

NATIONAL AEROSPACE AWARDS

H. H. Arnold Award

For the most significant contribution by a military member to national defense Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger, USAF (Ret.), Former Commander, Air Force Materiel Command

W. Stuart Symington Award

For the most significant contribution by a civilian in the field of national defense The Honorable William A. LaPlante, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Acquisition

John R. Alison Award

For the most outstanding contribution by industrial leadership to national defense F-22 Raptor, Lockheed Martin

AFA Chairman's Aerospace Education Award

For long-term commitment to aerospace education, making a significant impact across the nation Northrop Grumman Foundation

David C. Schilling Award

Outstanding contribution in the field of flight 16th Air Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.

Theodore von Karman Award

Outstanding contribution in science and engineering X-37B, The Boeing Company

Gill Robb Wilson Award

Outstanding contribution in arts and letters Maj. Warren Neary, HQ AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.

Hoyt S. Vandenberg Award

Outstanding contribution in aerospace education Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive!

Thomas P. Gerrity Award

Outstanding contribution in systems and logistics Maj. Mark Heil, HQ AETC, JBSA-Randolph, Texas

Thomas D. White Space Award

Recognizing outstanding contributions to space Lt. Gen. John W. Raymond, HQ AFSPC, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Department of Veterans Affairs Employee of the Year

Outstanding performance by VA employee Michael F. Welch, Adaptive Sports Program Specialist, Washington, D.C.

Gen. Billy Mitchell Award for C4 Excellence

Outstanding contribution toward warfighting capability

Capt. Nathaniel D. Amsden, 7th Intelligence Squadron, Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Gen. George C. Kenney Award

Outstanding contribution in lessons learned Blue Devil Team, Sensors Directorate, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Lt. Gen. Claire L. Chennault Award

Outstanding aerial warfare tactician Capt. Keith Moore, 77th Fighter Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.

Gen. Larry D. Welch Award

Outstanding contribution toward the nuclear mission

Col. Ryan Britton, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Hill AFB, Utah

Joan Orr Award for Air Force Spouse of the Year

For civilian spouses of military members for their significant contributions to the United States Air Force

Stephanie L. Ewers, Air Force Global Strike Command, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.

CMSAF Thomas N. Barnes Award

Most outstanding crew chief in the Air Force SSgt. Andrew P. Vrahiotes, 86th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany

PROFESSIONAL, CIVILIAN, EDUCATION, MANAGEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

AFMC Management Award—Executive Division

John D. Matyjas, Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, N.Y.

AFMC Management Award—Middle Division* Lt. Col. Chad T. Searle, Air Force Nuclear

Weapons Center, Hill AFB, Utah

AFMC Management Award—Junior Division*

Capt. Robert J. Mullinax, Air Force Sustainment Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.

AFROTC Cadet of the Year

Cadet Brian Bilbo, Det. 765, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year

C/Maj. Caleb Couture, Central Missouri Composite Squadron, Mo.

Chaplain Corps Award

SMSgt. Tommy Tipton, 633rd Air Base Wing, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.

Civilian Program Manager of the Year* Lesley H. Bernys, 7th Field Investigations Squadron, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Civilian Program Specialist of the Year* Michael A. Wadkins, 35th Force Support Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan

Civilian Senior Manager of the Year Pearl Mundt, 8th Field Investigations Region, Peterson AFB, Colo.

Civilian Wage Employee of the Year* Robert M. Crane, 5th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.

Juanita Redmond Award for Nursing Capt. Bernadette Gabucan, 374th Surgical Operations Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan Paul W. Myers Award for Physicians Maj. Danielle Cermak, 20th Medical Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.

Stuart R. Reichart Award for Lawyers Col. Gordon Hammock, HQ ACC, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.

Verne Orr Award for Effective Utilization of Human Resources 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan

Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award— Management Not awarded for 2015.

Gen. Edwin W. Rawlings Award— Technician Not awarded for 2015.

*presented at recipient's location

AFA LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognizes a lifetime of work in the advancement of aerospace.



GEN. MICHAEL V. HAYDEN, USAF (RET.)

Gen. Michael V. Hayden served nearly 40 years in the Air Force. He also served as the director of the CIA and NSA and chief of the Central Security Service. Hayden is currently a principal at the Chertoff Group and a distinguished visiting professor at the George Mason University School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs. His memoir, *Playing to the Edge: American Intelligence in the Age of Terror*, is due out in early 2016.



