



# Air Force Association **National Awards 2010**

## National Aerospace Awards

### Award

#### H. H. Arnold Award

*AFA's highest honor in national security to a member of the armed forces*

#### W. Stuart Symington Award

*AFA's highest honor in national security to a civilian*

#### John R. Alison Award

*AFA's highest honor for industrial leadership*

#### AFA Chairman's Aerospace Education Award

*For long-term commitment to aerospace education*

#### Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award

*Outstanding performance in aerial warfare tactics*

#### David C. Schilling Award

*Outstanding contribution advancing flight activity*

#### Theodore von Karman Award

*Outstanding contribution in science and engineering*

#### Gill Robb Wilson Award

*Outstanding contribution in arts and letters*

#### Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award

*Outstanding contribution in aerospace education*

#### Thomas P. Gerrity Award

*Outstanding contribution in systems and logistics*

#### Gen. Larry D. Welch Award

*Significant impact on USAF's nuclear enterprise*

#### Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year

*Outstanding performance by VA employee*

### Recipients

**Lt. Gen. David A. Deptula**, DCS, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance

**Dr. John J. Hamre**, President and CEO, Center for Strategic and International Studies

**Raytheon Co.**

**USA TODAY**

**Capt. Colby B. Edwards**, 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano AB, Italy

**Battlefield Airmen and Security Forces**

**Airborne Laser Test Bed**

**Col. John Andreas Olsen**, Royal Norwegian Air Force

**CyberPatriot**, Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (UTSA), Science Applications International Corp., and Northrop Grumman

**Lt. Col. Danny P. Johnson**, 75th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Hill AFB, Utah

**SMSGt. John M. Oblinger**, Directorate of Security Forces, Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, USAF, Pentagon

**Dr. Irene Trowell-Harris** (retired USAF major general), Center for Women Veterans, Washington, D.C.

## Professional, Management, Civilian, Environmental, and Safety Awards

**Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence**; MSgt. Robert L. Hopkins, 24th Special Tactics Sq. (AFSOC), Pope AFB, N.C.

**Gen. George C. Kenney Award**; Sentinel Focus Project Team, 480th ISR Wing, JB Langley, Va.

**CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award**; SSgt. Damon T. Thurman, 56th AMXS, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.

**Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians**; Lt. Col. Christopher P. Paulson, 51st Medical Group, Osan AB, South Korea

**Verne Orr Award for Human Resources**; 1st Helicopter Sq., 316th Wing, JB Andrews, Md.

**Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing**; Capt. Gary C. Webb, 10th Medical Group, US Air Force Academy, Colo.

**Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers**; Col. Tonya Hagmaier, Cmndt., Judge Advocate General School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

**Civilian Wage Employee of the Year\***; Eric W. Straight, 1st Special Ops Equipment Mx Sq., Hurlburt Field, Fla.

**Civilian Program Specialist of the Year\***; Christopher J. Deanes, 24th STS (AFSOC), Pope AFB, N.C.

**Civilian Program Manager of the Year\***; Gary D. Strickland, Chief, Airman & Family Readiness Center, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

**Civilian Senior Manager of the Year**; David L. Dias, Chief, Logistics Technology Integration Division, Scott AFB, Ill.

**AFROTC Cadet of the Year**; Andrew Swisshelm, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

**CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year**; Alexa Solorio, Santa Cruz County Composite Sq., Arizona, Civil Air Patrol

**Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year**; Mara C. Wight, Spangdahlem AB, Germany

**Air Force Chaplain Corps Award**; Capt. James W. Galyon, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Tex.

**AFMC Management Award—Executive Division**; Scott E. Farnsworth, 653rd Electronic Systems Group, Hanscom AFB, Mass.

**AFMC Management Award—Middle Division\***; Darrell B. Moore, 735th Supply Chain Mgmt. Group, JB Langley, Va.

**AFMC Management Award—Junior Division\***; Capt. Robert D. Carden, 308th Armament Systems Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

**Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Mgmt.\***; Tammie L. Boyd, 10th Medical Group, US Air Force Academy, Colo.

