defense

Rep. C. W. "Bill" Young (R-Fla.), US House of Representatives

John R. Alison Award

For the most outstanding contribution by industrial leadership to national defense

United Launch Alliance, for the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle

David C. Schilling Award

Outstanding contribution in advancing flight activity

USAF Aeromedical Evacuation Teams

Theodore von Karman Award

Outstanding contribution in science and engineering

Air Force Research Laboratory, for alternative fuels

Gill Robb Wilson Award

Outstanding contribution in arts and letters

TSgt. Nathan L. Gallahan, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award

Outstanding contribution in aerospace education

Brig. Gen. Dana H. Born, Dean of Faculty and **Collaborative Undergraduate Education Programs**, US Air Force Academy

Thomas P. Gerrity Award

Outstanding contribution in systems and logistics

Lt. Col. Sean K. Tyler, 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Dover AFB, Del.

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year

Outstanding performance by VA employee

Col. Stephen R. Holt, USAF (Ret.), Deputy Chief of Staff, VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas

Gen. George C. Kenney Award

Outstanding contribution in lessons learned

Air Force Fort Hood Follow-on Team, Hq. USAF, Manpower, Personnel, and Services, Washington, D.C.

Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award

Outstanding aerial warfare tactician

Capt. Joshua L. Kubacz, 510th Fighter Squadron, Aviano AB, Italy

Gen. Larry D. Welch Award

Outstanding contribution toward nuclear mission

Lt. Gen. Frank G. Klotz, USAF (Ret.), former commander, Air Force Global Strike Command

CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award

Most outstanding crew chief in the Air Force

SSgt. Bobby Elzie, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kunsan AB, South Korea

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence

Outstanding contribution toward warfighting capability

SSgt. Ira J. Begley III, 1st Air & Space Communications Operations Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

Professional, Civilian, Management, and Environmental Awards

Award and Recipients

Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians; Lt. Col. Jeremy W. Cannon, 59th Medical Operations Group, Lackland AFB, Tex.

Verne Orr Award for Human Resources; 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Sq., Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year; Sarah J. Greenlee, JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing; Capt. Angelique D. Simpson, 59th Medical Wing, Lackland AFB, Tex.

Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers; David E. Spowls, Office of Judge Advocate General, Washington, D.C.

Chaplain Corps Award; Capt. Chad W. Zielinski, Chaplain, US Air Force Academy, Colo.

Civilian Wage Employee of the Year;* Scott R. Reu, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., JB Charleston, S.C.

Civilian Program Specialist of the Year;* Christine E. Bushby, 42nd Force Support Sq., Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Civilian Program Manager of the Year;* Isaiah Whittaker, 533rd Training Sq., Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Civilian Senior Manager of the Year; Brenda W. Cook, 633rd Civil Engineer Sq., JB Langley-Eustis, Va.

AFMC Management Award—Executive Division; Col. William D. Hack, Propulsion Directorate, AFRL, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

AFMC Management Award—Middle Division;* Dirk J. Anderson, Integrated Tactical Warning/Attack Assessment (NORAD), Peterson AFB, Colo.

AFMC Management Award—Junior Division;* Joseph P. Lepine, B-52 Sustainment Div., Oklahoma City ALC, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Mgmt.;* Damiano Rigo, 31st Civil Engineer Sq., Aviano AB, Italy

Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Tech.;* Rodney T. Gilbert, 547th Intelligence Sq., Nellis AFB, Nev.

AFROTC Cadet of the Year; Cadet Col. Matthew B. Stazenski, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Ariz.

CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year; Cadet Capt. Robert J. Lewis, Great Mills, Md.

**Presented at recipient's location*

Citations of Honor

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

Recipients

James G. Clark, Director, ISR Innovations, Hq. USAF, Washington, D.C.

William A. Davidson, Administrative Assistant to SECAF, Washington, D.C.

621st Contingency Response Wing, JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

42nd Attack Sq., Creech AFB, Nev.

Richard P. Hallion

Lt. Gen. Donald C. Wurster, USAF (Ret.)

Achievement

One of DOD's leading experts in the fields of mission planning, commercial imagery, UAV applications, and computer modeling and simulations. Conceived the world's first deployable commercial imagery downlink system—Eagle Vision—and developed and fielded the Receive-Only Video Enhanced Receiver (ROVER, also seen as Remote Operated VER).

Senior career civilian advisor to the Secretary. Supports the 1,650-member Secretariat in the areas of manpower, organization, budget, supply, information operations, personnel and industrial security, security oversight for US treaty issues, special access programs, and anti-terrorism. Oversees the Secretary's contingency fund.