R. A. "BOB" HOOVER

R. A. "Bob" Hoover has thrilled millions of men, women, and children over the last five decades with aerobatic flying maneuvers in his yellow P-51 Mustang. In addition, he has flown more than 300 types of aircraft and flight tested or flown nearly every type of fighter aircraft. He is a WWII combat veteran and the holder of several aviation records. Hoover was enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 1988. The 2014 documentary "Flying the Feathered Edge" honors Hoover's aviation achievements and contributions.



EUGENE F. "GENE" KRANZ

Eugene F. "Gene" Kranz has dedicated more than 55 years of his life to serving his nation. From USAF fighter pilot and flight test engineer to a multitude of leadership roles with NASA, Kranz has impacted countless lives and advancements. He is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded by President Nixon for the Apollo 13 mission, and was designated a distinguished member of the Senior Executive Service by President Reagan.







Above left: Air Force Association Chairman of the Board Scott Van Cleef presented the Gen. H. H. Arnold Award for most significant contribution by a military member to national defense to retired Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, former commander of Air Force Materiel Command.

Above: The W. Stuart Symington Award for most significant contribution by a civilian in the field of national defense was presented to Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition William LaPlante.

Left: Van Cleef presented the John R. Alison Award for the most outstanding contribution by industrial leadership to national defense to Lockheed Martin for its F-22 efforts. The award was accepted by Orlando Carvalho, Lockheed Martin executive vice president of aeronautics.

CITATIONS OF HONOR

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

67th Cyberspace Operations Group JBSA-Lackland, Texas

The 67th Cyberspace Operations Group executed offensive cyber operations in support of multiple combatant commanders, delivered integrated effects against 109,395 combat targets, defeated numerous improvised explosive devices, and sparked the kill chain for direct action resulting in the decisive neutralization of more than 200 high-value targets.

318th Special Operations Squadron Cannon AFB, N.M.

The airmen of the 318th Special Operations Squadron excelled in their contribution to national defense. The squadron provided critical air-to-ground support to assault forces, time-sensitive targeting, and support to national air assets, and with short notice moved to a new area of responsibility to combat an emerging enemy threat. During this time, the unit directly contributed to 152 enemy forces killed and 20 high-value individuals captured.

384th Air Refueling Squadron

McConnell AFB, Kan.

The leadership and expertise of the 384th Air Refueling Squadron was crucial to the fulfillment of national objectives. The squadron led numerous firsts, to include spearheading the first tanker deployment in East Africa and refueling the first day offensive in Syria. Finally, the squadron led the ground breaking for the KC-46A and primed McConnell Air Force Base for the Air Force's top acquisition priority worth \$47 billion.

560th Flying Training Squadron JBSA-Randolph, Texas

Since 1973, the "Charging Cheetahs" have flown 195 Freedom Flights and have returned more than 150 airmen to active flight status. In 2015, the members of the 560th coordinated the 42nd Annual Freedom Flyer Reunion and Symposium, the nation's premier and longest running annual Air Force POW reunion. More than 600 airmen were in attendance to hear the firsthand accounts of 15 POWs. The squadron also serves as the guardian of Freedom Hall, one of only five Air Force-sanctioned museums, showcasing hallowed Air Force heritage and artwork.

CREW AND TEAM AWARDS

Airborne Battle Management Crew for best airborne battle management crew:

7th Expeditionary Airborne Command and Control Squadron Combat Crew 5, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Robins AFB, Ga.

Brig. Gen. Ross G. Hoyt Award for best air refueling crew: The crew of Elite 60, 350th and 384th Refueling Squadrons, Mc-Connell AFB, Kan.

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay Award for best bomber aircrew: 69th Bomb Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.

Gen. Jerome F. O'Malley Award for best reconnaissance crew: The crew of Elite 72, 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Gen. Thomas S. Power Award for best missile combat crew: 741st Missile Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.

Space Operations Crew for best space operations crew: 1st Expeditionary Space Control Squadron, Rotation Team 10, Peterson AFB, Colo.

Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner Award for best airlift aircrew: The crew of Anvil 54, Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Lt. Gen. Howard W. Leaf Award for best test team: 73rd Special Operations Squadron Tactics Team, Cannon AFB, N.M.

Gen. John P. Jumper Award for best remotely piloted aircraft crew in USAF:

Pilot: Capt. Kenneth J. Winters Sensor Operator: SSgt. John A. Jackson Mission Intelligence Coordinator: A1C Joel E. Campbell.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND AWARDS

CMSgt. Dick Red Award

Best ANG maintainer TSgt. Jacob J. Young, 141st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Fairchild AFB. Wash.