**Gen. E. W. Rawlings Environmental Award—Tech.\***; Mark A. Ross, 75th Civil Engineer Sq., Hill AFB, Utah

**SECAF Safety Award—Category I**; Air Mobility Command, headquartered at Scott AFB, Ill.

**SECAF Safety Award—Category II**; US Air Force Academy, Colo.

*\*Presented at recipient's location*



Photo by Guy Aceto

**Women Airforce Service Pilot Lorraine Rodgers acknowledges salutes snapped by the commanders of USAF's major commands. The WASPs received an AFA Lifetime Achievement award.**



Photo by Chris Cross

**Left: Andrew Marshall (left), director of DOD's Office of Net Assessment, receives the AFA Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by AFA Board Chairman Joesph Sutter.**



Photo by Guy Aceto

**Right: Walter Boyne, aviation historian, writer, and former director of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, accepts his AFA Lifetime Achievement Award.**



Photo by Guy Aceto

**Lt. Gen. David Deptula (left), deputy chief of staff for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, is presented with the H. H. Arnold Award by Sutter.**



Photo by Guy Aceto

**William Swanson, chairman and CEO of Raytheon (left), accepts the John R. Alison Award for industrial leadership on behalf of his company. Presenting the award are John Alison (center) and Sutter.**



Photo by Chris Cross

**John Hamre (left) was honored with the W. Stuart Symington Award for contributions to national security. Retired Gen. Lawrence Skantze (right), former head of Air Force Systems Command, received an AFA Lifetime Achievement Award.**

## Crew and Team Awards

**Airborne Battle Management Crew;** Crew 4, 12th Airborne Command & Control Sq., 116th Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, Ga. Best airborne battle management crew.

**Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award;** Crew of DADDY 05, 711th Special Operations Sq., 919th Special Operations Wing (AFRC), Eglin AFB, Fla. Best air refueling crew.

**Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award;** Crew of BONE 21, 37th Bomb Sq., 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, S.D. Best bomber aircrew.

**Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award;** Crew of TORA 62, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb. Best reconnaissance crew.

**Gen. Thomas S. Power Award;** Capt. Hameer H. Thatte and Capt. Adrian A. Zollinger, 91st Operations Support Sq., 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, N.D. Best missile combat crew.

**Best Space Operations Crew;** GPS IIR-21 Operations Crew, 45th Space Wing, Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla. Best space operations crew.

**Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award;** Crew of DADDY 05, 711th SOS, 919th SOW (AFRC), Eglin AFB, Fla. Best airlift aircrew.

**Lt. Gen. Howard W. Leaf Award;** Electronic Warfare Test Division, 28th Test & Evaluation Sq., 53rd Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla. Best test team.

## Citations of Honor

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

Recipients	Achievement
Air Force Research Institute, Maxwell AFB, Ala.	Helped improve USAF, joint, and allied combat capability through independent research, studies and analyses, and outreach and engagement through domestic and international conferences.
Air Force Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities (TENCAP), Schriever AFB, Colo.	Produced 46 projects enabling \$69.7 million worth of combat capabilities, including development of a unique high-value target tracking method that has been adopted by the National Security Agency as a new national standard.
Project Liberty Team, Majors Field, Greenville, Tex.	Managed the monumental acquisition effort to rapidly field a fleet of specialized intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance aircraft (MC-12W) in Southwest Asia, where, in their first eight months, they logged more than 14,600 combat hours.
SOF-CSAR Fixed Wing Aircraft Sustainment Team, Warner Robins ALC, Robins AFB, Ga.	Provided rapid solutions for four urgent operational needs: deploying data links on HC-130 rescue tankers, developing a networking suite for the CV-22, fielding an overt marking laser on the AC-130 gunship, and equipping the MC-130W for armed surveillance missions.
55th Electronic Combat Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	Delivered nonkinetic offensive electronic strikes for operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, surpassing 41,200 flying hours and 6,400 combat missions with 14 EC-130 aircraft—Air Combat Command's most deployed fixed wing group.
Charles R. Henderson, deputy assistant chief of staff, strategic deterrence and nuclear integration, USAF, Pentagon	Led strategic deterrence and nuclear revitalization efforts, with stewardship of more than 1,500 critical tasks, and drove planning for the stand-up of Air Force Global Strike Command.

## Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command Awards

Award	Recipient	Achievement/Employer
CMSgt. Dick Red Award	CMSgt. Anthony M. Palla Jr., 130th Aircraft Maintenance Sq., West Virginia ANG	Best ANG maintainer
Earl T. Ricks Award	Not awarded for 2010	Best ANG unit airmanship
Outstanding ANG Unit	176th Operations Group, Kulis ANGB, Alaska	Top ANG unit of the year
George W. Bush Award, Officer	Not awarded for 2010	
George W. Bush Award, Enlisted	MSgt. Peter N. Vatistas, 157th Security Forces Sq., New Hampshire ANG	Tyco Electronics Subsea Communications, headquartered at Morristown, N.J.
President's Award for AFRC	Crew of PISTN 52, 927th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill AFB, Fla.	Best AFRC aircrew of the year
AFRC Unit Award	916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.	Best AFRC unit of the year
AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Officer	Lt. Col. Brent E. French, 6th SFS, MacDill AFB, Fla.	Lexmark Intl., US headquarters in Lexington, Ky.
AFRC Citizen Airman Award, Enlisted	SMSgt. Darren A. Thews, 945th AMXS, Travis AFB, Calif.	United Airlines, headquartered in Chicago

## 2010 AFA Membership and Activity Awards

### AFA Member of the Year



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**L. Boyd Anderson (center)** was named AFA Member of the Year. Congratulating him are Sutter (left) and James Lauducci, AFA Vice Chairman of the Board, Field Operations.

### D. W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year: C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.)



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**Richard Stultz**, president of the C. Farinha Gold Rush Chapter, wears the Unit of the Year award patch on his blazer.

## 2010 AFA Membership and Activity Awards (cont.)

### 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, 2010, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of July 1, 2009.

**Chapter Award**  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

President Luke T. Ascherl

**Individual Award**  
Richard Ortega,  
Florida

### AFA National Aerospace Teacher of the Year

**Allen Robnett**  
Gallatin, Tenn.



### 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**  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

President Luke T. Ascherl

**Medium Chapter**

Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.

President James Bowman

**Large Chapter**

Gen. B. A. Schriever-LA, Calif.

President Nancy Fitzgerald

**Extra Large Chapter**  
Montgomery, Ala.

President James E. Dotherow

**Chapter Larger Than 1,500**

Lance P. Sijan, Colo.

President Kevin D. Estrem

## 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

**Medium Chapter**  
Lincoln, Neb.

**Large Chapter**  
Swamp Fox, S.C.

**Extra Large Chapter**  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Wright Memorial, Ohio

### Aerospace Education Achievement Award

Presented to chapters for outstanding achievement in aerospace education programming.

Albuquerque, N.M.

Blue Ridge, N.C.

C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.

Central Florida, Fla.

Fort Dodge, Iowa

Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.

Hurlburt, Fla.

Langley, Va.

Lincoln, Neb.

McChord, Wash.

Montgomery, Ala.

Swamp Fox, S.C.

Thomas W. Anthony, Md.

Wright Memorial, Ohio

### Outstanding State Organization

Florida

President James B. Connors

### Outstanding Chapters by Size

**Small Chapter**

(20-200 members)

Fort Dodge, Iowa

President Luke Ascherl

**Medium Chapter**

(201-400 members)

Altus, Okla.

President Richard Baldwin

**Large Chapter**

(401-900 members)

Hulburt, Fla.

President Dann D. Mattiza

**Extra Large Chapter**

(901+ members)

Langley, Va.

President John Murphy

### Unit Exceptional Service Awards

**Best Single Program**

Paul Revere, Mass.

President Joseph Magnone

**Communications**

Central Florida, Fla.

President William Yucuis

**Community Partners**

Leigh Wade, Va.

President Gary Metzinger

**Community Relations**

Eglin, Fla.