Executed 674 taskings at 49 worldwide locations, supporting humanitarian relief, the Iraq drawdown, and continued operations under Enduring Freedom and New Dawn, as well as large-scale coalition and joint exercises. Provided some of the first responders after the Haiti earthquake and aided the Gulf oil spill disaster response operations.

Provided more than 17,000 hours of ISR and close air support coverage, resulting in 144 kinetic strikes. Located 45 enemy weapon caches. Delivered armed reconnaissance for a major drug operation in Afghanistan, enabling seizure of 16.5 tons of opium and eliminating a critical Taliban resource.

Noted airpower historian and air-minded thinker. Distills for the layman the policy dynamics and technical elements surrounding aerospace issues. Highly involved in key airpower policy discussions, helping ensure air-minded thinking informs and shapes the national security and aerospace debate. Has written extensively, including some 15 books, and edited numerous publications.

Air Force career spanned 38 years, including leading Air Force Special Operations Command. Inducted into Order of the Sword. Recognized for support to his enlisted force, for providing the best equipment and best training, and for investing in quality-of-life programs.

Photos by Chuck Fazio



Gen. Duncan McNabb (r) receives the H. H. Arnold Award, from AFA Chairman of the Board Sandy Schlitt, for the most significant contribution by a military member to national defense.



United Launch Alliance President and CEO Michael Gass (center) receives the John R. Alison Award for outstanding contribution by industrial leadership to national defense, presented by Schlitt (l) and Alison's widow, Penni Alison.

Crew and Team Awards

Airborne Battle Management Crew: Crew 8, 128th Airborne Command & Control Sq. (JSTARS), 116th Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga. Best airborne battle management crew.

Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award: Crew of Woody 27, 9th Special Operations Sq., Eglin AFB, Fla. Best air refueling crew.

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award: Crew of Bone 21, 9th Bomb Sq., Dyess AFB, Tex. Best bomber crew.

Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award: Capt. Charles G. Cameron, 99th Reconnaissance Sq., Beale AFB, Calif. Best reconnaissance crew.

Gen. Thomas S. Power Award: Capt. Daniel R. Moore and 1st Lt. Stephen McVay, 90th Missile Wing, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo. Best missile crew.

Best Space Operations Crew: X-37B Orbital Test Vehicle Operations Crew, 3rd Space Experimentation Sq., Schriever AFB, Colo. Best space operations crew.

Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award: Crew of Moose 85, 14th Airlift Sq., JB Charleston, S.C. Best airlift crew.

Lt. Gen. Howard W. Leaf Award: Dragon Spear Operational Test Team, 18th Flight Test Sq., Hurlburt Field, Fla. Best test team.

AFA Lifetime Achievement Award

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

Heavy bombardment crews of World War II

Commando Sabre Operation fast forward air controllers—Call Sign Misty

Gen. Larry D. Welch, USAF (Ret.), former Chief of Staff and head of Strategic Air Command

Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, USAF (Ret.), defense consultant, former astronaut, and test pilot

Natalie W. Crawford, senior fellow and Project Air Force director at RAND Corp.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

Award and Recipients

CMSgt. Dick Red Award

Best ANG maintainer
CMSgt. Randall K. Wilkison, 153rd Maintenance Group, Wyoming ANG

Earl T. Ricks Award

Best ANG unit airmanship
Not awarded for 2011

Outstanding ANG Flying Unit

Top ANG unit of the year
171st Air Refueling Wing, Pennsylvania ANG

George W. Bush Award, Officer

Outstanding civilian employer
Lt. Col. Eric K. Pauer, Joint Forces Hq., Massachusetts ANG, and ITT Electronic Systems, Nashua, N.H.

George W. Bush Award, Enlisted

Outstanding civilian employer
Not awarded for 2011

President's Award for AFRC

Best AFRC flying unit of the year
Lt. Col. Michael J. Remualdo, Maj. Benjamin R. Evans, and SSgt. Ronald W. Davis, 465th Air Refueling Sq., Tinker AFB, Okla.

AFRC Unit Award

Best AFRC unit of the year
452nd Air Mobility Wing, March ARB, Calif.

AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Officer

Outstanding civilian employer
Maj. Tomas J. Sohayda, 96th Flying Training Sq., Laughlin AFB, Tex., and NetJets, Inc., Columbus, Ohio

AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Enlisted

Outstanding civilian employer
TSgt. Jeffrey B. LaFreniere, 482nd Civil Engineer Sq., Homestead ARB, Fla., and AT&T, Coral Springs, Fla.