Earl T. Ricks Award

Outstanding ANG airmanship Maj. Gregory Ebert, 149th Fighter Squadron, JB Langley-Eustis, Va.

Outstanding ANG Unit

Best ANG unit airmanship 151st Maintenance Group, Utah ANG

George W. Bush Award—Enlisted

Outstanding civilian employer and enlisted member Not awarded for 2015.

George W. Bush Award—Officer

Outstanding civilian employer and commissioned member Not awarded for 2015.

President's Award for AFRC

Best AFRC flying unit or individual of the year Lt. Col. John P. Marks, 303rd Fighter Squadron, Whiteman AFB, Mo.

AFRC Unit Award

Best AFRC wing of the year 301st Fighter Wing, NAS JRB Fort Worth, Texas

AFRC Citizen Airman Award—Enlisted

Outstanding civilian employer and enlisted member MSgt. Harvey McClain, USTRANSCOM, Norfolk, Va. and North Carolina Department of Public Safety State Highway

Patrol, Troop C, District IX, Raleigh, N.C.

AFRC Citizen Airman Award—Officer

Outstanding civilian employer and commissioned member Not awarded for 2015.

Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Award

(AFA Unit of the Year)

Lance P. Sijan Chapter President Donald Kidd

Outstanding Chapters by Size

Small Chapter	David C. Jones Chapter, N.D. President George Masters
Medium Chapter	Minuteman Chapter, Mass. President Yvonne Thurston
Large Chapter	Tennessee Valley Chapter, Ala. <i>President Frederick Driesbach</i>
Extra Large Chapter	Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va. President Kevin Lewis

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.

Large Chapter	Swamp Fox Chapter, S.C. President David Hanson
Extra Large Chapter	C. Farinha Gold Rush Chapter, Calif. <i>President Raymond Coughlin</i>

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

Keystone Chapter, Japan President Abraham Almonte

Medium Chapter Ramstein Chapter, Germany President Bradley Williams

Large Chapter

Robert H. Goddard Chapter, Calif. *President Juan Cruz*

Extra Large Chapter Paul Revere Chapter, Mass. *President Paul Zauner*

Chapter Larger Than 1,100 Montgomery Chapter, Ala. *President Scott Key*

Outstanding State Organization

Florida President Dann Mattiza

Unit Exceptional Service Awards

Airmen and Family Programs Thunderbird Chapter, Nev. President Robert Cunningham

Best Single Program Nation's Capital Chapter, D.C. President Bruce VanSkiver

Communications Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colo. *President Donald Kidd*

Community Partners Altus Chapter, Okla. *President Jeanette Warr* **Community Relations Hurlburt Chapter, Fla.** *President James Connors*

Overall Programming Paul Revere Chapter, Mass. *President Paul Zauner*

Veterans Affairs Paul Revere Chapter, Mass. President Paul Zauner

Aerospace Education Achievement Award

Presented to chapters for outstanding achievement in aerospace education programming.

Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter, Neb. Albuquerque Chapter, N.M. C. Farinha Gold Rush Chapter, Calif. Central Florida Chapter, Fla. Gen. Charles A. Gabriel Chapter, Va. Davidle Chapter, Va. David C. Jones Chapter, N.D. Hurlburt Chapter, Fla. Lance P. Sijan Chapter, Colo. Lincoln Chapter, Neb. Swamp Fox Chapter, S.C. Wright Memorial Chapter, Ohio

Arthur C. Storz Sr. Membership Award

Presented to that AFA chapter which produces the highest number of new members during the 12-month period ending June 30, 2015, as a percentage of total chapter membership as of July 1, 2014. This award is based on both the quantity of new members as well as sustained new member recruitment. A chapter must be chartered for at least three years to qualify.

Keystone Chapter, Japan

President Abraham Almonte

Member of the Year

James R. Lauducci Alexandria, Va.

Special Citation

StellarXplorer's Proof of Concept Team Members:

Tim Brock, Fla. David "Buck" Buckwalter, Texas Stephen Gourley, Colo. Timothy Tichawa, Colo. William Yucuis, Fla.

Individual Awards by Region

Central East Region

Medal of Merit

William Carter, Va. Jack J. Catton Jr., Washington, D.C. Steven M. Jones, Washington, D.C. John W. Robinson Jr., Washington, D.C. Darryl Terrell, Washington, D.C.