President Jeffrey L. Fanto

**Overall Programming**

Hurlburt, Fla.

President Dann D. Mattiza

**Veterans' Affairs**

Altus, Okla.

President Richard Baldwin

### Special Recognition—Sustained New Member Recruitment

Ninety-eight chapters have attained the quarterly new member recruitment goal for three consecutive quarters, extending from October 2009 to June 2010. The full listing can be found online at [www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp](http://www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp).

### Special Recognition—State Growth

Seventeen states have realized a growth in total membership from June 2009 to June 2010. The full listing can be found online at [www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp](http://www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp).

### Special Recognition—Chapter Growth

Eighty-six chapters have realized a growth in total membership from June 2009 to June 2010. The full listing can be found online at [www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp](http://www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp).

### Special Recognition—Region Growth

Eight regions have realized a growth in total membership from June 2009 to June 2010. The full listing can be found online at [www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp](http://www.afa.org/members/mawds.asp).

**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

**Community Partner Membership Awards**

**Gold Award**

*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.*

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Altus, Okla.                       | Lance P. Sijan, Colo.            |
| Central Oklahoma, Okla.            | Leigh Wade, Va.                  |
| Chautauqua, N.Y.                   | Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., Mich.      |
| Cheyenne Cowboy, Wyo.              | McChord Field, Wash.             |
| Col. H. M. "Bud" West, Fla.        | Mercer County, N.J.              |
| Enid, Okla.                        | Meridian, Miss.                  |
| Fairbanks Midnight Sun, Alaska     | MiG Alley, South Korea           |
| Fort Dodge, Iowa                   | Montgomery, Ala.                 |
| Fort Wayne, Ind.                   | Northeast Texas, Tex.            |
| Gen. Charles L. Donnelly Jr., Tex. | Steel Valley, Ohio               |
| Gen. David C. Jones, N.D.          | Swamp Fox, S.C.                  |
| Golden Triangle, Miss.             | Ute-Rocky Mountain, Utah         |
| Happy Hooligan, N.D.               | William J. "Pete" Knight, Calif. |

**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.*

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| C. Farinha Gold Rush, Calif.    | Red Tail Memorial, Fla. |
| Carl Vinson Memorial, Ga.       | Total Force, Pa.        |
| Cochise, Ariz.                  |                         |
| Florida Highlands, Fla.         |                         |
| Frank Luke, Ariz.               |                         |
| Gen. B. A. Schriever-LA, Calif. |                         |
| Hurlburt, Fla.                  |                         |
| Joe Walker-Mon Valley, Pa.      |                         |
| Lagley, Va.                     |                         |
| Mel Harmon, Colo.               |                         |
| Paul Revere, Mass.              |                         |
| Richard D. Kising, Iowa         |                         |
| Robert H. Goddard, Calif.       |                         |
| Shooting Star, N.J.             |                         |

**Individual Awards**

*Presented for outstanding service.*

**Chairman's Citation**

- Mark Dierlam, Ala.  
 Ross Lampert, Ariz.  
 Bill Duncan, N.C.  
 Joyce Feuerstein, N.C.  
 James Fultz, Ind.  
 Jim Hannam, Va.  
 Kent Owsley, Ohio  
 Joe Tucker, Wash.

- Alan Berg, Va.  
 Harold Barton, Va.  
 Peter Jones, Va.

**Far West Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Ray Coughlin, Calif.  
 Jean Fontenot, Hawaii  
 Shirley Powell, Calif.  
 John Ransome, Calif.  
 Richard Stultz, Calif.  
 Joel Stucky, Calif.  
 Glen Walder, Calif.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Jan Clawson, Calif.  
 Ron Azarcon, Calif.

**Florida Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Robert Eshleman, Fla.  
 Thomas Hull, Fla.  
 John Jogerst, Fla.

**Central East Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Kay Bailey, Del.  
 Kevin Lewis, Va.  
 Gavin MacAloon, Va.  
 Cheryl Nagel, Md.  
 Michele Powell, Va.  
 Jimmy Ruth, Va.  
 Lawrence Ryan, D.C.  
 Edwin Spencer, Va.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Nicholas Abate, Va.  
 John Murphy, Va.