2011 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

AFA Member of the Year



Steve Lundgren, Fairbanks, Alaska, was chosen as AFA Member of the Year. Lundgren served as National Treasurer for AFA for five years.

D. W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year: Lance P. Sijan, Colo.)



Kevin Estrem (center) accepts the D. W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award for AFA Unit of the Year, on behalf of the Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colo., from Justin Faiferlick (l), AFA Vice Chairman, Aerospace Education, and Schlitt.

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award

Presented to the AFA chapter producing the highest number of new members during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2011, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of July 1, 2010. This award is based on both the quantity of new members and sustained new-member recruitment.

Chapter Award

Miami-Homestead, Fla.
President Rodrigo Huete

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 of 10 is required.

Small Chapter

MiG Alley, South Korea
President Maria V. Leos

Extra Large Chapter

Paul Revere, Mass.
President Joseph Magnone

Medium Chapter

Miami-Homestead, Fla.
President Rodrigo Huete

Chapter Larger Than 1,100

Montgomery, Ala.
President Larry Carter

Large Chapter

Robert H. Goddard, Calif.
President Lee Barnby

EDUCATION AWARDS

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 Luke Ascherl

Medium Chapter

Lincoln, Neb. - President Mary McGahan

Large Chapter

Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo. - President Irene Johnigan

Extra Large Chapter

Central Florida, Fla. - President William Yucuis

Aerospace Education Achievement Award

Presented to chapters for outstanding achievement in aerospace education programming.

Montgomery, Ala.
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
Central Florida, Fla.
Hurlburt, Fla.
Fort Dodge, Iowa
Thomas W. Anthony, Md.
Gen. E. W. Rawlings, Minn.
John C. Stennis, Miss.
Blue Ridge, N.C.

David C. Jones, N.D.
Lincoln, Neb.
Albuquerque, N.M.
Wright Memorial, Ohio
Langley, Va.
Tidewater, Va.
Billy Mitchell, Wis.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.

2011 AFA Membership and Activity Awards (cont.)

Outstanding State Organization

Florida - President James B. Connors

Outstanding Chapters by Size

Small Chapter

Leigh Wade, Va.
President Gary Metzinger

Extra Large Chapter

C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.
President Paul Bonnier

Large Chapter

Paul Revere, Mass.
President Joseph Magnone

Unit Exceptional Service Awards

Best Single Program

Hurlburt, Fla.
President Dann D. Mattiza

Community Relations

Eglin, Fla.
President Howard Oakes

Communications

Central Florida, Fla.
President William Yucuis

Overall Programming

Hurlburt, Fla.
President Dann D. Mattiza

Community Partners

Meridian, Miss.
President Wilburt Easom

Veterans' Affairs

Lt. Col. B. D. "Buzz" Wagner, Pa.
President William Burns

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.

Altus, Okla.
Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.
Col. H. M. "Bud" West, Fla.
Enid, Okla.
Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.
Happy Hooligan, N.D.
Lance P. Sijan, Colo.
Leigh Wade, Va.

Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.
McChord Field, Wash.
Mercer County, N.J.
Meridian, Miss.
MiG Alley, South Korea
Montgomery, Ala.
Northeast Texas, Tex.
Steel Valley, Ohio
Swamp Fox, S.C.
William J. "Pete" Knight, Calif.

Individual Awards

Presented for outstanding service.

Distinguished Sustained Aerospace Education Award

Susan Mallett, Ala.

Lisa Pembleton, Va.
Bill Thomas, Md.
John Thomas, Md.
Jim Tubbs, Va.
Vince Wisniewski, Va.

Exceptional Service Award

Rene Bergeron, D.C.
Nancy Cribb, Va.
Frederick Knowles, Va.
Gavin MacAloon, Va.
Wade McRoberts, Va.
Jimmy Ruth, Va.
Stan Stevens, Va.

Chairman's Citation

Debbie Estrem, Colo.
Carlene Joseph, Wash.
Michael Peters, Calif.
Ronald Powell, S.C.
Walter Saeger, Utah
Jerry West, N.C.
William Yucuis, Fla.

Central East Region

Medal of Merit

Sam Bass, Md.
Joyce Byington-Clark, Va.
Timothy Callahan, Va.
Gina Giles, Va.
John Huggins, Md.
Kevin Lavin, Va.
Bill Oldham, Del.

