

# The Outstanding Airmen

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**T**HE Air Force Outstanding Airman award is an annual program that recognizes 12 outstanding enlisted personnel for superior leadership, job performance, community involvement, and personal achievements.

The program was initiated at the Air Force Association's 10th annual National Convention, held in New Orleans in 1956.

The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and the command chief master sergeants from each USAF major command form the selection board. The selections are reviewed by the Air Force Chief of Staff.

The 12 selectees are awarded the Outstanding Airman ribbon with the bronze service star device and wear the Outstanding Airman badge for one year.

**SMSgt. Timothy C. Bosch.** Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Protection Flight, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii (Pacific Air Forces)—Named Air Force Civil Engineer Military Superintendent of the Year for outstanding supervision of 60 military and civilian firemen. ... Advocated emergency medical training, resulting in 28 firemen becoming nationally certified. ... Directed fire-fighting effort when an F-15 burst into flames, saving the \$40 million aircraft.

**SMSgt. Cathryn L. Casto.** Superintendent, Management and Systems Flight, 347th Supply Squadron, Moody AFB, Ga. (Air Combat Command)—Maintained superb accountability for supplies, equipment, and fuel for A-10, F-16, HC-130, and HH-60 aircraft. ... Streamlined the receiving process of more than 3,000 monthly receipts. ... Proposed a work around solution to a software problem that was adopted for all ACC bases.

**SrA. Cyril R. Charity Sr.** Security Forces Specialist, 113th Security Forces Squadron, Andrews AFB, Md. (Air National Guard)—Raised the mission capable rate from 40 percent to 95 percent for the squadron's all-terrain vehicles. ... Selected as deployment manager, organizing and directing squadron deployments for Southern Watch (Saudi Arabia) and

Cope Thunder (Alaska and Korea). ... Helped the squadron and the 113th Wing achieve the highest scores by an ANG unit for the 1999 unit compliance inspection.

**SMSgt. Daniel F. Cooler.** Operations Superintendent, 32nd Intelligence Squadron, Ft. Meade, Md. (Air Intelligence Agency)—Transformed staff into a motivated, professional intelligence corps at National Security Agency's intelligence production and reporting center. ... Set clear goals and examples for senior and junior enlisted personnel. ... Directed Conventional Remote Operations Facility's Y2K planning. ... During a sudden power outage, key missions were safely transferred and intelligence coverage maintained.

**MSgt. Rocky D. Dunlap.** Chief, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, 62nd Civil Engineer Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash. (Air Mobility Command)—Identified the explosive device smuggled into the US by a suspected terrorist and provided authorities with information about its connection to a terrorist cell. ... Directed explosive ordnance disposal and searches by security dogs at the World Trade Organization talks in Seattle. ... Enhanced security for Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, by using actual munitions planted in vehicles during training for security dogs.



*The 2000 USAF Outstanding Airmen line up at the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon. They are (l-r) MSgt. Rocky Dunlap, SMSgt. Daniel Cooler, MSgt. Paul Sanchez, SrA. John Jordan, SMSgt. Cathryn Casto, SSgt. Tammy Stiles, SSgt. Jasmin Wiltshire, SSgt. Susan Robinson, TSgt. Matthew Marshall, SrA. Cyril Charity Sr., SMSgt. Timothy Bosch, and SSgt. Michael Solyom.*

**SrA. John M. Jordan.** Pararescuer, 321st Special Tactics Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, UK (Air Force Special Operations Command)—Awarded the Bronze Star for his participation in the rescue of the downed F-117 pilot during Allied Force. ... Assisted in humanitarian relief missions for refugees in Albania in support of Shining Hope. ... Administered lifesaving emergency care in a traffic accident while participating in a New Orleans Health Department's ambulance ride-along program.

**TSgt. Matthew M. Marshall.** Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Fuels Distribution, 52nd Supply Squadron, Spangdahlem AB, Germany (US Air Forces Europe)—Assumed the duties of an operations superintendent. ... Led servicing of 1,573 aircraft with nearly 2 million gallons of jet fuel for Allied Force. ... Supervised 31 personnel in distribution section, normally a master sergeant's job. ... Directed fuel servicing of 14,000 aircraft, with an average response time of 11 minutes, well above the 30-minute standard.

**SSgt. Susan A. Robinson.** Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Civil/Environmental Law Divisions, San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Kelly AFB, Tex. (Air Force

Materiel Command)—Directed USAF's largest law center during a lengthy absence of the law office manager, a master sergeant position. ... Established a litigation support unit to handle a multimillion dollar union grievance alleging asbestos exposure. ... Managed the Military Justice Division, processing several special and general courts-martial actions. ... Organized staff to expedite wills and powers of attorney for 159 clients deploying on short notice for Allied Force.

**MSgt. Paul S.N. Sanchez.** Supervisor, Command-and-Control Radio and Television Systems, Air Force Pentagon Communications Agency, Washington, D.C.—Managed audiovisual systems for National Military Command Center. ... Served as lead manager for the center's emergency conference room renovation and video upgrade. ... Installed interface for two command-and-control computer terminals to show simultaneous displays of Allied Force war operations plans and battle damage assessments. ... Completed all technology upgrade projects ahead of schedule.

**SSgt. Michael M. Solyom.** Computer Programmer, 17th Training Support Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Tex. (Air Education and Training Command)—Devised a new interactive courseware program, "Multime-

dia Lessons," earning praise from AETC's inspector general. ... Trained 20 interactive courseware developers. ... Developed a new interactive courseware tracking database for labor costs and production reports.

**SSgt. Tammy M. Stiles.** Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Family Advocacy Clinic, 60th Medical Operations Squadron, Travis AFB, Calif. (AMC)—Spearheaded a suicide-awareness education program, revised course material, and streamlined training aids. ... Established a curriculum for managing stress from critical incidents, and trained more than 200 individuals in management of traumatic events. ... Chosen over four others for NCOIC position of Family Advocacy Clinic.

**SSgt. Jasmin D. Wiltshire.** Public Health Journeyman, 45th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla. (Air Force Space Command)—Selected as 1999 AFSPC Public Health Airman of the Year. ... Managed 400-personnel hospital employee health program. ... Achieved 98 percent occupational health exam compliance rate, far above USAF norm of 80 percent. ... Conducted 33 environmental and sanitation inspections at base food and public facilities, identified FDA discrepancies, retrained workers, and initiated corrections. ■