- Candace Lovell, Fla.  
 Mary McNatt, Fla.  
 Steve Murray, Fla.  
 Fran Shaw, Fla.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Jim Callahan, Fla.  
 Marguerite Cummock, Fla.  
 Jeff Fanto, Fla.  
 Jerry Nabors, Fla.

**Great Lakes Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Dee Cox, Ohio  
 Cynthia Joyce, Ind.  
 John Kirkwood, Ind.  
 Paul Lyons, Ind.  
 Mike Malast, Ind.  
 Brian Wright, Ind.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Robert Goedl, Ind.  
 John McCance, Ohio  
 Sharon Murner, Ohio

**Midwest Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Robert Athan, Neb.  
 Ron Major, Iowa  
 Richard McDowell, III.  
 Kathryn Millwood, Neb.  
 Warder Shires, Neb.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Deann Faiferlick, Iowa  
 James Thomas, Neb.

**New England Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Tripp Alyn, R.I.  
 Heidi Aronofsky, Mass.  
 Irene Bidy, Mass.  
 Lori Casucci, R.I.  
 Scott Crossman, Mass.  
 Amanda Gustafson, Mass.  
 Max Lantz, Mass.  
 Brendan Simison, Mass.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Joe Magnone, Mass.  
 Marian McGovern, Mass.  
 Keith Taylor, Mass.

**North Central Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 James Bowman, N.D.  
 Ralph Delperdang, Minn.  
 George Masters, N.D.  
 Vic Johnson, Wis.  
 Larry Sagstetter, Minn.

**Northeast Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 William Gray, N.J.  
 Jaclyn Gyger, Pa.  
 Susanna Gyger, Pa.  
 Frank Joslin, N.J.  
 Jared Kleiman, N.J.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Murlin Lower, N.J.  
 Robert Rutledge, Pa.  
 Edward Shallenberger, Pa.

**Northwest Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Francis Cantwell, Wash.  
 Tommy Carson, Wash.  
 Rodney Lewis, Wash.

- Fran McGregor, Wash.  
 Dennis Primoli, Wash.  
 Michael Warden, Wash.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Mary Mayer, Ore.  
 Art Mussman, Wash.  
 Rick Sine, Wash.

**Rocky Mountain Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Mary Carroll, Wyo.  
 Gaylene Dizmang, Wyo.  
 Robert George, Utah  
 Sherry Shadday, Utah  
 Brandon Strong, Utah  
 Leslie Swidecki, Wyo.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Jeanin Damery, Colo.  
 Grant Hicinbothem, Utah  
 Jay Moseley, Utah

**South Central Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 David Bird, La.  
 Rick Driesbach, Ala.  
 Janet Haug, Miss.  
 Paul LaFlame, La.  
 Russell Lewey, Ala.  
 Lynda Nuzzo, Miss.  
 Tony Wolf, La.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Skip Dotherow, Ala.  
 John Harris, Ala.

**Southeast Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Brent Bracewell, Ga.  
 Gerald Murray, Ga.  
 Angela Tristan, N.C.  
 Kenneth Walters, N.C.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 David Klinkicht, N.C.  
 Don Michels, Ga.

**Southwest Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Mads Brandt, Ariz.  
 Morgan Crowder, Ariz.  
 Phillip Frazee, N.M.  
 Robert Hudson, N.M.  
 Joseph Marvin, Ariz.  
 Gary Phillips, Ariz.  
 John Toohey, N.M.

**Texoma Region**

- Medal of Merit**  
 Doug Chown, Okla.  
 Earle Collins, Tex.  
 Gary Copsey, Tex.  
 Gina McKeen, Tex.  
 Jerry McMahan, Okla.  
 John Schroyer, Tex.  
 Tommy Thompson, Tex.  
 Ricky Williams, Tex.
- Exceptional Service Award**  
 Dave Dietsch, Tex.  
 Dan Ohnesorge, Okla.