Far West Region

Medal of Merit

Eugene Alfaro, Calif.
Lance Bleakley, Hawaii
Rex Moen, Calif.
Edward Nacey, Calif.
Dominic Napoli, Calif.
Kathy Phillips, Calif.
Nora Ruebrook, Hawaii
Sandy Stultz, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award

Ron Azarcon, Calif.
Ray Coughlin, Calif.
Richard Stultz, Calif.

Florida Region

Medal of Merit

Sharon Branch, Fla.
Gary Cornell, Fla.
Ransom Meriam, Fla.
Megan Tucker, Fla.
Barbara Walters-Phillips, Fla.
Ernest Webster, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award

Dann D. Mattiza, Fla.
Steve Czonstka, Fla.

Great Lakes Region

Medal of Merit

Mary Bloyd, Ohio
Richard Mrozinski, Ind.
Gerald Romine, Ind.
Natalie Ross, Ind.
Craig Spanburg, Ind.
Lori Stone, Ohio
Robert Van Hook, Ohio

Exceptional Service Award

Jeff Liffick, Ohio

Midwest Region

Medal of Merit

Luke Ascherl, Iowa
Exceptional Service Award
John Daly, Neb.
Ron Major, Iowa
Robert Tovado, Neb.

New England Region

Medal of Merit

William Hassey, Mass.
Marlene Jarvis, Mass.
Christopher Jones, Mass.
Paul Zauner, Mass.

Exceptional Service Award

Richard Codling, Mass.
Amanda Gustafson, Mass.
Alan Shoemaker, N.H.

North Central Region

Medal of Merit

Bonnie Goldschmidt, N.D.
Daniel Murphy, Minn.
Lois Nelson, N.D.
David Pohlen, Minn.
Exceptional Service Award
Ron Garcia, N.D.
Paul Goldschmidt, N.D.
Robert McGonigal, Minn.

Northeast Region

Medal of Merit

Jo Bair, N.J.
Emily Brand, N.J.
Jerry Iacona, N.J.
Howard Leach, N.J.
Douglas Lengenfelder, Pa.
Stephen Lipski Jr., N.J.
Mary Lower, N.J.
Norman Mathews, N.J.
Joseph Pow, N.Y.
Alfred Smith, N.Y.
Exceptional Service Award
William Burns, Pa.

Northwest Region

Medal of Merit

Roger Cory, Wash.
Jeannie Dougherty, Wash.
David Lobban, Wash.
Regina McDaniel, Wash.
Bruce Seiber, Wash.

Exceptional Service Award

Robert Branscomb, Wash.

Rocky Mountain Region

Medal of Merit

Judee Albert, Colo.
Edward Felleson, Utah
Carol Holland, Wyo.
Charlie Parker, Utah
Henry Scarangella, Colo.
Leslie Swidecki, Wyo.
Mary Thompson, Wyo.

Exceptional Service Award

Jeanin Damery, Colo.
Robert George, Utah
David Shiller, Colo.
Brandon Strong, Utah

South Central Region

Medal of Merit

Joe Andrew, Ala.
Guy Broadhurst, Ala.
George Carrithers, Ark.
Gary Connor, Ala.
Debbie Dahl, Ala.

Exceptional Service Award

Russell Lewey, Ala.
Betty McCoy, Ala.
Wes Padgett, Ala.
Arthur Wellinger, Ark.

Southeast Region

Medal of Merit

Michael Hartsfield, N.C.
Alicia Hughes, N.C.
Michael Hughes, S.C.
Gilbert Slack, N.C.

Exceptional Service Award

Lew Feuerstein, N.C.
Sam Finklea, S.C.

Southwest Region

Medal of Merit

Jo Ellen Braner, Nev.
Gene Fenstermacher, Ariz.
Gregory Fertig, N.M.
G. Dwight Harp, N.M.
H. W. "Bill" Ryan, Ariz.
Daniel Whalen, N.M.
Exceptional Service Award
Harry Bailey, Ariz.
Joe Marvin, Ariz.
Thomas Rowney, Ariz.

Texoma Region

Medal of Merit

Tammy Bryant, Tex.
Mary Feightner, Okla.
Stan Griel, Okla.
Robert Kjar, Tex.
David Pope, Tex.
Douglas Nelson, Tex.
Mark Tarpley, Okla.
Exceptional Service Award
Riq Baldwin, Okla.
William Coggins, Tex.
Kelly Jones, Tex.
Jerry McMahan, Okla.
Scott Northcutt, Okla.