Bruce A. VanSkiver, Washington, D.C. John B. Wilt, Va.

Exceptional Service Award

Scott McClean, Washington, D.C. John K. Murphy, Del.

Far West Region Medal of Merit

Christina M. Diaz, Calif. Sean W. McNally, Calif. Marcia P. Peura, Calif. Alison L. Schneider, Calif. Jennifer Stokes, Calif. Arnie Streland, Calif.

Exceptional Service Award

Juan E. Cruz, Calif. Olivia Cruz, Calif. David Fields, Calif. Ed Peura, Calif.

Florida Region

Medal of Merit

Michael G. Farrell, Fla. Amanda D. Gold, Fla. Rodrigo J. Huete, Fla. Leo R. Gray, Fla. Ben Langer, Fla.

Exceptional Service Award

Todd Freece, Fla. Gary A. Lehmann, Fla.

Great Lakes Region Medal of Merit

Tom DiNino, Ohio Gene Longo, Ohio William Megnin, Ind. Larry L. Michael, Ind. Dean H. Roller, Ind.

Exceptional Service Award

George Simons, Ohio Bob Van Hook, Ohio

Midwest Region Medal of Merit

Gerald Ashley, III. James B. Caughron, Kan. Chris Canada, Neb. Russell Klatt, III. Bill Mavity, Neb.

Exceptional Service Award

Robert Athan, Neb. Vicki L. Swingle, Neb.

New England Region Medal of Merit

Joel A. Clark, Vt. Jeffrey W. Katz, Mass. Raymond Tanguay, Vt. Steven Winsor, R.I.

Exceptional Service Award

Dan Caron, N.H. Devon L. Messecar, Mass. Emily C. Shay, Mass. Yvonne Thurston, Mass.

North Central Region

Medal of Merit

Robert M. Herrington, N.D. Sylvia A. Wages, N.D.

Exceptional Service Award

George Masters, N.D. Lawrence Sagstetter, Minn.

Distinguished Sustained Education Achievement Award

L. Boyd Anderson

Ogden, Utah

Chairman's Citation

Ronald Adams, Mass. Lee Barnby, Calif. Ross Lampert, Ariz. F. Gavin MacAloon, Va. Donald R. Michels, N.C. William Yucuis, Fla.

Northeast Region

Medal of Merit

Cole H. Kleitsch, N.J. Stephen J. LaPoint, N.J. Joseph V. Traina, N.Y.

Exceptional Service Award

Howard H. Leach Jr., N.J. Tobia F. Terranova, N.J.

Northwest Region

Medal of Merit

Richard Bailey, Ore. Amy Tiemeyer, Wash. Tony Versandi, Alaska

Rocky Mountain Region Medal of Merit

Linda Aldrich, Colo. Barbara Binn, Colo. Frances Bradshaw, Utah Bob Hanrahan, Utah Kirk Schmierer, Utah Randy Tymofichuk, Utah Lorrell Walter, Wyo.

Exceptional Service Award

Mickey McPartland, Utah Timothy J. Tichawa, Colo.

South Central Region

Medal of Merit

George Krym, Ala. Philip Z. Horton III, Tenn. Robert J. Hovde, Ala. John Pennell Jr., Ala. Patrick "Irish" McCoy, Ala. William S. Naron, Miss. Ben Quintana, La.

Exceptional Service Award

Steve Carey, Ala. Jerry Reichenbach, Ark.

Southeast Region

Larry "PZ" Przybyla, S.C. Dick Roberts, N.C.

Southwest Region

Medal of Merit

Adria L. Baker, Ariz. Bob Deurloo, N.M. Scott Hines, Ariz. Dick Roberts, Ariz.

Exceptional Service Award

Dan Guilmette, Nev. Mike McNeese, Ariz.

Texoma Region

Medal of Merit

Lynn Bentley, Texas Cory Moore, Okla. Jason Naaktgeboren, Texas Micah Telmo, Okla Robbie Walsh, Okla. Larry "Ski" Werbiski, Texas

Exceptional Service Award

Vance Clarke, Texas Robert "Bob" Kjar, Texas Kathleen M. McCool, Texas George C. Pankonin, Okla. Angela L. Petersen, Okla. Terry Thomas, Texas

Overseas Region Medal of Merit

Ryan D. Fraser, AE Kevin A. Paul Jr., AE Shaun Michael Spencer, AE

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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 Chapter, Okla. Cheyenne Cowboy Chapter, Wyo. Enid Chapter, Okla. Fairbanks Midnight Sun Chapter, Alaska Fort Wayne Chapter, Ind. Gen. David C. Jones Chapter, N.D. Leigh Wade Chapter, Va. McChord Field Chapter, Wash.

Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo. Meridian Chapter, Miss. Montgomery Chapter, Ala. Northeast Texas Chapter, Texas Paul Revere Chapter, Mass. Robert H. Goddard Chapter, Calif. Swamp Fox Chapter, S.C. Tennessee Valley Chapter, Ala.

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.

David D. Terry Jr. Chapter, Ark. Eglin Chapter, Fla. Gen. Bruce K. Holloway Chapter, Tenn. Golden Triangle Chapter, Miss. Happy Hooligan Chapter, N.D. Hurlburt Chapter, Fla. Mercer County Chapter, N.J. Ute-Rocky Mountain Chapter, Utah Shooting Star Chapter, N.J.

Special Recognition

SUSTAINED NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

These chapters have attained the quarterly new member recruitment goal for three consecutive quarters, extending from October 2014 to June 2015.

Central Florida Chapter, Fla. David D. Terry Jr. Chapter, Ark. Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va. Everett R. Cook Chapter, Tenn. Falcon Chapter, Fla. Frank Luke Chapter, Ariz. Gen. David C. Jones Chapter, N.D. Golden Triangle Chapter, Miss. Inland Empire Chapter, Wash. Keystone Chapter, Japan

Langley Chapter, Va. Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo. Miami Homestead Chapter, Fla. MiG Alley Chapter, South Korea Montgomery Chapter, Ala. Paul Revere Chapter, Mass. Ramstein Chapter, Germany Spangdahlem Chapter, Germany Robert H. Goddard Chapter, Calif. Tucson Chapter, Ariz. Whiteman Chapter, Mo.

CHAPTER GROWTH

These chapters have realized a growth in total membership from June 2014 to June 2015.

Abilene Chapter, Texas Altoona Chapter, Pa. Altus Chapter, Okla. Central Maryland Chapter, Md. Delaware Galaxy Chapter, Del. Donald W. Steele Sr. Memorial Chapter, Va. Enid Chapter, Okla. Falcon Chapter, Fla. Flying Yankee Chapter, Conn. Gen. Bernard A. Schriever L.A. Chapter, Calif. Gen. David C. Jones Chapter, N.D. Highpoint Chapter, N.J.

Keystone Chapter, Japan Lt. Col. B. D. "Buzz" Wagner Chapter, Pa. Lt. Erwin R. Bleckley Chapter, Kan. Mel Harmon Chapter, Colo. Metro Rhode Island Chapter, R.I. Nation's Capital Chapter, Washington, D.C. Northeast Iowa Chapter, Iowa Paul Revere Chapter, Mass. Ramstein Chapter, Germany South Alabama Chapter, Ala. Stan Hryn Monterey Bay Chapter, Calif.

STATE GROWTH

These states have realized a growth in total membership from June 2014 to June 2015. Delaware North Dakota

REGION GROWTH

These regions have realized a growth in total membership from June 2014 to June 2015. Central Fast

Pacific

Chapter Retention Award

OVERALL RETENTION AWARD

FIRST-YEAR RETENTION AWARD

Small Chapter	Danville Chapter, Va. President Gerald Hovatter	Small Chapter	Keystone Chapter, Japan President Abraham Almonte
Medium Chapter	Cape Fear Chapter, N.C. President John Lasley	Medium Chapter	Tulsa Chapter, Okla. President Damon Bowling
Large Chapter	Snake River Valley Chapter, Idaho President Zachary Maurer	Large Chapter	Tennessee Valley Chapter, Ala. President Frederick Driesbach
Extra Large Chapter	Ak-Sar-Ben, Neb. President Christopher Canada	Extra Large Chapter	Cape Canaveral Chapter, Fla. President Chris Bailey
Chapter Larger than 1,100	Waterman-Twining Chapter, Fla. President Edward Hance	Chapter Larger than 1,100	Gen. Charles A. Gabriel Chapter, Va. President John Kennedy

CyberPatriot Coach and Mentor of the Year

COACH OF THE YEAR

Chris Sutton Grissom High School, Huntsville, Ala. MENTOR OF THE YEAR

Evan Dygert Winter Springs High School, Winter Springs, Fla.